



LIBERTY YACHT CLUB PRESENTS THE 15TH ANNUAL
LIBERTY CUP REGATTA - 2026



Ahoy! Welcome to the 15th Annual Liberty Cup Regatta!

Liberty Cup Regatta is a one-of-a-kind race that brings sailors from around the NY metro area to one of the most iconic places in the world, New York Harbor.

Now in its 15th year, this annual event will occur **September 19-20** with several races Saturday and Sunday and pre- and post-race onshore events starting Saturday Morning. So come on board; it'll be some exciting racing and fun parties!



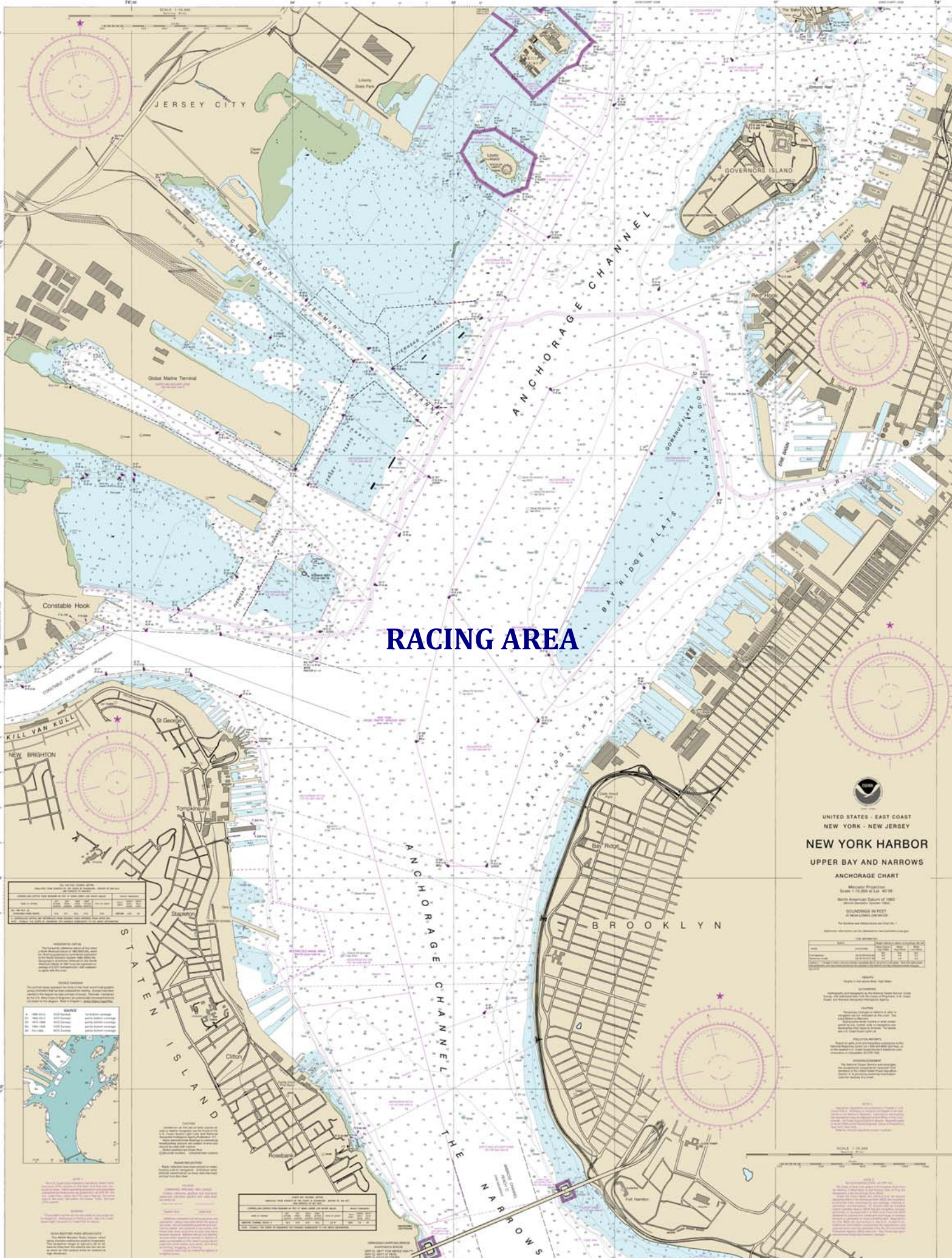
The racing is exciting and intense! The challenge of navigating between tugs and ferries and the occasional cruise ship, whilst in a strong river current and strong winds, makes for complex tactical decision making and competitive racing. For these reasons, Liberty Cup Regatta has become a very popular sail racing event in the New York/New Jersey region.



As you contemplate entering in our regatta consider the following:

- * **PHRF Spin & non-spin, one design, Multi-point and W/L courses**
- * **Part of the Best of the Bay racing series in NY & NJ**
- * **NJYRA Championships for J105's, PHRF Spin 1 & 2 classes**
- * **Onshore events:**
 - Saturday Morning Breakfast and Skipper's meeting**
 - Saturday night post-race party aboard the Lightship**
 - Sunday morning breakfast**
 - Sunday afternoon awards**
- * **DOCKS! no waiting for launches!**
- * **And the views can't be beat! NY Skyline, Statue of Liberty, NY Harbor**





RACING AREA

UNITED STATES - EAST COAST
NEW YORK - NEW JERSEY
NEW YORK HARBOR
UPPER BAY AND NARROWS
ANCHORAGE CHART

Scale 1:10,000 W. Lat. 40° 30'
North American Datum of 1983
Soundings in Feet
For details and information see page 1

NAME	CLASS	CHARACTER	HEIGHT	CLASS	CHARACTER
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3	3	3	3	3	3
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15TH ANNUAL LIBERTY CUP REGATTA™

SEPTEMBER 19-20, 2026

Hosted by Liberty Yacht Club



NOTICE OF RACE

Liberty Yacht Club (LYC) is the Organizing Authority (OA) of the 15th Annual Liberty Cup Regatta (LCR), to be held September 19 & 20, 2026 in the Upper Bay of NY Harbor.

1. RULES

1.1 Racing will be governed by: The rules, as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), including the US SAILING prescriptions, the Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (PHRF) Regulations, as administered by PHRF-Mid Atlantic (PHRF-MA), and one-design Class rules for any one-design racing with the following exceptions:

a. For the J105 Class, as per RRS 87, CR 7.1 is amended to allow one “*Junior Crewmember*” on board and not to be included in the overall crew weight limit. A junior crew member shall be defined as a crew member under the age of 15 at the time of the event.

1.2 The current Nearshore category of the US Safety Equipment Requirements (SER) and associated Appendices (SER) shall apply. In the event of a conflict between the SER and applicable class rules, the class rules shall apply.

2. ADVERTISING

2.1 Pursuant to CR 2.8 and ISAF Regulation 20, ISAF Advertising Code, including ISAF Regulation 20.5.6(a), advertising shall be permitted on boats so long as it does not interfere with the performance of the boat or crew, and is in good taste, and is not of an overtly sexual nature.

2.2 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

3.1 The regatta is open to all offshore boats that are 22ft LOA or larger, and racing under PHRF or a One-Design Class.

3.2 Boats racing in PHRF divisions must have a valid 2026 PHRF-MA certificate.

3.3 For non-spin class only: boats that do not have a valid current PHRF-MA Certificate may be given a provisional rating for the race, the luff of a headsail shall be attached to the forestay, and free-flying sails are not permitted.

3.4 The OA may reject the entry of any yacht that does not in its consideration meet the general parameters of the other yachts entered with regard to size or design.

3.5 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online registration form and paying the entry fee at www.yachtscoring.com by 5pm local time Thursday of September 17, 2026.

3.6 As part of the registration process, each owner, skipper, and individual participating crew member shall sign a Waiver Form available on YachtScoring.com which shall be completed by September 17, 2026.

3.7 Boats will be placed in classes at the discretion of the Race Committee. A listing of entrants by class and starting area will be available online at YachtScoring.com no later than the Skipper's meeting on the day of the first race. It is the intent of the OA to have at least one One-design class, at least one spinnaker class, and at least one non-spinnaker class.

4. CLASSIFICATION

4.1 For the J105 Class this is a Level A event under CR 3.6.

5. FEES

5.1 For all Classes, entry fee is \$150 per boat, if entered and paid for on or before 8/31/2026.

5.2 After August 31, the entry fee for all classes will be \$175.

5.3 Boats that both register and reserve a transient slip in Liberty Landing Marina before 8/31/2026 are eligible for a \$100 discount on regatta registration fees to offset berthing expenses.

6. QUALIFICATIONS SERIES AND FINAL SERIES

6.1 Liberty Cup Regatta has been named the 2026 North Jersey Yacht Racing Association (NJYRA) Championship for the J105, PHRF Spin 1 and 2 classes. The highest placed Fleet 10 J105 and PHRF-MA finishers will be recognized and awarded a trophy during the NJYRA awards ceremony.

6.2 For PHRF-MA, this event is also a qualifier for the Best of Bay Race Series.

7. PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 19

0900 Coffee, bagels, aboard the Lightship
1030 Skippers meeting
1225 Warning signal for the first race of the day
1700 Post Race Party

Sunday, September 20

0800 Coffee, bagels, aboard the Lightship
1025 Warning signal for the first race of the day
1530 Awards – or approx. 1hr after finish of last race, aboard LYC Lightship

7.1 Number of races to be determined at the sole discretion of the Race Committee and sailing conditions.



8. MEASUREMENT

8.1 Boats racing in PHRF divisions must have a valid 2026 PHRF-MA certificate.

8.2 All one design classes must comply with RRS 78.

9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

9.1 The sailing instructions will be available online at www.yachtscoring.com no later than Thursday September 18, 2026.

10. VENUE

10.1 The Racing Area is to be in the Upper Bay of New York Harbor between the areas of Bay Ridge Flats, Robbins Reef, and Ellis Island.

11. THE COURSES

11.1 Courses may be around government marks and/or inflatable windward-leeward marks set by the race committee.

11.2 Course descriptions will be provided in the Sailing Instructions.

11.3 The approximate position of the starting area will be announced approximately 45 minutes before the initial warning signal each day. VHF channel will be in the sailing instructions.

12. PENALTY SYSTEM

12.1 US Sailing Prescription Appendix V shall apply.

13. SCORING

13.1 A minimum of one completed race shall constitute a series. A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

13.2 PHRF classes will be scored using time on time (ToT)

13.3 The Low Point System of Appendix "A" of RRS will apply, all races will be scored; there will be no throw-outs.

14. SUPPORT BOATS

14.1 Support boats, if provided, will be marked with an RC flag.

15. BERTHING

15.1 Boats may be berthed at Liberty Landing Marina www.libertylandingmarina.com.

15.2 Reservations are required. Reservations can be made through Dockwa. Enter promo code LYC2026 to get a discount of 10% on docking fees.

15.3 See 5.4 for entry fee discount available for boats reserving slips in Liberty Landing Marina.

16. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

16.1 Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with prior permission of the Race Committee.

17. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

17.1 Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent, shall not be used around boats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the regatta.

18. RADIO COMMUNICATION

18.1 All boats shall carry an operable VHF radio capable of transmitting and receiving on channels 9, 13, 16, 63, 68, 78.

18.2 Except in an Emergency, or to report a protest or withdrawal, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones, texts, and all electronic messaging.

19. PRIZES

19.1 Overall prizes will be given at the end of the regatta to the top three boats of each Class that has 6 or more entries. For divisions that have less than 6 entries there will be a prize for the top finishing boat only.

20. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

20.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk, RRS Rule 3, Decision to Race. The OA accepts no liability for material damage, personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta and:

By registering for this event, the person-in-charge of each boat agrees with the following:

1) My crew and I recognize that sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury, sickness, and disease (including communicable diseases such as COVID-19) associated with it. We have read rule 3, Decision to Race, and hereby acknowledge and agree that we are participating in this event entirely at our own risk.

2) My crew and I acknowledge and agree that neither the organizing authority, host club nor the race committee, nor their members will be responsible for: a) any damage to the entered boat or my other property, or b) any injury, sickness, or disease (including communicable diseases such as COVID-19) to us, including death, sustained as a result of our participation in this event.

3) My crew and I hereby waive all claims, which we, or any heir, representative, successor or assignee, may have against Liberty Yacht Club and its officers, trustees, members, committees, employees or agents, sponsors or any other organization or official, arising out of or in any way connected with participation in such race or activity with respect to personal injury, sickness or disease (including communicable diseases such as COVID-19) or property damage suffered by my crew or me as a result of our participation in this event, whether on the water or on shore, and hereby release the race organizers from any liability for such injury, sickness or disease (including communicable diseases such as COVID-19) or damage to the fullest extent permitted by law.

4) I have taken all necessary steps to ensure that my crew and I and my entered boat are adequately prepared for all possible contingencies, including carrying and using appropriate safety equipment may be required by law, racing rules and that a prudent seaman would consider advisable. I agree to be bound by all rules that govern this event. I will inform all crew members of the conditions stated herein for their participation in such racing.

21. INSURANCE & DAMAGES

21.1 Each boat shall hold adequate insurance including third-party liability insurance, and it is the owner's or owners' representative's sole and inescapable responsibility to ensure that the insurance is in place and is adequate prior to participating in this event.

21.2 Entry fees do not provide contingencies for any damage by competitors to RC and club equipment. If damage to any equipment, including volunteer boats, is caused by a competitor, the competitor and boat owner will repair, replace, or pay the replacement cost in a timely manner. This requirement also includes damage to marks, lines, and other equipment. Competitors who cause damage must seek RC permission to continue in the regatta.

22. PRIVACY POLICY, COMMUNICATIONS AND MEDIA RIGHTS

22.1 As a condition of participating in the LCR, competitors shall agree to accept operational communications (voice, email, text, or other) and grant the OA, and its agents employees, sponsors, and assigns, the irrevocable right and permission to use the basic competitor information, photographs and video footage taken of themselves, their crew and their competing boat, without notification, for use or distribution in any media whatsoever for editorial or advertising purposes, or to be used in press information by LYC. Competitors shall agree to release, defend, and hold harmless the OA and its agents, employees, sponsors, and assigns, from and against any claims, damages, or liability arising from or related to the use of the photographs or video footage.

23. FURTHER INFORMATION

23.1 Please send all inquiries concerning the Liberty Cup Regatta to: Info@LibertyYachtClub.org
Make sure to include “**Liberty Cup Regatta**” in the subject header of the email.

23.2 Event Chair – David Spence: Info@LibertyYachtClub.org

End of Notice Race