



6th Annual Race ~ Annapolis to St Michaels ~ Saturday, May 14, 2016

You are invited to join the 1888 racing yacht ELF and sponsors: the Classic Yacht Restoration Guild, the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum, and the Eastport Yacht Club for the 6th annual ELF Classic Yacht Race on Saturday, May 14th.

This informal no-ratings race across the Bay from Annapolis to St Michaels will recreate the tradition of the last two centuries of yacht racing in a benefit event for the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum and the Classic Yacht Restoration Guild.

A fleet of classic yachts will join ELF in a cloud of traditional sail for a race run in the style of the 1880's featuring the nautical version of a "Le Mans start". Captains will be rowing to their vessels in Annapolis harbor from the Eastport Yacht Club competing to be the first to raise their anchors, sails and get underway.

Spectators and guests will be welcome to watch this unique 9 AM start off the Eastport Yacht Club and then spend the day at the Museum in St Michaels as the racing fleet runs in during the afternoon. Captains will anchor off the Museum and row to shore and sign the race log on the Museum grounds.

In addition to the race, additional events will include a best-dressed ship competition, no-host cocktails/dinner at the Eastport Yacht Club on Friday, May 13th. An awards ceremony will be held Saturday afternoon on the grounds of the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum.

Plan to be a part of this unique event, register your classic or traditional design vessel early. Registration up to a maximum number of 30 vessels is expected to be fully subscribed, wooden and historic vessels will have priority if over-subscribed. Notification of registration will be provided upon receipt by CYRG. The deadline for registration is Monday, April 25th. See the registration form for details.

To register please contact Bill Sonntag at wsonntag@verizon.net or go to www.cyrg.org for more information.

The Classic Yacht Restoration Guild is a 501(c)3 membership organization that has as its mission the preservation of our maritime heritage through the maintenance and operation of the yacht ELF. Built by the renowned Lawley Yard in Boston, ELF was restored to historically accurate condition by the Guild and re-launched in 2008.