

Mallets Bay Boat Club
– *Royal Savage Race* –
Saturday June 11, 2017

58th Running in 2017

The Royal Savage is MBBC's designated day-race for the LCCS Cannon/Goose Series and one of the optional races for the LCCS Champlain Series.

- For the LCCS Notice of Series, see <http://www.lcchampionshipseries.org>
- For the MBBC Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions, & Courses, see <http://mbbc-vt.org>

First held in 1960, the Royal Savage is a one-day two-race event held on Outer Mallets Bay. The Royal Savage Trophy is one of the most historically significant trophies awarded to sailors on Lake Champlain. The trophy consists of a glass-encased relic from the sloop Royal Savage, the first American vessel to engage the British at the Battle of Valcour on October 11, 1776.

Registration for the race is at the MBBC clubhouse from 8:00 AM to 9:00 AM the day of the race. Non MBBC members may register at the Race Committee boat. Race instructions will be available at the clubhouse or at the Race Committee boat. The first warning gun is at 10:30 AM.

Guest moorings are available for visiting racers, please contact Skip McClellan at skipmcclellan@gmail.com if you would like more information.

Bill Fastiggi has scouted the depth situation at the cut; here is his advice for navigating the entrance to the Outer Bay:

The chart of the depths in the channel on the outside of the bay is fairly accurate. Except he believes it is shallower than the chart shows on the outside of the cut – straight out towards Stave Island. In the middle of the cut it is very deep – about 30 feet deep – the chart is not accurate there. The chart is also not accurate just inside the cut. The water depth is about 2 to 4' deeper than what is shown on the depth contours when entering the bay on the south side of the opening. This shallower area does extend into the bay quite far. At all costs do not go anywhere near the Green Can that is inside the bay and just north of the causeway. It is very shallow, very rocky, and you will not be happy if you end up on that rock.

Here's what Bill suggests – Stay in the channel on the outside of the cut – use your chart plotter, GPS and Depth sounder to make sure you are in the channel that runs north and south outside the breakwater. Do not get too close to the breakwater as there are some large uncharted chunks of

rock there. Use your chart plotter if you are deep draft. He heads directly from Carlton's Prize to a point on land just North of the north end of the causeway and follow that towards South Hero. When he is visually on the line directly between the Gut (the north end of Providence Island and the opening of the causeway, he turns south and heads towards the causeway. You should be fine taking this route, but don't turn south too early. When you are halfway south on the causeway towards the entry of the bay, notice on the chart that it gets a little shallower towards the causeway at this point. Use your GPS/Chart Plotter and depth sounder. Stay close to the opening in the causeway when you get near it, don't stray too far to the west or it gets very shallow.

If you enter the bay on the south side of the cut and turn about 20-30 degrees to the south once you get in the bay, you should be fine.

One other note – the very North end of Malletts Bay is about 2' shallower than the chart because of silting from the Lamoille River. You shouldn't have any reason to head very far North in the bay, but if you do, the shallower areas extend out farther than what is on the charts.

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