

Sandy Hook Bay Catamaran Club
2015 STATUE OF LIBERTY RACE
Sailing Instructions

Registration:

All items on the registration form must be filled out prior the start, including boat type and any Portsmouth adjustments. It is the skipper's responsibility to ensure that all adjustments are correct. No crew weight or equipment adjustment changes will be allowed after the race.

Safety and Security:

1. *Per USCG instructions, you must stay outside the security zone around the Navy pier. The security zone is marked by white buoys that are 500 yards off the pier. There will be a course mark (yellow buoy) at the security zone SE corner which has to be left on port going to the statue, on starboard on the way back.*
2. *Per USCG instructions, you must stay outside the security zones around the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island. The security zones are marked by white buoys that about 150 yards off both the Statue and Ellis Island.*
3. All participants are required to wear PFDs or lifejackets at all times.
4. Each participant sails at his or her own risk.
5. The channel the race committee will use will be announced at the Skippers Meeting. All boats shall carry a portable radio and/or cellular telephone. **(FLEET PHONE # 732-291-9622)**
6. We strongly encourage everyone bring adequate clothing, food and beverages.
7. Bladder packs : One (1) liquid filled bladder or similar device (commonly called a "Camelbak") with a capacity not exceeding seventy (70) liquid ounces may be worn by each sailing team member for the purpose of liquid consumption.
8. Stay together. It's easier for the RC to keep an eye on you.

A Few things to keep in mind:

1. Strong currents under the Verrazano Narrows Bridge may make passing under it difficult. High tide at the Statue is approximately 25 minutes after high tide at Sandy Hook. High tide will be announced at the skippers meeting.
2. Large amounts of floating debris are common especially under the bridge and in upper New York Harbor.
3. All commercial vessels such as large ships, the Staten Island Ferry, Circle Line, and Fishing Charter boats have the **RIGHT OF WAY** so stay out of their way.
4. They also move much faster than you think!

Starting:

1. The starting line will be on the water.
2. A 10-minute starting sequence will be used: Yellow up at 10 and down at 6; Pink up at 5, code flag P up at 4, code flag P down at 1; Pink down at start.
3. A separate start for large boats may be necessary and will be announced at the skippers meeting.

Finishing:

1. A line will be set on the water between two buoys, most likely perpendicular to the beach to facilitate recording finishing times from the beach. The finish line may be crossed in either direction.
2. All competitors will report to the race committee on the beach if retiring early.

Racing:

- 1) The Race will be governed by ISAF Racing Rules and these sailing instructions. For the purpose of protests all boats will be considered less than 20 feet.
- 2) **Time Limits:** The race will be abandoned if no boat makes it to the Verrazano Narrows Bridge in 3 hours. After the first boat passes under the bridge, the rest of the competitors will have 50% more time to reach the bridge. For example, if the first boat reaches the bridge at 2 hours, the rest of the fleet must reach the bridge in 3 hours. {2hrs + .5(2hrs) = 3 hrs }. **REMEMBER, when you reach the bridge you have only completed roughly one third of the course.** The race committee will turn back boats that have not made it in the allotted time.
- 3) **IF YOU ARE ASKED TO TURN BACK, TURN BACK!** You will still be scored and will be competing for the Little Ms Liberty Cup (see trophies f). A shorten course flag, Code S, will be displayed
- 4) The Statue of Liberty can be rounded to port or to starboard. Beware of submerged hazards near (especially behind) the Statue. **Remember you must not enter the security zone which is marked by white buoys about 150 yards off the Statue of Liberty or Ellis Island.**
- 5) **Missing Mark:** If the statue cannot be rounded, a Missing Mark Flag, Code M, will be flown and multiple horns sounded from a race committee boat stationed near the statue. Round the boat displaying the flag in either direction.

Scoring:

- 1) All boats will be racing using the 2015 USSAILING Portsmouth Handicap rating system with wind speed corrections, weight and adjustments for non-class equipment. Wind speed will be recorded on the course and averaged over the length of the race.
- 2) Sails **carried are considered sails used.** If you bring it with you, you will be rated as if you used it. If the boat's Portsmouth rating is modified by extra sails, crew or other non-class standard equipment, the boat is a different "**Class**".
- 3) Portsmouth adjustments for light and heavy weight crews will be used for scoring under the USSAILING handicap system. All crew must weigh in and the combined crew weight must be on registration form.
- 4) The largest fleet must be sailing within the class rules. Weight correction or other Portsmouth correction factors will not be used when scoring the largest fleet. (See trophies c) The count of participants in the largest fleet will be determined by the amount of boats that register for the race.

Trophies:

Perpetual trophies will be awarded to the following finishers according to their respective deed of gifts.

- a) **Line Honors**, first boat to complete the course.
- b) **Portsmouth** corrected time winner
- c) **First boat** to finish of the **largest class** entered.
- d) **First single-handed** finisher, Portsmouth corrected.
(Open to any normal single crew boat, sailing a boat which normally is sailed with a crew of 2, is excluded).
- e) **The Founders Trophy** to be awarded the best Portsmouth finisher from the Sandy Hook Bay Catamaran Club.
- f) The "**Little Ms Liberty Cup**" will be awarded to the best Portsmouth corrected time of those boats turned around at the bridge.

Those sailors winning the trophy(s) shall cause to have their names to be engraved per the individual deeds. The winners are responsible for the care of the trophies for the year and must guarantee its return for the following year's race.

Look for the Official Results on the WEB at <http://www.fleet250.org>