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**2009 GMORA Preliminary Schedule**

SailMaine/GMORA Win-Win Regatta  
June 6

Centerboard Regatta  
June 13

PYC Pilot Regatta  
June 20, 21

Harraseeket Regatta  
June 27

PHRF State of Maine Champs & One Design Regatta  
July 11, 12

Dear Jeff,

Spring is almost here and the Maine Boatbuilders Show lets us all get in the mood. So come check out our booth next week.

Two more events this spring before the racing begins. First, an April 4th event with details to follow. See if you can guess what we will be doing. Second, on May 3rd PYC is putting on a race management seminar and GMORA is paying for two representatives from each member club to attend for free.

Finally, we have some important business discuss. A scoring system change has been proposed. This is not a major change but could help GMORA build participation and be more fair with its scoring. Please read Dick Stevens' proposal below and let us know what you think.

Our next GMORA Board meeting is on April 7th. All GMORA members are invited to attend any board meeting and we welcome your comments and suggestions at those meetings. The GMORA Board meetings take place every first Tuesday of the month at the Portland RBC Dain Raucher offices on the fifth floor of Two Portland Square at 6:00 p.m. Enter the building from the rear entrance near the parking lot.

I look forward to seeing you soon at these events.

Sincerely,  
Peter Price

**Events This Month**

**Maine Boatbuilder's Show**

Come Join GMORA at the Maine Boatbuilder's Show  
The GMORA booth will be in the upper loft area.

We will have a slide show of photos from the 2009 season. Inaddtion we will have information about the many events in Maine and much more.

The show times for the Maine Boat builders are:  
Friday and Saturday, March 20-21, 2009: 10AM - 6PM  
Sunday, March 22, 2009: 10AM - 4PM.

This show is a gathering of the finest fiberglass and wooden custom boat builders on the East Coast. Also exhibiting numerous manufacturers of boating equipment. Sailboats, powerboats, canoes, kayaks, and rowing boats with the builders there to discuss and sell their work.

[Click here for more information](#)

**Upcoming Events:**

### MDI Series Races

July 12, 19, 26  
August 2, 16

### 35th Annual Boothbay Harbor Yacht Club Regatta

July 18,19

### Hospice Regatta

July 18

### Sequin Island Trophy Race

July 25, 26

### Camden-Castine Regatta

August 1, 2

### Monhegan Island Race

August 7,8,9

### Downeast Race Week/End

August 7,8,9

### Smuttynose Island Regatta

August 15,16

### MS Regatta

August 15

### PHRF New England Champs

TBA

### PYC Fall Series

Sept 5, 19, 26 & Oct 3 10

For links to each of these events and scoring information please follow this link to the [gmora schedule web page](#).

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## 2009 GMORA Sponsorship Program

If you are interested in supporting GMORA and its mission to promote yacht racing, including international yacht racing in the ocean waters of the Gulf of Maine, please contact Carter White or Lynn Whitney and they will provide you with more information about the program. There are opportunities starting at \$149.00 so everyone should be able to help!

### Saturday April 4th

GMORA Gathering

Location - [44° 28' 10.34" N, 70° 50' 50.15" W](#)

Details to be posted on the GMORA website next week as well as at the Maine Boatbuilders Show.

### Sunday, May 3rd

[Race Management Seminar](#) - Save the Date!

US Sailings' Race Management Seminar

This one day seminar hosted by Portland Yacht Club provides any racer with a better knowledge of how a race is run and provides the basis for becoming a certified race officer. Techniques of how to set a starting line, how to set courses and the basics of race management are explained using both a hands on process and detailed written materials which you take home after the course. GMORA has committed to paying for a certain number of participants per club which will be determined after the price has been set by PYC. Contact your club race officer and GMORA rep for more information.

Registration is now available online at the [Seminar Web Site](#).

**GMORA is offering two free registrations to each member club.** Please read the registration guide to details of how to sign up, available on the event web site.

## [Events Last Month](#)

**The 2009 Maine Multihull Night** saw a dedicated group of multihull sailors gather in Brunswick, Maine to discuss multihull sailing and listen to guest speaker Bob Gleeson of the Multihull Source.

**Centerboard Yacht Club** held a low key but well attended rules seminar in February. Topics included the new rules changes which went into effect in January.

## [Scoring?! What GMORA is working on..](#)

For many years the season scoring for GMORA has used the Rinderle B table (see <http://www.bcy.org/files/Race/Charts/RinderleB.pdf>), and I (Dick Stevens) have continued this tradition as the score keeper for the 2007 and 2008 seasons. Having given some thought to this system and having researched the web for other systems, I propose that we make a change to be used for the 2010 season. The GMORA Board feels that this change is so important that the entire GMORA membership should be informed about the possible change. The change I propose is described in a paper by Geoff Burrell (of the Chipstead Sailing Club in the UK -- see [http://chipsteadsc.org.uk/chips/all\\_about\\_chips.pdf](http://chipsteadsc.org.uk/chips/all_about_chips.pdf)), in which he describes his system, called "CHIPS 3". Although this paper is heavily laden with mathematical formulas, it is not necessary to understand the math in order to understand his argument for using what I am convinced is a better system. Below I will try to describe briefly why I am so convinced. For more detail I suggest reading Mr. Burrell's paper.

The low-point system, as described in the Racing Rules of Sailing, has major disadvantages, which Mr. Burrell describes in Section 2 of his

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May 5th  
June 2nd

paper (too much likelihood of ties and equal reward for a boat that wins a race regardless of the number of competitors, thus overweighting the importance of winning a race with few boats. In Section 3 he describes the Rinderle B System, which Jim Rinderle, of Marblehead, developed in the early 1980s. Although the Rinderle B system overcomes the disadvantages of the low-point system, it has the disadvantage of over-penalizing a boat that finishes farther down, or last, in a race with few boats. The CHIPS 3 system preserves the proper weighting for boats finishing high in a fleet while also giving due weight to boats that finish low in a small fleet.

Sections 4 - 6 give the math and can be skipped. Section 7 describes the key features of CHIPS, followed by some graphs in Section 8 that show how points are awarded for each boat, depending on the finishing position and the number of competitors. At the end is the table of points for CHIPS 3.

To evaluate CHIPS 3, I scored the entire 2008 season for GMORA using CHIPS 3 and compared the standings with the original standings using Rinderle B. There was no difference in the top three positions in all categories (West, Central, East, and Overall). There were some differences in the standings farther down. The boats that finished near the bottom had relatively higher scores with CHIPS 3 than with Rinderle B. I would argue that this provides a more fair scoring system and is consistent with the GMORA goal of encouraging greater participation in races along the coast of Maine.

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