



**DOUGLASTON YACHT SQUADRON
OF THE
DOUGLASTON CLUB**

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CAPTAIN ISLAND RACE

Saturday, 12 September 2026

1000 hours

A qualifying day race for the Triple Crown (best score in 3 of 4 races hosted by Douglaston Yacht Squadron, City Island Yacht Club, Port Washington Yacht Club, and North Shore Yacht Club), and the Sappho, Gitana Trophies, City Island Series.

AWARDS

The COMMODORE DOUGLAS TROPHY, in honor of Commodore William P. Douglas, owner of the schooner Sappho, successful defender of the America Cup in 1871, will be won by the yacht with the best PHRF corrected time in the lowest (handicap) third of the draw.

The DAVID C. MORRISON TROPHY will be awarded to the yacht in the middle third of the draw with the best PHRF corrected time.

The COMMODORE STEELE TROPHY, donated by Past Commodore Reginald T. Steele, will be awarded to the yacht with the best PHRF corrected time in the highest third of the draw.

NON-SPINNAKER - Trophies will be awarded to winning yachts in the Non-Spinnaker Divisions.

CLUB-CLASS - Trophy will be awarded to winning yacht.

CAPTAIN ISLAND TROPHY for first racer over the finish line.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Divisions Assignment to divisions will be made by a list of ratings and allowances which will be available from the Race Committee Boat. The Divisions will be formed in accordance with PHRF ratings. Yachts changing divisions must notify the Race Committee prior to the first warning signal.

2. Course **2.1** From the start at the Red Nun Buoy “46A” (NW of Stepping Stones Lighthouse) to and around Little Captain Island, which may be rounded in either direction, and return to the finish line between Red Nun Buoy “46A” and Committee Boat.

2.2 At the discretion of the Race Committee, instructions for a modified course may be issued prior to any Warning.

3. Marks Hen and Chickens Can Buoy “1A” (NE of the island) and Bell Buoy “1” (E of island) are marks of the course and are to be left to the same side as the island while rounding island.

4. Start 4.1 This race will be started in accordance with DYS tradition. Audible signal will accompany signal hoists on the Committee Boat.

TIME	DIV I	DIV II	DIV III	DIV IV	Signal Cylinder	TIME
1000	Warning				White	1000
1005	Prep.	Warning			Blue	1005
1010	Start	Prep.	Warning		Red	1010
1015		Start	Prep.	Warning	White	1015
1020			Start	Prep.	Blue	1020
1025				Start	Red	1025

4.2 In the event of a postponement, the above order of starts will be maintained.

4.3 The starting line will be between an orange flag on the committee boat and Red Nun Buoy “46A”.

5. Recalls 5.1 Individual recalls will be signaled by one horn blast and hailing sail numbers by voice on channel 71.

5.2 If a boat crosses the starting line prematurely, it must re-round either the pin or committee boat in order to start correctly.

6. Finish 6.1 The Finish Line will be between an orange flag on the Committee Boat and Red Nun 46A.

6.2 Time limit is 1900 hours. If the Committee Boat is not on station, competing yacht will take their own finish time when passing within 100 feet of and due South of “46A”. Finish times must be reported to the Race Committee .

6.2 Scoring will be determined using by “Time On Time” method.

7. Safety and Responsibility

7.1 Yachts must comply with the minimum equipment and safety recommendations of the YRA-LIS.

7.2 As a condition of the participation of any yacht in this race or any race related activity, the owner, helmsman and each crew member agree that the safety of the

yacht and crew and the decision whether or not to start or continue the race is solely their responsibility, and that each of them waives all claims which he or she, or any heir, representative, successor or assignee, may have against the YRA-LIS, its member clubs and organizations, and their respective officers, directors, members, committees, employees or agents, arising out of or in any way connected with the participation in such race or activity.

7.3 All participants must check in with Race Committee prior to warning signals for their division.

7.4 If the “Y” flag is hoisted prior to the start of the race, all participants must wear PFD’s for the start of said race.

7.5 The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or continue racing is hers alone.

8. Protests **8.1** Shall be in writing and lodged with the Committee at the Douglaston Club prior to 2200 Hrs on day of race.

9. Radio **9.1** Race Committee will guard VHF **Channel 71** for the duration of the race. Yachts withdrawing are requested to notify the Race Committee by radio, in person or by telephone to the Douglaston Club, 718-229-3900.

10. Prizes **10.1** Prizes will be awarded at the Annual Dinner of the Douglaston Yacht Squadron on Wednesday 2 December 2026 at 1900 Hrs.

11. PARTY **All participants are welcome to attend the complimentary post-race party at the Douglaston Club immediately after your finish. As a courtesy, please call the Club 718-229-3900 or Race Committee with crew count. Guest moorings are available, or you may also anchor North of the fleet. The DYS launch monitors Channel 71.**