

NOTICE OF RACE



Centennial Distance Regatta Celebrating our 100th Anniversary Saturday, July 11, 2026

This event will be a LI Sound overnight race, starting at 1600 hours, Saturday, and finishing Sunday morning. Launch service will be available throughout the night to support finishing boats.

1. RULES Racing will be governed by:

- 1.1 The current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), except as modified herein, by the Sailing Instructions, the prescriptions of US Sailing, and the PHRF regulations of the Yacht Racing Association of Long Island Sound.
- 1.2 Boats must comply with the Safety Equipment Requirements (USSER) for Coastal events; these requirements are available at <https://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/SER-2025.0-Monohull-Coastal.pdf>
- 1.3 Between the hours of sunset and sunrise, the rules of Part 2 are replaced with the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS)
- 1.4 Boats sailing Double-handed may use autopilots. This modifies RRS 52.
- 1.5 Boats sailing Double-handed may communicate amongst themselves by VHF Radio.
- 1.6 Non-spinnaker boats shall sail with a main and jib only. A jib is defined as a headsail with the entire luff of the sail attached along the headstay.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 The regatta is open to all single-hulled sailing boats 24' LOA or over, holding a valid YRALIS PHRF certificate effective as of the regatta date.
- 2.2 Each boat shall produce a valid YRALIS rating certificate. Boats without a current valid certificate shall race only in the non-spinnaker class using PHRF ratings assigned by the race committee. These ratings will be the YRA of LIS Base ratings and shall be valid only for this event. Please email the race committee if you need the committee to assign a rating for your boat.

- 2.3 The entry fee is \$95.
- 2.4 Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form and paying the entry fee via the yachtscoring.com event site.
- 2.5 Entry and payment must be completed prior to Midnight on Thursday July 9, 2026.

3. CLASSES

- 3.1 Boats will be divided into three classes:
 - Class 1: Spinnaker
 - Class 2: Non-spinnaker
 - Class 3: Double Handed
- 3.2 A class only valid if there are at least 3 competitors registered.
- 3.3 Competitors shall be required to display from the permanent backstay, the code flag corresponding to her class respective class assignment.

4. RACING AREA AND SCHEDULE

- 4.1 The starting area shall be in the vicinity of RN "2A" in the vicinity of Black Rock Harbor.
- 4.2 The Racing Area will be in the waters of Long Island Sound to the east, west and south of the starting area.
- 4.3 The courses will be a distance races with boats rounding both government and temporary marks as listed in the sailing instructions. Distance will be approximately 40–70 NM.
- 4.4 The scheduled time of the first start is 1600 hours.

5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available online at yachtscoring.com prior to Friday, July 10, 2026.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

- 6.1 The Official Notice Board is located online at yachtscoring.com event site.
- 6.2 The Race Committee will monitor and broadcast on Channel VHF Channel 68.

7. SCORING AND AWARDS

- 7.1 A boat's finishing place will be determined by using the YRA of LIS PHRF handicap rating and time on time scoring.
- 7.2 Awards will be given per class. 1st, 2nd and 3rd place trophies shall be awarded for each class.

8. INSURANCE AND DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 8.1 Each participating boat shall be adequately insured with current valid third-party liability insurance sufficient to cover liability for loss, damage, personal injury, or death.
- 8.2 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3.
- 8.3** Decision to Race. The organizing authority and Race Committee volunteers will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the race.

9. MOORING

9.1 Launch service will be available throughout the night to support finishing boats.

9.2 Competitors may be permitted to keep their boats at Black Rock Yacht Club, Bridgeport, CT during the regatta, subject to availability. Please send an email to waterfront@blackrockyc.org to inquire about a reservation.

FURTHER INFORMATION please contact yachting@blackrockyc.org