Larchmont Yacht Club &
Storm Trysail Club
2026 NOTICE OF RACE
The Bitter Ender
Double-Handed Distance Race
Saturday, October 17, 2026

The Larchmont Yacht Club is the organizing authority (OA) of the event.

1. RULES

1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing.*
1.2. RRS 60.4(a)(2) is changed to read: "(2) if it alleges a breach of a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 and is from a boat that was not involved in, and did not see, the incident, or".
1.3. The current PHRF Regulations, as administered by the YRA of LIS, will apply.
1.4. Boats shall observe the US Sailing Special Equipment Requirement for Nearshore races.
1.5. Wind vane steering and autopilots may be used without penalty. This changes RRS 52.
1.6. Jack lines leading forward from both sides of the cockpit to the bow, well secured at each end, shall be rigged throughout the race.
1.7. The US Sailing prescription to RRS 63.1 will not apply.
1.8. The US Sailing prescription to RRS Appendix V (Alternative Penalties) will apply.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1. The Sailing Instructions (SI) will be available no later than 1700 on Wednesday, October 14, 2026 at yachtscoring.com.
2.2. Competitors may submit questions regarding the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions in writing to the Race Committee at sailing@larchmontyc.org. Questions and answers will be posted on the official notice board.

3. COMMUNICATION

3.1. The official notice board is located online at yachtscoring.com.
3.2. [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on U.S. marine channels.
3.3. On the water, the Race Committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors via VHF radio. This channel will be stated in the SI.
3.4. Competitors are permitted to use radio communications among themselves while racing. This changes RRS 41.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1. The event is open to all Double-Handed boats with a valid YRA of LIS PHRF Certificate.
4.2. Eligible boats may enter by registering online at yachtscoring.com no later than 2359 on Wednesday, October 14, 2026. Late entries will be accepted at the discretion of the OA.
4.3. To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.

5. FEES

5.1. The entry fee is $100.00.
5.2. The entry fee includes the awards presentation and light food on Sunday, October 18, 2026

6. SCHEDULE

6.1. There is no competitors' briefing scheduled.
6.2. The first warning signal is scheduled for 1155, October 17, 2026.

1200 Starting Window Opens
1600 Starting Window Closes
1100, October 18, 2026 Light Brunch and Awards

7. VENUE

Racing will take place in the waters of the Long Island Sound, with the Starting Area in the vicinity of the Larchmont Harbor Breakwater.

8. COURSE

8.1. The course will be either:

8.1.1. 86.2 nm MH Buoy off New Haven across to the PJ buoy off Port Jefferson and Larchmont Breakwater b) 60.6 nm to George's Rock across to Port Jeff and Larchmont Breakwater

8.1.2. 32.7 nm to G "11B" Fl G 4s Gong off Eatons Neck, R"32"FL R Bell "The Cows", and Larchmont Breakwater.

8.2. The final decision on the course to be sailed will be posted on the Official Notice Board no later than 1100 Friday, October 16, 2026.

9. SCORING

A boat's corrected time will be calculated using the Time-on-Time method, using her Doublehanded PHRF Spinnaker distance rating.

10. {RESERVED}

11. GUEST MOORINGS

Guest moorings are available at no charge with an online reservation - please follow the directions at the booking link to reserve without a fee. LYC Mooring Reservation.

12. RIGHT TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

By participating in this event, competitors grant the Organizing Authority the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and display any photography, audio, and video recordings, and other reproductions of them or their boat taken at the venue or on the water, for editorial or promotional purposes, without compensation. Competitors waive any right to inspect or approve such materials.

13. RISK STATEMENT

RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and 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.

14. PRIZES

14.1. Prizes will be awarded on Sunday, October 18, 2026 for first, second, and third place in each class with seven or more entries; first and second with five entries, and first with only three entries.

14.2. The Bookend Award will be presented for the best combined performance in both the Edlu and Bitter Ender.

15. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please contact the LYC Sailing Office via email: sailing@larchmontyc.org
Karen Ronan – Regatta Committee Chair

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