

MYSTIC RIVER RACE 2026



To all Participants and Volunteers in the 2026 Mystic River Race,

Welcome! The Mystic River Race is fast approaching. The Mystic River is an excellent setting for Cocktail Class Racing in protected waters with plenty of space for a demanding and interesting course. The Mystic Seaport Museum is looking forward to hosting us and their staff has given us amazing support again this year. Expected engine classes currently are Tohatsu 6 Mixed, Post 79-Mixed and 8hp. Potential engine classes could be Tohatsu 6 Women, Early Classic Mixed and Late Classic Mixed depending on what you all bring, want to race and boat sharing too. I have good engine information about most of you but feel free to email me with your intentions.

Following is some information for the weekend. Please feel free to email me (jimschmicker@gmail.com) or call 443-254-0830 if you need any additional information or have questions. I plan on setting up a WhatsApp group chat to share information so please forward me your WhatsApp contact info if you plan to attend.

General logistics on land.

Access to the grounds. There is a chain link fence gate at the back of the gift shop parking lot which is near the South Entrance and the LARGE anchor (see picture below). Please use this gate for entry and exit of boats and cars. Please do not use the wooden gate on the north side of the pedestrian entry pavilion. For walking on/out after you have your wrist bands use the general entrances.

Vehicles/trailers will be allowed on the grounds, Friday, July 31st, after 5pm and Saturday, August 1st, before 9:30am and after 5pm.

All vehicles must be off the grounds before 9:30am on Saturday and will be allowed back on after 5pm.

Please drive slowly and keep the Village Green on your left as you transit to and from the entrance to the trailer parking areas.

Trailer parking will be allowed at and adjacent to Australia Beach (primary) and between the Lobster Shack and the Thomas Oyster House (secondary). Look on the MSM website for a map of the grounds.



On Saturday:

The headquarters for the regatta will be at the Sailing Center.

Registration – the registration desk will be at the Sailing Center. Please stop there after dropping off your boat/trailer on Saturday. At registration registered drivers and a guest will receive MSM wristbands for easy access to the grounds.

Inspections – will take place adjacent to the trailer parking area at Australia Beach. If your boat requires 2026 inspection, please look for our volunteer inspectors on Saturday morning.

Launching and Docking – launching on the MSM grounds must be done at Australia Beach. All engine swaps to take place at Australia Beach and the adjacent Pit Area. Boats may be anchored there or docked at the Sailing Center. There will be floating dock space available at the Sailing Center.

Drivers Meeting – the meeting will take place at the Sailing Center at 9:30am. All drivers must attend! Look for the pop-up canopy on the deck of the Sailing Center.

Racing and the Race Course – racing is scheduled to start at 10am. The race course will be located north of can 53 on the river. PLEASE NOTE THERE IS A SPEED RESTRICTION OF 6 MPH ON THE MYSTIC RIVER SOUTH OF CAN 53. Can 53 is located near the north end of the museum property. CT DEEP is aware of our event and may be on-site so all racers should mind their speed when transiting to and from the race area! Due to the speed restrictions on the Mystic River the race committee will be based on the water. Our race committee boat will be anchored in the vicinity of Can 53.

Awards Ceremony – the ceremony will take place soon after the completion of racing at the Sailing Center.

Social Get-togethers – There will be an informal gathering at the Seaview Snack Bar (see the map below) on Friday after boat/ trailer drop-offs and on Saturday after racing and awards.

Looking forward to seeing all of you and having some fun messing about in our great little boats,

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The following pictures show the layout of the MSM grounds and where we will be located as well as the racing area.







