



IHYC Classic Yacht Regatta

September 19-20, 2026
Indian Harbor Yacht Club
Organizing Authority

NOTICE OF RACE

1. **ORGANIZING AUTHORITY:** The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Indian Harbor Yacht Club.
2. **RULES**
 - 2.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing.
 - 2.1.1. The 2026 Classic Yachts Challenge Series (CYCS) Regulations.
 - 2.1.1.1. Applicable only to the "Navigators Circle", the OA has adopted World Sailing Test Rule DR21-01 for this event.
 - 2.1.2. The class rules of any participating one-design classes or Superyacht class
 - 2.2. All yachts must carry liability insurance (See 17).
 - 2.3. All yachts will fill out IHYC's CYR liability waiver before racing commences (See 19).
3. **ADVERTISING**
 - 3.1. Advertising will be permitted in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20 and one-design class rules as appropriate.
 - 3.2. Participants may be required to fly OA provided sponsor flags.
4. **ELIGIBILITY**
 - 4.1. The regatta is open to boats:
 - 4.1.1. GROUP I: With a valid and published [Classic Rating Formula](#) (CRF) rating certificate. To get a new certificate or renew an existing certificate click [HERE](#). If you have questions please email classicratings@gmail.com.
 - 4.1.2. GROUP II "Near-Classics" sailing with valid YRALIS [2026](#) PHRF Certificate instead of CRF. A "Near Classic" shall be defined as a boat with a full keel (Keel style 5 or 6)
 - 4.1.3. GROUP III: In designated one-design classes like, Shields, Atlantics, Sunfish, Bullseyes, etc.
 - 4.1.4. GROUP IV: Cat Boats.

- 4.2. If a competitor IN COURSE GROUP I or GROUP II wishes to change the CRF rating between Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker after their original registration, an email request shall be made to the OA prior to Sunday, September 10th, 2026.
- 4.3. Any questions related to a rating posted on the preliminary scratch sheet shall be made to the OA at Sailing@indianharboryc.com by or during Check-In on Friday, September 18th.
5. **DIVISIONS AND CLASSES**
 - 5.1. Boats racing under CRF will be divided into Divisions according to the Classic Yachts Challenge Series Notice of Series Divisions and assigned to the Division listed on a boat's 2026 CRF certificate.
 - 5.2. Entries that can be characterized as "One-Designs", ie Shields, Sound Boats, Atlantics, Luders 24's, Sunfish etc. may enter either for GROUP III - One-Design fleet or as GROUP I or II, CRF Racers based on the criteria specified in 5.1 above.
 - 5.3. Boats that are assigned to the same Division, irrespective of their election to sail as Spinnaker or Non-Spinnaker, shall race as the same Division. The declaration as Spinnaker and Non Spinnaker shall determine the boat's handicap factor within the Division.
 - 5.4. Registrations identifying as Catboat, Division IV, and to be scored under Portsmouth Yardstick, to be calculated by the OA.
 - 5.5. Five boats are necessary to constitute a One-Design race for GROUP III and must be registered before the registration deadline.
 - 5.6. The OA may divide and consolidate Divisions into mixed Class starts based on size, maneuverability and numbers to facilitate safety and competition for the GROUP I Classics and GROUP II New Classic divisions.
6. **ENTRY**
 - 6.1. Eligible boats must register by completing the Yacht Scoring online registration. The entry deadline is at midnight on September 11, 2026.
 - 6.2. In order for an entry to be considered complete:
 - 6.2.1. It must confirm a 2026 CRF rating, a YRALIS PHRF rating, or a one-design class certificate or declaration; and,
 - 6.2.2. For boats entering as a CRF or PHRF competitor, a Spinnaker vs Non-Spinnaker declaration.
 - 6.2.3. One-Designs and Cat Boats may receive a rating from the OA, if applicable.
 - 6.3. A liability waiver, to be made available online or at registration, shall be submitted for each yacht no later than 0900 on Saturday, September 19 and shall be signed by each yacht. Yachts are encouraged to complete waivers online or emailed to sailing@indianharboryc.com prior to 1800 on Friday, September 18. **Yachts without properly signed waivers may not be scored.**
 - 6.4. The entry fee through September 1st is according to the below. Entries after September 1st, add \$30:
 - 6.4.1. "One-Designs" and Cat Boats less than 31' \$150 (includes no dinner tickets)
 - 6.4.2. All other yachts, \$300 (includes 2 dinner tickets)

- 6.5. The entry fee is refundable (minus a \$25 fee) if notice of cancellation is received by IHYC prior to September 13, 2026.
- 6.6. Additional dinner tickets are available at the event by Credit Card, cross charge or at the following link [HERE](#) (via Yacht Scoring).
4. **RACE HEADQUARTERS:** The Race Headquarters will be at Indian Harbor Yacht Club, 710 Steamboat Road, Greenwich CT 06830.
5. **SCHEDULE**
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| Friday, September 18 | 1800 – 2100 | Boat arrival, Registration (Sunfish Bar), and Welcome Party (complimentary beer and snacks).
Boat Show/Dock Walks
Tickets required for buffet and Saturday dinner from 1800 - 2100. |
| Awards | | |
| Saturday, September 19 | 0830 - 0930
0900

1000
1045
1800 | Registration Continued (Sunfish Bar)
Mandatory Competitors' Meeting (Ballroom)
Harbor Start
Warning Signal for first start, all Circles
Daily & Perpetual Awards Dinner Party w Band |
| Sunday, September 20 | 0830 - 0900
0900
0930
1045
1500 (Approximate) | Check-in continued (Sunfish Bar)
Mandatory Skippers Meeting
Harbor Start
Warning Signal for the first start*
Additional Awards Ceremony with Snacks
*A single navigator start is scheduled for Sunday for each class |
- 5.1. For CRF Racers & PHRF Near Classics, one navigator-style race is scheduled for Saturday, Sept 19 and one navigator race on Sunday, Sept 20.
- 5.1.1. This will include both a short and long course designation.
- 5.2. Cat Boat & One-Designs are scheduled to sail up to four races on Saturday and a single navigator-style race on Sunday.
6. **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:** Sailing Instructions and Class assignments will be available at Friday's registration on the regatta website: [Yacht Scoring](#).
7. **RACING AREA, COURSES:**
There will be two race areas:

- 7.1. **"Classic Circle"** includes both Short and Long Navigators courses that will be sailed south of the Captain Islands in the Long Island Sound.
- 7.1.1. CRF & PHRF Near Classic starts will use a pursuit starting system. This changes RRS 26.
 - 7.1.2. Courses will be navigator-style courses around government and/or dropped marks.
 - 7.1.3. In accordance to World Sailing Test Rule DR21-01 , the definition of Start is changed as follow for Divisions 1 & 2 in the Classic Circle and any Navigator style race on Sunday:
 - a. Accordingly, Start: A boat starts when, her hull having been entirely on the pre-start side of the starting line, and having complied with rule 30.1 if it applies, any part of her hull crosses the starting line from the pre-start side to the course side either:
 - b. At or after her starting signal
 - c. During the last 1 minute before her starting signal.

When a boat starts in accordance with item 2 of the definition of Start:

- a. She shall **not** return to the pre-start side of the line, and she shall have 600 seconds added to her corrected time;
- b. The Race Committee shall not make a visual or sound signal, and shall not hail the boat's number on the VHF.

This changes RRS 29.1

- 7.2. **"Cat Boat & One Design Circle"** (Classic One-Designs & Cat Boats) race area May be outside (south of Greenwich Islands) or inside Captain Harbor.
- 7.2.1. On Saturday, these yachts will be started in accordance with RRS 26;
 - 7.2.1.1. One Designs: Saturday's courses will be windward leeward style courses around dropped marks.
 - 7.2.1.2. Cat Boats should anticipate a single start and a "round the islands" course, which may be shortened or lengthened depending on the conditions.
 - 7.2.2. On Sunday, Race Committee intends to offer an around the island or distance race to fleets starting in Captain Harbor to their home port.

8. **PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 1.1. For boats racing in ALL DIVISIONS/GROUPS, and for the purposes of rules 14 and 44.1, any contact between boats shall be considered serious damage. (RRS 44.1b).
- 1.2. The Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3 will apply.
- 1.3. The Protest Committee may impose suitable penalties, other than disqualification for violations of the Class Rules, or other non Part 1 or Part 2 rules of the RRS.

9. **SCORING**

- 9.1. One completed race constitutes a series.
- 9.2. A boat's series score will be the total of all her race scores.

- 9.3. CRF Racers will be scored using 2026 CRF handicaps.
- 9.4. PHRF Racers will be scored using 2026 YRA LIS PHRF handicaps
- 9.5. Spinnaker and non-Spinnaker boats in the same division shall be scored as a single division.
- 9.6. Boats eligible for CYCS will be scored for the Series in accordance with the 2026 CYCS Notice of Series.

10. **PRIZES**

10.1. PARADE AWARDS will be awarded Saturday Evening (to be determined by the IHYC/CYR Committee):

- Course D'elegance: Sailboat
- Course D'elegance: Power Boat

10.2. DESIGNER AWARD: To the yacht which, according to the OA, were most successful among those from their respective designers.

- at the discretion of the OA

10.3. PERPETUAL AWARDS: The following Perpetual Awards will be presented at the Sunday Awards Party:

- The Frank Bowne Jones Founders Cup Group I overall winner
- The Spartan Trophy -Group I second place
- The Victory Trophy – Group II – overall winner
- The Betty Foulk Trophy (donated by Bacarrat, Overall One Design Winner)

10.4. CRF DIVISION AWARDS: Awards may be presented to the top finishers in each Division at the discretion of the OA on Saturday and Sunday.

10.5. ONE-DESIGN AWARDS: Awards will be presented to the top finishers at the discretion of the OA on Saturday and Sunday

10.6. Other awards may be presented at the discretion of OA and their sponsors based on criteria other than scores.

11. **SAIL AND EQUIPMENT LIMITATIONS**

11.1. Yachts competing in the Indian Harbor Yacht Club Classic Yacht Regatta will have sail and equipment limitations as outlined in 2026 Classic Yachts Series Rules and the respective One-Design and CYOA class rules.

11.2. Spinnakers will be allowed for all divisions. Spinnaker and non-spinnaker rated boats may compete in the same division.

11.3. GPS enabled devices are permitted for navigator style racing, even if in contradiction to One-Design class rules.

12. **DOCKAGE AND MOORING**

Complimentary moorings are available for registered yachts and support vessels, Friday through Sunday nights. Prior reservations must be made through [Dockwa](#). Reservations require upfront payment, credits will be issued for the nights listed above.

Extended moorings are available from September 7 through September 21 for the discounted rate of \$25/night (discount applied after mooring request is made). Please add “**Classic Yacht Regatta 2026**” in the Comment section of this application for applied discount.

13. **RADIO COMMUNICATION & TRACKING**

- 13.1. All boats shall carry a radio capable of making and receiving VHF transmissions and a cell phone.
- 13.2. Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make nor receive radio transmissions communications not available to all boats.
- 13.3. Boats over 70 Feet shall utilize their radio to check in with the Race Committee.
- 13.4. Race communications channel will be 65 for GROUPS I & GROUPS II, and 67 for the GROUPS III & GROUP IV. In addition to the competitors' meeting, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to inform competitors regarding postponements, general recalls and other race-related information. The absence, inaccuracy or lack of timeliness of such broadcasts shall not be grounds for granting redress. The race committee will be under no obligation to acknowledge or answer radio communications except to acknowledge retirements, protests or reports of exoneration.
- 13.5. All boats will be expected to download and utilize a phone based tracking app to be announced closer to the regatta date.

14. **INSURANCE**

Each boat shall hold insurance (including third-party liability insurance of \$300,000 per incident). It is the boat owner and/or the person in charge's inescapable responsibility to ensure that the insurance is valid and adequate prior to participating in this event.

15. **MEDIA RELEASE**

Competitors and crew members on the competing yachts grant, at no cost, IHYC, regatta photographers and affiliated companies the absolute right and permission to use their name, voice, image, likeness, biographical material and representations of the boats in any media world-wide (including but not limited to television, video, print and electronic media), for the sole purposes of advertising, promoting, reporting and disseminating information regarding the IHYC Classic Yacht Regatta and all participants therein.

16. **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Sailing is an activity that carries with it an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors participate in this regatta entirely at their own risk and are reminded to pay special attention to RRS 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers including the OA, Race Committee, Protest Committee, the State of Connecticut, sponsors, volunteers, or any other affiliated organization or official will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of practice or

participation in this event in both shore-side and on-the-water activities. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

An Owner, Responsible Representatives and/or Captain of each yacht or boat competing in this event shall submit a signed Waiver, to be posted within the [Yacht Scoring](#) event website and available at registration.

17. **WIND LIMITS**

IHYC intends to honor CYOA and IHYC guidelines. If a race has been started and the wind exceeds outlined CYOA and IHYC limits, it remains at the discretion of the Race Committee whether or not to abandon the race. Similarly, while at the discretion of the Race Committee, races may not start with winds under 4 knots.

Skipper always has the discretion to withdraw if they deem the conditions unsafe for their crew or their vessel.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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