

Countdown to June 10, 2020 - The Atlantic Cup is back!



## America's Offshore Race Returns in 2020

We're thrilled to announce that the seventh edition of the [Atlantic Cup](#) will start in just under a year! The longest offshore race in the Western Atlantic dedicated to the Class40 will again start from Charleston, South Carolina on June 10, 2020 and culminate the weekend of June 20, in Portland, Maine. In addition, we're pleased to be welcoming [Sea Bags Maine](#) as a returning sponsor!

**Atlantic Cup Race Director, Hugh Piggin, stated,** *"We're very proud to be announcing the start of the seventh edition of the Atlantic Cup! The Class40 fleet has continued to grow in the United States and with the international racing calendar aligning we expect to see our largest and most international fleet yet. For a race that started as a concept and to have turned into the highly regarded, and internationally known event it is today is testament to the appetite for short-handed offshore racing in the United States and our thanks must go to our commercial partners that assist in making the event a reality. It's therefore a pleasure to announce continuations to our partnerships with Sea Bags Maine!"*

**Beth Shissler, President, Sea Bags Maine said,** *"We are thrilled to partner with The Atlantic Cup, America's most sustainable sailing race. World class sailing, combined with a sustainability mission and focus on educating children is exactly in our wheelhouse. We are so fortunate for this race to end in our great city, Portland and look forward to this being the best race yet."*

With the start date announced four teams are already confirmed at another 15 expressing the intent to compete. That means the Atlantic Cup is on pace to have a fleet of 20 of these high-tech Class40 to race up the eastern seaboard!

The Atlantic Cup is pleased to announce the first four teams lining up to compete for victory will be 2018 race winner, Catherine Pourre onboard Eärendil and longtime Class40 competitors Mike Hennessy/Dragon Ocean Racing, Micah Davis/Amhas and Jonathan Green/Privateer!

**Mike Hennessy, Skipper of Dragon and Vice President of Class40 said** *“I am excited to be bringing Dragon back to the Atlantic Cup in 2020 for another shot at glory. With the best of Europe and North America lining up on the start line, the Atlantic Cup represents the best offshore racing in this hemisphere and racing so tight that any mistake can cost you the chance at the podium. It’s Class40 racing at it’s very best.”*

*The Atlantic Cup is the longest offshore race in the Western Atlantic with over 1,000nm of ocean racing, and also the U.S.’ only short-handed offshore race dedicated to the Class40. The Atlantic Cup was created in 2011 to showcase short-handed, offshore racing with hard fought competition and exciting shore based events, while also being the most environmentally sustainable sailing race in the United States. The Atlantic Cup has been carbon neutral since 2012 and was the first and is the only sports event in the U.S. to be ISO 20121 compliant.*