

2025 Camden Classics Cup

Clear Skies, Great Company, and Wonderful Memories



Camden, Maine, August 2025 — Few regattas in the world can claim a destination as alluring as their racing, and fewer still can boast a fleet with such star power. The annual Camden Classics Cup, presented by Lyman-Morse, delivers both in abundance. Against the postcard-perfect backdrop of Camden Harbor—where schooners and classic yawls share the water and Mount Battie stands as a quiet sentinel—the 9th annual event once again celebrated the camaraderie and spirit of classic yachting.

Eighty of the most exquisite vintage and classic yachts gathered for the regatta, their gleaming brightwork and graceful profiles paying tribute to timeless craftsmanship. It's exactly the vision Drew Lyman, president and owner of Lyman-Morse, imagined when the event began from the docks of Lyman-Morse Camden.

"Camden, and the whole community, gives us the ideal stage for this regatta," says Drew.

Along The Wharf at Lyman-Morse, Thursday's champagne and caviar Skipper's Reception and Friday's dockside cocktail party brought sailors together. Saturday morning featured the beloved Parade of Sail, a spectacle that perfectly captures what the Camden Classics Cup has become. Now in its ninth year, the regatta is not only a highlight of the sailing season, but a cherished community event.

"The community aspect, the integration of the Youth Regatta, and the annual Saturday parade are all part of why so many of our racers return every year," says Holly Paterson, Camden Classics Cup Director. "Along with the professionalism and dedication of our race committee and the Classic Yacht Owners Association, it's truly a memorable experience."

Participants agreed wholeheartedly. "The event was perfect—literally nothing could have been done better from a participant's point of view," said Leslie Grossman, owner of the Lyman-Morse 60 Windwalker. "We had three racers onboard who sail all over Maine, and they said it was hands down the best-run event and race they've ever participated in."

Due to fickle winds on Friday, the competition was abridged to a single day of racing. On Saturday, the breeze returned—better than expected—allowing one race on Circle One and three on Circle Two for the daysailers and Cape Dory Typhoon class. These results are:

Classics 1: Fresh from the Marblehead–Halifax Race, the Alden-designed *ABIGAIL* claimed top honors, followed by *DULCINEA* and *NORA*.

Classics 2: Concordia Class: *OTTER* took first in a tight battle among the legendary Ray Hunt–designed, Abeking & Rasmussen–built yawls, with *SNOW FALCON* and *PHALAROPE* in second and third.

Schooner & Gaff: The majestic, Maine-built *ELLEN C. WELLS* sailed to victory.

Vintage 1: The iconic S&S yawl *BLACK WATCH* led the fleet, with *GESTURE* and *LOKI* completing the podium.

Modern Tradition 1: *JAX* topped the scoreboard, ahead of the Stephens Waring–designed *ISOBEL* and *CAVALLINO*.

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ABOUT THE CAMDEN CLASSICS CUP

Presented by Lyman-Morse, the Camden Classics Cup is a celebration of both classic yacht racing and boatbuilding. This annual two-day regatta in Camden, Maine opens the classic yacht racing season in the region. The 2025 event hosted 80 registered boats across 12 classes and included a one-day youth regatta with more than 90 young sailors. A portion of all entry fees benefit LifeFlight of Maine. www.camdenclassicscup.com

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Modern Tradition 2: *MYSTERY* bested *RESTIVE* and *ZINGARA*.

PHRF Spinnaker 1: The Farr 30 *KAOS* delivered a sharp performance, followed by *TAMARACK* and *ROCKET QUEEN*.

PHRF Spinnaker 2: *MISCHIEF* proved untouchable, with *HIGH ENERGY* and *LYDIA* behind.

PHRF Cruise 1: The J/40 *EX LIBRIS* took first, ahead of *KAIT* and the Lyman-Morse 60 *WINDWALKER*.

PHRF Cruise 2: *REVEL* led the way, followed by *JOY* and *MOONDANCE*.

Day Sailor 1: *PONYO* prevailed, ahead of *GRAYCEFUL* and *VIXEN*.

Cape Dory Typhoon: Making their regatta debut, the class saw *BINGO* best *FROLIC* and *ROCKY*.

BLACK WATCH was awarded the Camden Classics Cup, with *MYSTERY* taking home the Lyman-Morse trophy and the Stephens-Waring Spirit of Tradition trophy. *OTTER* took home the Concordia trophy while *PONYO* earned the Artisan Boatworks Day Racer trophy. The Typhoon trophy went to *ROCKY* and the Female Skipper award to Wizard. The Yacht Club Challenged ended with a tie between The New York Yacht Club and The Camden Yacht Club.

From heritage schooners to nimble daysailers, the 2025 Camden Classics Cup once again proved why it remains one of New England's most anticipated regattas—blending fierce competition with the beauty, tradition, and warm welcome of Camden and Penobscot Bay.

And none of this would be possible without the group of dedicated and enthusiastic sponsors.

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A portion of all Camden Classics Cup entry fees go to benefit LifeFlight of Maine, a nonprofit and the state's only air ambulance service. To date, the event has raised over \$100,000 for LifeFlight of Maine. For more information about the regatta, including the complete 2025 results, please visit camden-classicscup.com. ■

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