



NOTICE OF RACE

Name of Race: 2026 Blue Water Regatta

ONLINE REGISTRATION/PAYMENT AT:

https://www.yachtscoring.com/event_registration_email/50877

The Official Notice Board is: https://www.yachtscoring.com/notice_board/50877

Location of Regatta: Sandy Hook Bay & Vicinity

Organizing Authority: Atlantic Highlands Yacht Club (AHYC)

Dates: Saturday/Sunday, August 1 & 2, 2026

1. Rules

1.1 Racing will be governed by the following:

1.1.1 The rules, as defined in **The Racing Rules of Sailing For 2026—2028**, including the US Sailing Prescriptions thereto.

1.1.2 PENALTY SYSTEM: Rule Appendix V will apply, this changes rule 44.1.

1.1.3 Yachts racing in the PHRF Divisions must have a valid 2026 PHRF-MA rating certificate. (Cruising Division Boats that have never raced before and do not have a current PHRF-MA rating certificate can apply for a PHRF-MA guest rating on Friday, July 31 at the AHYC clubhouse at 1800 hrs).

1.1.4 PHRF-MA crew limitations will be in effect for this regatta.

1.1.5 Yachts racing as One Design shall race in accordance with their Class Association Rules, provided a minimum of five (5) competitors in each such class has registered to race as a One Design fleet (division).

1.1.6 Weigh-ins may be required by certain one design classes.

2. Eligibility & Entry

2.1 The Blue Water Regatta is open to PHRF, One Design classes, Multi Hulls and Cruising boats.

2.2 The PHRF fleet will consist of both spinnaker and non-spinnaker fleets.

2.3 Cruising fleet will be non-spinnaker.

2.4 All PHRF yachts must be monohulls of at least 22 feet and carry a minimum of two (2) persons.

2.5 Yachts entering must complete the registration form at Yachtscoring.com as provided by the organizing authority. No entries will be registered after 2000 hrs. on Friday July 31.

2.6 Yachts will not be officially entered without the completion of entry and waiver of liability forms.

2.7 Boats registered in the Cruising Division will only race one day (Saturday, August 1).

2.8 One design fleets must have at least 5 entries to form their own fleet.

3. Fees

3.1 The entry fee is \$125 for PHRF and One Design Boats

3.2 The entry fee for Cruising Boats is \$100.00

3.3 The entry fee for multi-hulls is \$100

3.4 Payment is due by July 31. If registering or paying after July 31 there will be an additional \$25 late fee.

4. Preliminary Race Schedule and

Venue 4.1 Saturday, August 1.

4.1.1 PHRF and Cruising Division racing commences at 1230 hrs.

4.1.2 One Design Division(s) racing commences at 1300 hrs.

4.1.3 PHRF and Cruising Divisions will do a point to point (distance) race.

4.1.4 One Design divisions will do windward-leeward races.

4.2 Sunday, August 2. Racing commences at 1100 hrs.

4.2.1 B division will sail point to point. All other divisions will do windward/leeward races. 4.2.2

PHRF may be broken up to a A and B division

4.2.3 There will not be any starts after 1500 hrs.

4.3 The venue will be Sandy Hook Bay, Raritan Bay and the Atlantic Ocean.

5. Skippers Briefing/Sailing Instructions

5.1 The skipper's briefing will be Saturday, August 1, 2024 at 1000 hrs. at the Atlantic Highlands Yacht Club.

5.2 Sailing Instructions will be posted online at:

https://www.yachtscoring.com/event_documents/50877?showAll=true

6. Trophies

6.1 Overall trophies will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place boat in each division. A perpetual trophy will be presented to the overall winners of the PHRF "A" and PHRF "B" divisions.

7. Social Event Information

7.1 Friday, July 31

7.1.1 Late registration will take place at the AHYC Clubhouse from 1800 hrs – 2200 hrs.

7.1.2 Cash bar

7.2 Saturday, August 1

7.2.1 Coffee and donuts or bagels at 930 AM. Hors d'oeuvres / light refreshments included.; IMMEDIATELY AFTER RACING.

7.3 Sunday, August 2

7.3.1 Coffee and donuts or bagels at 9 AM. Trophy presentations at the AHYC Club House ~2 hours after finish of last race (Pending protests). Hors d'oeuvres / light refreshments included.

7.3.2 Cash bar.

8. Slip and Mooring Accommodations

8.1 Boats requiring moorings should contact Donna Sayers (732-749-0266)

8.2 Boats coming in on trailers should contact Lee Hathaway (732-533-4818) to arrange for launching.

8.3 Shower facilities are available at the harbor.

8.4 Arrangements for slips can be made through the Atlantic Highlands Harbor Commission @ 732-291-1670.

8.5 PHRF and One-Design yachts shall not be hauled out during the regatta, except with the written permission of the Race Committee.

8. Directions to AHYC

8.1 Take Garden State Parkway to Exit 117. Merge onto RT 36 for approximately 9.5 miles. Take the jug handle onto First avenue. Signs will be posted for the Municipal Harbor. Pass through the downtown area.

8.2 Turn right onto Simon Lake Dr. AHYC is located on the second level of the Shore Casino Restaurant. The launch dock is at the end of pier 4. The hoist and launch ramp are beyond the gates to the East.

On behalf of the Atlantic Highlands Yacht Club the AHYC Race Committee thanks you for joining us in this prestigious summer event. The competitors are what makes regattas such an enjoyable and exciting event and we appreciate your participation and support.
We welcome your suggestions and ideas to improve this event. Please feel free to contact us. Good luck and enjoy a successful racing season.

Contact Information

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