



Bug Light Classic Yacht Regatta

Presented by the East End Seaport Museum, The Sterling Harbor Foundation, and SIYC
Greenport, New York – 10 October 2026

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY: The Shelter Island Yacht Club is the Organizing Authority (OA) for the Bug Light Classic Yacht Regatta.

1. RULES

- a. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing, and the Amended Notice of Race (NOR) as of 14 September 2026.
- b. In addition, individual one design class rules as defined in Section 18 may apply to specific divisions.
- c. The US Sailing Prescriptions to RRS 63.2 and 81 are deleted.
- d. For the purposes of rules 14 and 44.1, any contact between yachts shall be considered serious damage. This changes rule 44.1.
- e. A yacht making contact with the Race Committee signal yacht, or the buoys attached to the signal yacht, at any time and not exonerated will be scored DSQ for that race without a hearing. This changes RRS 60.5 and A5.
- f. In the event of a conflict between the NOR and these Sailing Instructions (SI), the SI shall prevail. This changes rule .63.5 (c)

2. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

- a. Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board “ONB” located at https://www.yachtscoring.com/notice_board/50969. This amends RRS 90.2(c).
- b. Any amendments to the Sailing Instructions will be posted prior to 1200 hours on the day of the event.
- c. The Race Committee will announce the location of the start, division / class courses and any other information over the Designated VHF Channel at 1200 hours on the day of the event.
- d. Failure to hear or see any notices, signals made ashore changes or amendments will not be cause for redress. This changes RRS 61.1 (a).

3. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

- a. **The Designated VHF Channel will be posted on the ONB and announced at the Skippers Meeting.**
- b. **The Designated Race Committee Text Number will be posted on the ONB and announced at the Skippers Meeting.**
- c. All yachts must carry and monitor a radio capable of making and receiving VHF transmissions.

- d. The Race Committee will make announcements concerning postponements, courses, premature starters, and similar matters on the Designated VHF Channel. Failure of a competitor to receive or hear such announcements will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.1 (a).

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- a. Signals made ashore will be announced on the designated VHF Channel and posted on the ONB. Signals may also be displayed from the SIYC flagpole.
- b. When flag AP is displayed ashore, the first warning signal will not be less than 30 minutes after the AP is lowered. An announcement regarding the Race Committee's intentions will be made on the Designated VHF Channel.

5. SCHEDULE

- a. The schedule is as follows:

Friday 9 October

1700 – 1800 Virtual Skippers Meeting (details will be posted on the ONB)

2000 Provisional Scratch Sheet, Starting Sequence and Courses will be posted on the ONB.

Saturday, 10 October

1200 Courses and final Starting Sequence announced.

1300 First Warning Signal.

6. RACING AREA

- a. The waters of the Peconic Estuary inclusive of, but not limited to, Greenport Harbor, Pipes Cove, Orient Harbor and Gardiners Bay.
- b. The Rendezvous Areas shall be in Greenport Harbor in the vicinity of the Dering Harbor Entrance.

7. THE COURSES

- a. All Divisions will sail navigator courses designated by the Race Committee incorporating marks listed in Appendix 1.
- b. The intended course for each Division will be announced at the Skippers meeting and posted on the ONB. Any course changes will be announced by the Race Committee on the Designated VHF Channel prior to the Warning Signal for each Division's start.
- c. The courses may be shortened at any course mark in accordance with Rule 32.
- d. ATONs, Special Purpose, or General Beacons (e.g. No Wake Buoys) may be designated a mark of the course.
- e. Yachts may pass to either side of an ATON except when the ATON is specified as a mark of the course. Caution should be exercised for safe navigation.
- f. Should a yacht find any designated mark of the course missing or not on station, the yacht should use care to pass the geographical location, specified in the NOAA Electronic Navigational Charts, of the designated mark. The yacht shall record the approximate time when they pass the geographical location of the missing mark.

8. CHECK-IN AND RETIREMENT

- a. Confirmation of Registration on Yacht Scoring replaces on water check-in. Yachts are not required to check-in.
- b. A yacht that retires from the race shall notify the Race Committee on the Designated VHF Channel and Designated Text Number as soon as possible.

9. THE START

- a. All Classes will be started in accordance with RRS 26. Starts will not be rolling.
- b. The Race Committee intends to set a starting line using a Committee Boat and a mark designated by the Race Committee.
- c. Race Committee may start Divisions and/or Classes individually or together.
- d. A yacht that does not start within fifteen (15) minutes after her designated starting signal may be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
- e. Yachts whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area during the starting sequence for other starting groups.

10. THE FINISH

- a. The Race Committee intends to set the finish for the CRF Division Classes in the vicinity of the Start. At its sole discretion, the Race Committee may alternatively designate a virtual finish line.
- b. Finish Time Reporting - Each CRF Division Yacht is responsible for recording their individual finish time and other yachts in their vicinity. Yachts shall send their finish times to the Race Committee via the designated RC Text Number and VHF channel.
- c. Position Report - Each yacht in the CRF Division shall report via the designated RC Text Number and VHF Channel, when they cross a virtual line from Long Bar Beach Light, AKA Bug Light, projecting due south.

11. TIME LIMIT

- a. The time limit for CRF Division Classes shall be one (1) hour after the first yacht in their respective Class finishes.

12. PROTESTS

- a. A yacht shall report its intention to protest another yacht to the Race Committee in person and in writing as required by RRS 60.3 (a)
- b. The protest time limit will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

13. SCORING

- a. CRF Division Classes will be scored using 2026 CRF time-on-time ratings.
- b. CRF Division yachts without valid 2026 CRF time on time ratings may be assigned a rating by the Race Committee. Ratings assigned by the Race Committee shall not be grounds for a redress request by a yacht. This changes RRS 61.1 (a).
- c. One-Design classes will be scored level.

14. Prizes

Prizes will be awarded in each Division. Each Division may include several Classes

15. SAFETY

The safety of a yacht and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the person in charge of the yacht. Yachts are expected to be compliant with the current US Safety Requirements (USSER) US Near Shore category. These regulations are available on the US Sailing website. Competitors participate in this race at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race.

16. LIABILITY WAIVER

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race: “The responsibility for a yacht’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.” Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. Attention is also drawn to RRS 46 and USSER 1.2, Responsibility. The Organizing Authority will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury, illness, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

17. INSURANCE

Each participating yacht shall be adequately insured with valid third-party liability insurance that is appropriate taking into account the value of the yachts racing and the type of racing.

18. One Design Classes — ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS

- a. The following provisions apply exclusively to the H12 Class.
 - i. The H12 Division(s) shall be governed by, in order of precedence, SIYC’s H12 Class Rules, the H12 Class Association Rule and the Racing Rules of Sailing.
 - ii. Eligibility - The H12 Division is open to all teams with yachts generally conforming to H12 specifications, including yachts conforming to the current H12 Class Association rules, Marconi-rigged H12s, Havens, and Cape Cod Shipbuilding built H12s.
 - iii. All yachts shall carry a VHF radio. The Designated VHF Channel is the Race Committee’s sole working channel. Course announcements, postponements, and protest-intention notifications all made on the Designated VHF Channel.
 - iv. Finish - The H12 division will finish between an Orange Flag placed on SIYC’s North Pier and an Orange Mark. Each competitor is asked to record the position of any yacht finishing in their vicinity.

Appendix 1 – Mark List

Mark	Description	Approximate Geographical Location
W1	Inflatable Mark - Range/Bearing designated by Race Committee	TBD
W2	Inflatable Mark - Range/Bearing designated by Race Committee	TBD
W3	Inflatable Mark - Range/Bearing designated by Race Committee	TBD
SP	Special Purpose, or General Beacons (e.g. No Wake Buoys) as designated by the Race Committee	TBD
10	Shelter Island Sound North Channel Bouy “10”	41.09105° -72.36104° 41°5'27.77"N 72°21'39.76"W
J	Greenport Harbor Light “8a”	41.10388° -72.34765° 41°6'13.99"N 72°20'51.54"W
8	Shelter Island Sound North Channel Bouy “8”	41.11473° -72.33367° 41°6'53.04"N 72°20'1.22"W
6	Shelter Island Sound North Channel Buoy 6	41.11449° -72.31660° 41°6'52.15"N 72°18'59.75"W
7	Shelter Island Sound North Channel Lighted Buoy 7	41.10970° -72.32199° 41°6'34.91"N 72°19'19.15"W
N	Shelter Island Sound Whistle “N”	41.09992° -72.26139° 41°5'59.70"N 72°15'41.02"W
14	Crow Shoal Buoy “14”	41.07640° -72.17709° 41°4'35.04"N 72°10'37.51"W
3	Three Mile Harbor Bell Mo(A) “TM”	41.04426° -72.18852° 41°2'39.34"N 72°11'18.68"W
1	Shelter Island Sound South Channel Buoy “1”	41.05253° -72.23367° 41°3'9.09"N 72°14'1.21"W
G	Gardiners Island Gong “1GI”	41.14991° -72.14914° 41°8'59.68"N 72°8'56.89"W
2	Constellation Rock Bouy “2”	41.17456° -72.10987° 41°10'28.43"N 72°6'35.52"W
C	Cerberus Shoal Lighted Gong “9”	41.17432° -71.95111° 41°10'27.55"N 71°57'3.99"W