



2nd Annual Haustblót Shorthanded Regatta Saturday, September 19, 2026

HOSTED BY SEA CLIFF YACHT CLUB

NOTICE OF RACE

1. OBJECTIVE

- 1.1. Haustblót is a Norse / Viking tradition that historically took place around the time of the autumnal equinox. The tradition celebrates the harvest and transition in seasons, and encourages reflection on past achievements and future goals.
- 1.2. The Haustblót Shorthanded Regatta (the “Race”) carries forward this tradition by fostering purposeful, local, on-the-water competition and the camaraderie of gathering ashore to share our craft, exchange knowledge, and talk about our sailing goals. The Race is intended both to welcome new sailors into the shorthanded community and to provide experienced sailors an opportunity to refine the seamanship, judgment, and techniques required for greater shorthanded challenges, including the [Bermuda 1-2](#) and other offshore events. Competing safely and successfully in those events demands far more than simply racing a course.
- 1.3. Although competitors need not participate in the onshore activities following racing (which will include a low-key BBQ and related accoutrement, a few kegs for those so inclined (and allowed by law to partake), and an awards presentation), doing so is highly encouraged. As addressed below (NOR 10), guest moorings at Sea Cliff Yacht Club and Hempstead Harbour Club, and slips at Safe Harbor Glen Cove, will be available to competitors at no charge (based on availability) to allow any team the opportunity to come ashore without having to anchor.

2. RULES

- 2.1. The Race will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (“RRS”), the prescriptions of the US Sailing Association (US Sailing), the [ORC Rating System Rules](#) and the [YRALIS PHRF Fleet Regulations](#).
- 2.2. Sea Cliff Yacht Club is the Organizing Authority (OA).
- 2.3. The Race will be run under the ORC Rating System and PHRF-YRALIS.
 - 2.3.1. Any yacht that does not have an International ORC certificate (ORCi) can apply for an ORC Club certificate at the link below. You can use the same link to apply

for an ORC doublehanded certificate if your ORC certificate is limited only for fully-crewed racing.

<https://www.ussailing.org/competition/offshore/orc/#application>.

- 2.3.2. For purposes of this event, it is the OA's suggestion that boats that have no valid ORC certificate apply for a Club certificate, which does not require in-person measurement.
- 2.4. Participants shall comply with [US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements \(SER\) 2026 for Nearshore Category Races](#) except that US Sailing SER 3.19.1 is changed as follows: If no magnetic compass is permanently mounted, a handheld magnetic compass suitable for steering may be used.
- 2.5. [NP][DP]¹ Each boat shall fly from her backstay a numeral pennant corresponding to her class as designated by the Scratch Sheet.
- 2.6. [NP][DP] All boats shall carry a working VHF radio capable of communicating on various channels, including those referenced below. See NOR 6.2.

3. ELIGIBILITY, ENTRY, & FEES

- 3.1. The Race is open to all boats with a current ORCi or ORC Club certificate, or a YRALIS PHRF certificate.
 - 3.1.1. Doublehanded certificates will be used for the solo and doublehanded classes.
 - 3.1.2. Fully-crewed certificates will be used for the PlusOne classes.
- 3.2. Eligible classes will include solo, doublehanded, and PlusOne classes.
 - 3.2.1. Individual classes will race under the same handicap.
 - 3.2.2. The solo class will race under ORC or PHRF based on fleet interest and preference; there will not be individual ORC and PHRF divisions within the solo class.
 - 3.2.3. The doublehanded class will race under ORC or PHRF based on fleet interest and preference; there will not be individual ORC and PHRF divisions within the doublehanded class.
 - 3.2.4. To the extent there is a doublehanded non-spinnaker class, that class will race separately from the doublehanded spinnaker class, and will be scored under PHRF only.
 - 3.2.5. The PlusOne class will race under PHRF only.
 - 3.2.6. Unless otherwise specified herein, the OA will be the sole decider as to the handicap under which each class will race.
- 3.3. The OA has the discretion to collapse solo, doublehanded (spinnaker), and PlusOne classes together based on number of entrants. For example, if only one solo entrant is registered, but five doublehanded entrants are registered, the OA may re-designate the solo competitor to the doublehanded class.
- 3.4. Entry is via yachtscoring.com.

¹ The notation [NP] at the beginning of a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a). The notation [DP] at the beginning of a rule means that a discretionary penalty applies, which may be less than disqualification. This modifies RRS 60.5(c).

- 3.5. Entry fee is \$100 for solo and doublehanded entrants and \$150 for PlusOne entrants.
- 3.6. Entry and payment must be completed by 2359, Thursday, September 17, 2026. There are no late fees...because, why? This is for fun.

4. CREW RESTRICTIONS AND EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS

- 4.1. Crew limit for the solo class shall be limited to one.
- 4.2. Crew limit for the doublehanded class shall be limited to two.
- 4.3. Crew limit for the PlusOne class shall be limited to one more than the first digit in the boat's overall length (LOA). For example, if a boat's LOA is 40 feet, the crew limit for the boat in the PlusOne class is 5 (the "4" in 40 + 1 = 5).
- 4.4. Wind vanes and/or autopilots may be used without penalty. This changes RRS 52.
- 4.5. Jacklines must be rigged both port and starboard, and run from the cockpit to the bow.
- 4.6. [NP][DP] All boats shall have an AIS transponder or AIS app and ensure that their AIS is in working order and transmitting the boat's identification information during the Race.
- 4.7. [NP][DP] Sailors in the solo class shall wear PFDs at all times while on deck.

5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS AND SCRATCH SHEETS

- 5.1. Sailing Instructions ("SI") and a provisional Scratch Sheet will be available online at yachtscoring.com prior to 1800 on Thursday, September 17, 2026.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

- 6.1. The Official Notice Board is located online at yachtscoring.com.
- 6.2. [NP] The Race Committee ("RC") may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF 72, including by identifying warning signals, 4 minutes to a class start, 1 minute to a class start, and any other broadcasts the RC chooses to make in its discretion.
- 6.3. [NP][DP] Each boat shall carry a cellphone, the number of which shall correspond with the boat's entry on yachtscoring.com, and shall be kept on during the race and for two hours after finishing.
- 6.4. Competitors **must** join the [2026 Haustblót Shorthanded Regatta WhatsApp Group](#) to communicate with the OA's Regatta Desk, including to report finishing times. As will be reflected in the forthcoming SI, the WhatsApp Group is the **sole** method to report finishing times. Competitors are also encouraged to communicate with each other during the race and share onboard photos via the WhatsApp Group.

7. SCHEDULE

- 7.1. The first warning is scheduled for 0955 on Saturday, September 19, 2026.
- 7.2. Following racing, please join us for complimentary food and beer to talk shop and present awards.

8. VENUE AND COURSES

- 8.1. The venue for the Race is Western and Central Long Island Sound with a start near Matinecock Point, Glen Cove, NY, a course that may run as far east as Stratford Shoal, and a finish in the vicinity of Hempstead Harbor.
- 8.2. The Course will be between 10 and 60 miles depending on conditions, as informed further by the following two objectives:

- 8.2.1. **Crew work and sail changes:** This is not a simple point-to-point race. Courses will be selected to give crews multiple opportunities for sail changes and different points of sail, thereby testing not only a team's navigational abilities but also their shorthanded sail handling. Although it's late-September, be prepared to sweat.
- 8.2.2. **After-race meet-up to talk shop and receive awards:** Courses will be selected to allow most competitors to finish no later than 1700—although there is no time limit for the Race.
- 8.3. The Course for the Race will be around one or more government marks listed in Appendix A as selected by the OA and will be finalized and disclosed to competitors in an amendment to the SI posted on yachtscoring.com no later than 1800 on Friday, September 18, 2026. The course for any doublehanded non-spinnaker class may be different from the course applicable to other classes.
- 8.4. The start line will be near the northeastern end of Hempstead Harbor between Matinecock Point Shoal Lighted Gong Buoy G21 (see Appendix A, Mark Designation "Start") and Weeks Point Buoy G1 (Appendix A, Mark Designation "S"). One side of the start line will consist of a signal vessel and the other side of the start line will be an orange or yellow inflatable mark. The course side of the starting line will be the side that is closest to the first rounding mark.
- 8.5. Based on feedback received following the 2025 Haustblót Shorthanded Regatta, the finish for the 2026 Race likely will not be inside Hempstead Harbor. The finish line will be an imaginary line that extends a specified distance from the specified government mark, and will be crossed when the government mark bears a specified magnetic heading from the competitor's bow. The exact finish mark, finish line description, and magnetic heading will be disclosed in the same amendment to the SI that contains the rounding marks as stated in NOR 8.3.

9. SCORING

- 9.1. ORC results will be scored using either Time-on-Time simple scoring ratings or Time-on-Time ratings based on the course. The RC may also post a Time Allowance sheet based on these ratings on yachtscoring.com before the start of the race. Use of this Time Allowance sheet is for guidance only and does not replace the official results.
- 9.2. PHRF results will be scored using YRALIS PHRF distance ratings using time-on-time.

10. MOORING AND DOCKING ACCOMMODATIONS

- 10.1. Complimentary **Sea Cliff Yacht Club** guest moorings can be reserved from Friday, September 18, 2026, to Sunday, September 20, 2026, based on availability.
- 10.1.1. Reservations for guest moorings at Sea Cliff Yacht Club must be made through the Sea Cliff Yacht Club office directly. Please email office@seacliffyc.org or call (516) 671-7374 to reserve a guest mooring.
- 10.1.2. Longer-duration moorings related to the event may be available at a discounted event price of \$25/night.
- 10.1.3. Competitors should hail the Sea Cliff Yacht Club launch on VHF 09 to come ashore for post-race activities.
- 10.2. Complimentary dock space will be provided to competitors courtesy of neighboring marina **Safe Harbor Glen Cove** from Friday, September 18, 2026, to Sunday, September 20, 2026, based on availability.

- 10.2.1. Reservations for dock space at Safe Harbor Glen Cove must be made through [Dockwa](#). A credit or full refund will be applied once the reservation is made. Please enter “Sea Cliff YC Haustblót 2026” into the notes section for the refund.
- 10.2.2. Longer-duration dock space related to the event may be available as well, albeit most likely at regular rates. Call the marina at (516) 671-5563 for information.
- 10.2.3. Competitors should hail the Sea Cliff Yacht Club launch on VHF 09 to come ashore for post-race activities. The launch will meet competitors at the Safe Harbor Glen Cove fuel dock.

11. AWARDS

- 11.1. An awards presentation and low-key BBQ with complimentary beer will be held following racing.
- 11.2. Various prizes will be awarded.
 - 11.2.1. A Line Honors prize will be awarded.
 - 11.2.2. First place prizes on corrected time will be awarded for each class.
 - 11.2.3. Additional awards may be provided at the discretion of the OA.
 - 11.2.4. Prizes will be awarded during the awards presentation following the Race. If competitors receiving a Prize cannot be present, they are asked to make arrangements with the OA for pickup.

12. RISK STATEMENT AND DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 12.1. RRS 3 states: “The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue *racing* is hers alone.” (emphasis in original). By participating in this Race, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include but are not limited to strong winds, rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform, and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury, or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia, or other causes.

13. PHOTOGRAPHER & MEDIA RIGHTS

- 13.1. Competitors give absolute right and permission for any photographs or video footage taken of them or their competing boat to be published in any media whatsoever, for editorial or advertising purposes, or to be used in press information.
- 13.2. Additionally, for any photographs or videos shared through the event’s WhatsApp group (NOR 6.4), competitors grant the OA a perpetual, fully paid-up, royalty-free license to repost such media to Instagram or other social media channels and to otherwise use such media for promotional purposes.

14. CONTACT INFORMATION

- 14.1. Organizing Authority: Sea Cliff Yacht Club
- 14.2. Event Chairman: Josh Reisberg (josh@abilynsailing.com)
- 14.3. Principal Race Officer: Timothy C. O’Rourke (timothy.orourke@orourkeseaman.com)
- 14.4. Regatta Desk: 2026 [Haustblót Shorthanded Regatta WhatsApp Group](#)

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APPENDIX A

Mark Designation	Description	Approximate Coordinates
Start	Vicinity of G21, Matinecock Point – between G21 and G1, Weeks Point (Mark Designation “S”)	40 54.525n 73 38.187w
Finish	Imaginary line extending specified distance from a specified government mark, and crossed once the government mark bears a specified magnetic heading from the competitor’s bow. Finish will be in the vicinity of Hempstead Harbor	TBD
A	G11B, Eaton’s Neck	41 00.020n 73 23.695w
B	R28C, Cable and Anchor	41 00.555n 73 25.140w
C	R32A, Mid-Sound Buoy	40 58.122n 73 32.807w
D	R40A, Milton Point	40 56.130n 73 41.287w
E	R42, Scotch Caps	40 55.479n 73 42.148w
F	G1, Delancy Point	40 55.329n 73 43.273w
G	G1, Execution Rocks (Can 1)	40 53.514n 73 44.117w
H	G1, Larchmont	40 54.812n 73 44.075w
I	R2, Larchmont	40 54.174n 73 44.332w
J	G23, Sands Point	40 52.906n 73 42.980w
K	G13, Eaton’s Neck	40 58.194n 73 23.638w
L	G15, Lloyd Point	40 57.681n 73 29.256w
M	G17, Center Island	40 56.310n 73 31.963w
N	G19, Oak Neck Point	40 55.451n 73 34.193w
O	G29, Hewlett Point	40 50.504n 73 45.323w
P	G1, Greenwich Harbor	40 59.599n 73 35.864w
Q	R4, Prospect Point	40 52.216n 73 42.033w
R	R6, Mott Point	40 51.661n 73 40.425w
S	G1, Weeks Point	40 52.733n 73 39.498w
T	R2, Great Captain Island	40 58.594n 73 37.946w
U	R2, Flat Neck Point	40 59.747n 73 35.477w
V	GRE, Eaton’s Neck	40 58.656n 73 24.530w
W	R32, Cows	41 00.215n 73 31.435w
X	R24, Cockenoe Island	41 04.532n 73 19.767w
Y	R26, Beers Rocks	41 03.684n 73 21.978w
Z	R28, Great Reef	41 02.397n 73 25.465w
AA	R36, Blue Fish Shoals	40 58.125n 73 38.786w
BB	R38, Rye Beach	40 57.508n 73 39.617w
CC	Stratford Shoal	41 03.589n 73 06.076w
DD	G5, Glen Cove Breakwater	40 51.719n 73 39.619w