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YACHT CLUB
CITY ISLAND, N.Y. 10464

NOTICE OF RACE
46th ANNUAL CITY ISLAND YACHT
CLUB WOMEN SKIPPERS' RACE
Saturday, August 8, 2026

The City Island Yacht Club invites you to participate in its Women Skippers' Race starting Saturday, August 8, 2026 at BIG TOM RACING mark "S" in Eastchester Bay. The first signal for the first start will be made at 1325 (1:25 PM) hours. The City Island Yacht Club is the Organizing Authority for this event.

Please join us for a gala party at CIYC immediately following the race(s).

1. RULES:

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by US Sailing's *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) for 2025-2028.
- 1.2. All boats must be driven (helmed) by a woman for the entire race. Any boat failing to comply with this rule shall be disqualified. Two or more women may share the helm.
- 1.3. All boats shall comply with YRALIS PHRF regulations.
- 1.4. Each boat must carry all legally required safety equipment. Owners are highly encouraged to conform to the US Sailing Safety Equipment requirements for Nearshore races. <https://www.ussailing.org/competition/offshore/safety-information/ser-world-sailing-special-regulations/>

2. **ELIGIBILITY:** The regatta is open to monohull boats with a valid 2026 YRALIS PHRF certificate. Uncertified boats wishing to enter will be assigned a temporary PHRF rating by the race committee and will race against other non-rated vessels.

3. ENTRY:

- 3.1. Entries are to be made online at yachtscoring.com
- 3.2. Separate divisions will be provided for one-design boats, provided there are at least four entries in each class.
- 3.3. Separate division(s) may be created for boats racing without valid YRALIS PHRF certificates. The race committee will assign a PHRF rating to unrated boats. Boats choosing to enter this division should contact the regatta committee in advance of entry. Entries without valid YRALIS rating certificates will not be eligible for awards listed in paragraph 4 and some in paragraph 12.
- 3.4. All entries must be received no later than 2000 hours on Friday, August 7, 2026. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 3.5. The Race Committee reserves the right to reject any entry.



3.6. **The name of each woman skipper shall be provided as part of the entry.**

3.7. **FEES:** The entry fee for this race is \$80 for boats registering by 2000 hours Wednesday, August 5, 2026. For boats registering after 2000 hours August 5, 2026 the entry fee will be \$90.00. Except for entries not accepted by the Race Committee, entry fees are nonrefundable. **If a vessel enters both CIYC Women Skippers Race August 8, 2026 and the CIYC Annual Day Race August 9, 2026 by 2000 hours Monday, August 3, 2026 the total fee for both races together will be \$125.00.**

4. **QUALIFYING RACE:** This race is a qualifying race for the YRALIS Gitana, Sappho, Competitors, Kings Point and Mertz Trophies, except as noted in paragraph 12.
5. **SCHEDULE:** A maximum of two races may be scheduled. A second race will be run at the discretion of the Race Committee. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race will be 1325 hours Saturday August 8, 2026. No warning signal will be made after 1700 hours.
6. **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:** The Sailing Instructions and division assignments will be posted online at yachtscoring.com no later than 2000 hours on Friday August 7, 2026. It is advised, however, for entrants to print their own race instructions and course sheets.
7. **VENUE:** Racing shall take place in Western Long Island Sound between Gangway Rock G"27" NE of Barker Point and the Throgs Neck Bridge including Eastchester Bay, Little Neck Bay and Little Bay. The start is at BIG TOM YACHT RACING mark "S" in Eastchester Bay, vic. 40°49.640' N / 73° 47.402' W. Competitors are advised that some course marks are in waters with a charted mean low tide of 7 feet. The recommended chart for navigation is NOAA chart 12366.
8. **COURSES:** Courses will consist of government marks and BIG TOM YACHT RACING marks, as defined in the Sailing Instructions and selected by the Race Committee prior to the warning signal.
9. **SCORING:** The race will be scored using the Time-On-Time method using a Time Correction Factor based on the boat's YRALIS W/L PHRF certificate rating. The time correction factor for each boat will be determined using the following formula: $TCF = 650 / (550 + PHRF)$. For series scoring, the Low Point System shall be used. If a tie remains after application of the criteria defined in A8 of the RRS, ties shall be broken on the basis of corrected cumulative time of all races / total course distance of all races.
10. **PROTESTS:** A Protest Committee appointed by the Organizing Authority will decide protests. Protest hearings will be held at the City Island Yacht Club as soon as practicable after the finish. Protest procedure is described in the SAILING INSTRUCTIONS.
11. **RADIO COMMUNICATIONS:** The Race Committee may make courtesy announcements before and during the starting sequence on VHF Channel 72. All boats are required to monitor this channel prior to and during the start.
12. **PRIZES:** Prizes will be announced at the conclusion of the race at the CIYC post-race party, and will be presented at the City Island Yacht Club Awards Brunch in November 2026. The following prizes will be awarded:
 - 12.1. The COMMODORE CORSAR perpetual trophy shall be awarded to the boat with the best overall performance in a Spinnaker Division.
 - 12.2. The C. RICHARD O'LEARY perpetual trophy shall be awarded to the boat with the best overall performance in a Non-Spinnaker division.

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- 12.3. **DIVISION TROPHIES:** First place trophies will be awarded in each division. Second place trophies will be awarded if there are more than 4 entries and third place trophies will be awarded if there are 6 or more entries.
- 12.4. The WYNTJE perpetual trophy will be awarded to the boat with the best overall combined scores in the Women Skippers' Race August 8, 2026 and the City Island Yacht Club Day Race held on Sunday, August 9, 2026.
- 12.5. **CRUISING DIVISION AWARD:** The division for boats racing without YRALIS PHRF certificates will be scored separately. As to boats in this division, the Women Skippers' Race will not be a qualifier for any YRALIS trophies.
13. **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY:** Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS, Rule 3, Decision to Race. The City Island Yacht Club will not accept any liability for property damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the regatta.
14. **WELCOME:**
- 14.1. The privileges of the City Island Yacht Club are extended to all participating boats. A limited number of complimentary guest moorings will be available from August 7th until August 10th to competitors in this and/or the August 9th CIYC Annual Day Race. Mooring reservations can be made by emailing the Dockmaster: waterfront@cityislandyc.org, by Dockwa, or by phone at (718) 885-2487. The City Island Yacht Club launch monitors VHF channel 72 and is available 24/7.
15. **FURTHER INFORMATION:** For further information please contact:
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Please join us for announcement of awards at the post race party at CIYC.