



**2023 CRAB Cup  
ANNUAL POKER PURSUIT**

**Saturday, August 19, 2023**

Organizing Authority: Eastport Yacht Club (EYC)

**Notice of Competition (NOC)**

*POWERBOATERS! Compete for prizes & support CRAB at the same time in the Poker Pursuit! The morning of the event all who are registered will be sent a list of locations around the Bay. Pick 5 and take a selfie with the CRAB Cup logo at each location. Go as fast or as slow as you want. Text each selfie to the Poker Desk to receive a **virtual** playing card. Go to five locations to complete your five-card hand. (Eastport Yacht **must** be your last stop!) Best hands and worst hand win prizes at the Shore Party!*

**1 RULES**

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as put forth by the CRAB Cup Organizers.
- 1.2. All boats shall adhere to the applicable Rules of the Road, Coast Guard regulations, and local speed and navigation restrictions.
- 1.3. Participants shall comply with any reasonable request from an event official. Failure to comply may be grounds for disqualification.

**2 EVENT INSTRUCTIONS**

- 2.1. This is a MODIFIED Poker Pursuit as defined in this Notice of Competition.
- 2.2. Final event instructions and Official Checkpoint List will be available after 8:00pm on Friday, August 18, 2023 at <https://eastportyc.org/crab-cup>.

**3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 3.1. To be considered an entry in the event, participants shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 3.2. Participants may register and play more than one hand. An entry fee must be paid for each hand registered.
- 3.3. A boat may have more than one participating player onboard.
- 3.4. Online registration is available at <https://eastportyc.org/crab-cup>.

**4 FEES**

- 4.1. The entry fee is \$85.00 for your first hand, and \$85 for an additional hand (**players may play more than one hand**). Fee must be received by 8:00pm on Thursday, August 17, 2023.
- 4.2. EARLY BIRD: Registration fees paid before 11:59am on Friday, August 4, 2023, will receive one (1) extra Mount Gay hat and one (1) extra official event T-shirt, to be included in the skipper's bag.



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- 4.3. This is a charity event and net proceeds from entry fees will be used to support CRAB's mission and sailing programs. Refunds will not be granted.
- 4.4. In addition to the Poker Pursuit, all entrants are encouraged to purchase a ticket and attend the CRAB Cup Shore Party hosted at Eastport Yacht Club.
- 4.5. In addition to the Poker Pursuit, all entries are encouraged to participate in the Skippers' Fundraising Challenge. All boats that raise \$500 or more will receive an official CRAB burgee.

## 5 SCHEDULE

- 5.1. The schedule of events is:

Thu, Aug 17	8:00pm	Online registration closes
Fri, Aug 18	5:30-7:30pm After 8:00pm	Skippers' swag bags available for pickup at EYC Final Instructions and Official Checkpoint list posted and emailed to registrants.
Sat, Aug 19	8:30-10:00am 10:00am-3:00pm 4:00pm 6:00pm approx	Skippers' swag bags available for pickup at EYC Poker Pursuit CRAB Cup Shore Party begins, tickets required Awards presented at the party

## 6 VENUE

- 6.1. The event will be held on the Chesapeake Bay and its Tidal Tributaries.
- 6.2. A post-event shore party and awards presentation will be held at the EYC clubhouse.

## 7 HOW TO PLAY

- 7.1. Thursday, August 17: Register by 8:00 pm. No registrations will be accepted after this date.
- 7.2. Friday, August 18: Final instructions and the official list of all Checkpoints will be posted at [www.eastportyc.org/crab-cup](http://www.eastportyc.org/crab-cup) and emailed to all registrants after 8:00pm.
- 7.3. Pick up your Skipper's bag at EYC to find the Official CRAB Cup logo inside. This logo must be used in all photos submitted.
- 7.4. Saturday, August 19: Beginning from your home port, marina, dock, or boat ramp, travel to any FOUR Checkpoints from the list. NOTE: You may visit the four Checkpoints in any order. Your fifth checkpoint will be Eastport Yacht Club.
- 7.5. At each of the Checkpoints, take a selfie holding the Official CRAB Cup logo in front of the location, with your smiling face, making sure the Checkpoint and logo are visible in the photo.
- 7.6. Using the phone entered during registration, text your selfie with your name, boat name, (and hand number if you are playing multiple hands) to the Official CRAB Cup Poker Desk. (Poker Desk number will be provided with final instructions on Poker Day.)



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- 7.7. A playing card will be virtually drawn for you and will be posted on the Poker Pursuit website (poker hand website address provided with final instructions after 8:00pm on Friday, August 18).
- 7.8. Proceed to the next Checkpoint you have selected, and repeat steps 7.5. – 7.7.
- 7.9. When you have visited four Checkpoints, and received four virtual playing cards, go to the FINAL Checkpoint: Eastport Yacht Club.
- 7.10. FINAL CHECKPOINT: In front of EYC, take your selfie holding the CRAB Cup logo, ensuring the EYC clubhouse is visible. Using the phone entered during registration, text the final selfie with your name, boat name, (and hand number if you are playing multiple hands) to the Official CRAB Cup Poker Desk.
- 7.11. Your final card will be virtually drawn for you and your Poker hand will be complete.
- 7.12. Each hand (five virtual “cards”) must be completed by 3:00pm, Saturday, August 19.
- 7.13. CRAB Cup Organizers accept no responsibility for technical difficulties such as poor cell service, low bandwidth, lack of wifi, etc. No exceptions to the deadline will be allowed and no refunds will be granted. (Remember: it’s a fundraiser!)

## 8 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 8.1. If any steps are missing, or if the CRAB Cup logo or the Checkpoint is not visible, Judges reserve the right to disqualify any entry.
- 8.2. Event officials reserve the right to examine the embedded metadata of any photo image to confirm the validity of the picture. Photos with edited or missing metadata may be disallowed at the judge’s discretion.

## 9 PRIZES

- 9.1. Prizes for will be awarded for the top 3 poker hands and the worst poker hand at the Shore Party. Buy your tickets ahead of time or at the gate.
- 9.2. The top five (5) fundraisers in the CRAB Cup Skippers’ Challenge will receive a Helly Hansen jacket, CRAB hat with “Top Fundraiser” on the back, and a set of commemorative drink glasses recognizing their success.

## 10 PARTY INFORMATION

- 10.1. The Shore Party will be held at the EYC clubhouse, 317 First Street, Annapolis. The party is open to CRAB Cup participants and the general public.
- 10.2. Party Tickets
  - 10.2.a. Entry, food, & drink tickets will be available for purchase in advance at [www.crabsailing.org/crabcup](http://www.crabsailing.org/crabcup) or at the gate (unless restrictions are in place). Advance VIP tickets may be purchased for \$65 per person, age 21 and older. Each VIP ticket includes entry fee, one (1) dinner ticket, two (2) drink tickets, and a small donation to CRAB that is tax-deductible.
  - 10.2.b. After August 6, VIP tickets will be \$75
  - 10.2.c. Advanced Individual entry tickets are \$20 until August 6; Entry tickets will be \$25; dinner tickets \$20; and drink tickets \$7. All available a la carte on site.
- 10.3. Beverage service will begin at 4:00pm. Food service is scheduled between 5:00-7:00pm.



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### 10.4. Entertainment

10.4.a. Live music by Caiso Steel Drum Band will begin at 4:00pm.

10.4.b. Misspent Youth performs between 5:00-9:00pm. Dancing and singing are encouraged.

10.5. The event awards will be presented upon completion of scoring by the Organizers, or approximately 6:00pm.

## 11 RISK STATEMENT

11.1. Boats participate in the CRAB Cup entirely at their own risk; The Organizers will accept no liability for material damage, personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the event.

**12 ENVIRONMENT** This is a Clean Regatta. All competitors are encouraged to use multi-use water bottles instead of disposable water bottles, and to recycle whenever possible.

## 13 FURTHER INFORMATION

13.1. Eastport Yacht Club: Liz Filter, [past.commodore@eastportyc.org](mailto:past.commodore@eastportyc.org)

13.2. CRAB: Rebecca Gonser, Director of Marketing, [rebecca@crabsailing.org](mailto:rebecca@crabsailing.org)