



# NOTICE OF RACE (NOR)

## 2015 Lake Hopatcong Yacht Club A-Class Catamaran Fall Regatta *October 3rd-4th, 2015*

The Lake Hopatcong Yacht Club cordially invites you to come *where it all started* and participate in the 2015 Fall A Class Regatta. .A-Cat racing at one of the oldest sweet water Yacht Clubs in the US.

**1. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY:** Lake Hopatcong Yacht Club ([www.lhyc.com](http://www.lhyc.com))

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**2. VENUE:** The regatta will be sailed in the waters of Lake Hopatcong, from the Lake Hopatcong Yacht Club on Bertrand's Island, Mt Arlington, New Jersey.

### 3. SCHEDULE:

**Friday, *October 2nd***

12:00pm-7:00pm

Competitors are welcomed to the LHYC to rig, launch with open Practice Racing.

Welcome Party

7PM until ?

**Saturday, *October 3rd***

7:30am

Coffee on the LHYC Porch

8:30-10:00am

Registration

9:30am

Skippers Meeting

**11:00am**

**First Race**

4:00pm

LHYC Bar opens to competitors & guests,

6:30pm

Dinner at LHYC

**Sunday, *October 4th***

7:30am

Coffee on the LHYC Porch

9:00am

Skippers Meeting (if needed)

**10:00am**

**First Race...no lunch break**

2:00pm

No race will be started after 2:00pm

3:00pm

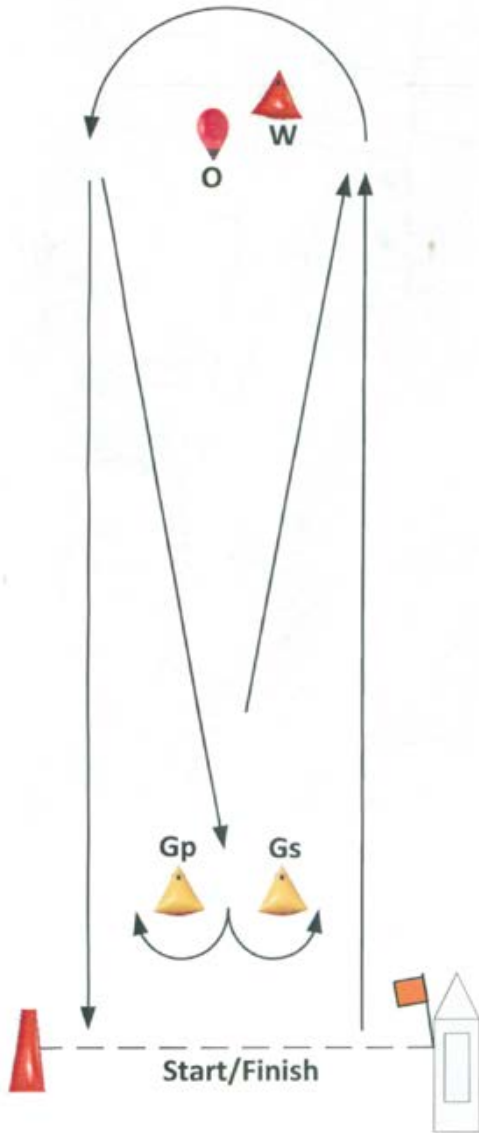
Grill Opens and free Beer

3:30pm

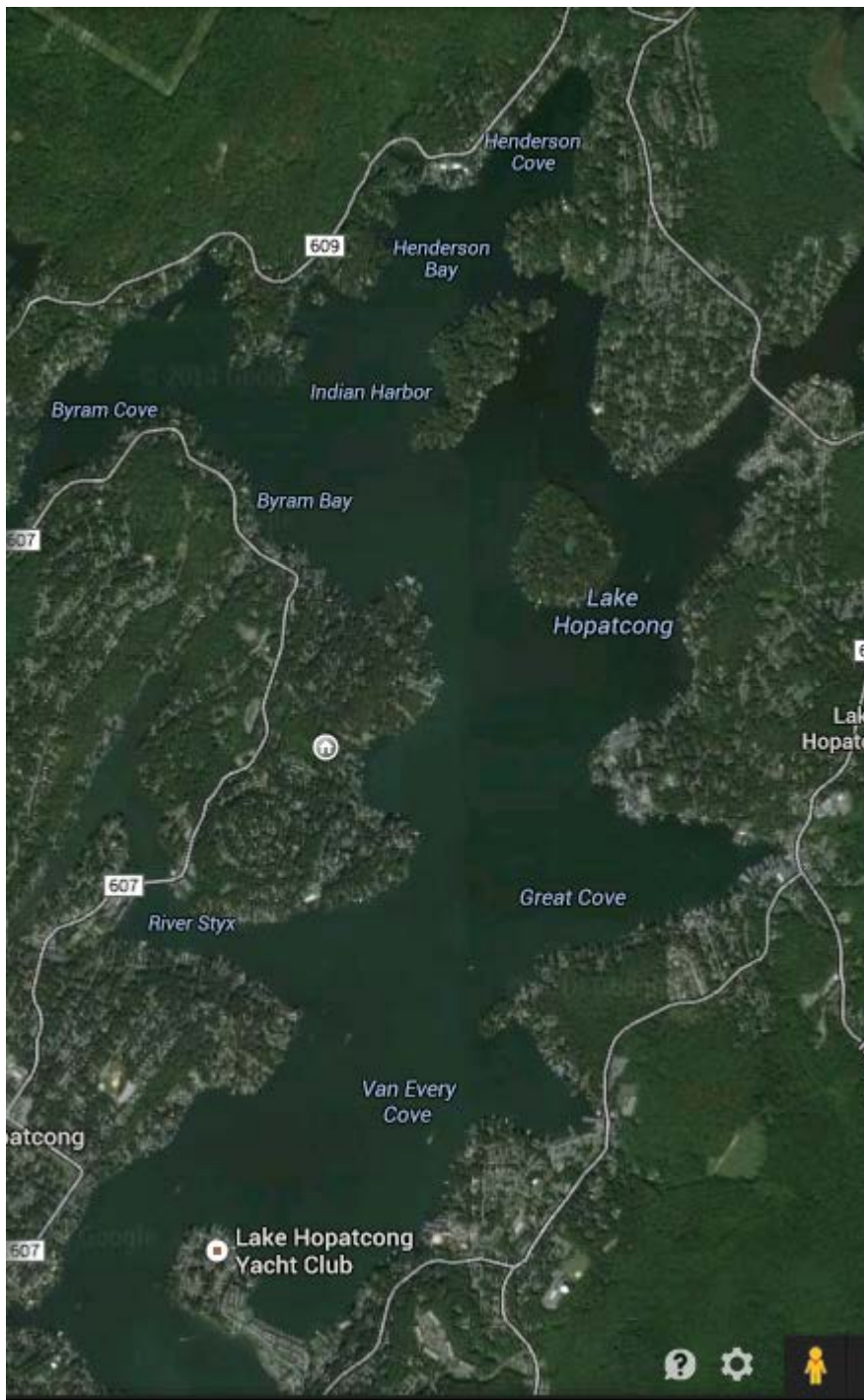
Awards Ceremony

**3. COURSE AREA:** In front of Lake Hopatcong Yacht Club, in sight of and within an easy sail from the club with the start in most cases generally within 1/2 mile of the club. Courses will either be run using permanent and/or temporary marks

depending on the circumstances. The A-Cat course will typically be Windward, Leeward, 2 laps, downwind finish. Courses are set at the discretion of the Race Committee. If necessary, an offset mark will be placed a short distance from the windward mark, in order to separate boats sailing upwind from boats sailing downwind. Windward mark will be an Orange cylinder with a small round orange offset. Leeward Gate Marks will be Yellow or orange and will be placed above the start / finish line..



Courses	
2	Start-W-O-Finish
4	Start-W-O-Gp/Gs -W-O-Finish
6	Start-W-O-Gp/Gs -W-O- Gp/Gs -W-O-Finish
<b>Note:</b> Mark Gp/Gs is a gate. Boats shall pass through the gate from the direction of the previous mark, leaving the port mark to port and the starboard mark to starboard. If only one mark of the gate is present, boats shall leave it to port.	



**4. RULES:** The regatta shall be governed by the Current Racing rules of Sailing (RRS), the rules of the IACA, the IACA Championship Rules, this notice of race (except as any of these are changed by the sailing instructions below), and the sailing instructions changed at the skippers meeting.

**The start**

- ┆ A series of short horns will be made 1 minute prior to the warning sound. No flag will be used.
- ┆ Warning signal, with a sound signal, is made five (5) minutes before the start, using Class Flag.
- ┆ Preparatory signal, with a sound signal, is made four (4) minutes before the start (One minute after warning)
- ┆ The preparatory signal, will be lowered one minute before the start with a

sound signal

- ┆ At the start, the class flag is lowered, with a sound signal
- ┆ Times shall be taken from the visual signals and the failure of a sound signal shall be disregarded
- ┆ Any changes to the starting or other signals will be announced at the skippers meeting.

**Individual Recalls:**

Will be signaled by one signal and display of code flag "X" (Blue cross on white field), which will be lowered after all recalled boats have started again. The race committee will attempt to call the sail numbers of boats which are over early, but it is the sole responsibility of competitors to start correctly.

**General Recalls:**

Will be signaled by two sound signals (After the starting signal) and hoisting of "First Substitute" (Yellow triangle within blue triangle).

A new warning signal will be made one minute after lowering of the "First Substitute" which shall be accompanied by one horn signal.

**Change of Course after the Start:**

- ┆ **Shorten Course:** Code Flag "S" (Blue square on white field of white) and two sound signals from the Signal Boat means Race Committee is terminating the race at the next mark.
- ┆ **Course Change:** A change of course after start shall be signaled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the mark may not then be in position. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the new mark may be relocated, without further signaling, to maintain the original course configuration.

**The Finish:**

The finish line will be between the RC flag on the committee boat and a permanent or temporary mark.

**Protests:**

- ✎ Protests should be registered within 30 minutes of finishing of last race.
- ✎ A Protest Committee of volunteer sailors will be organized by the Regatta Chairman prior to the start of sailing. In the event a protest hearing is necessary, the hearing will be held at the West end of the Porch (or a room inside the club).

**Time Limit & Race Abandonment:**

- ✎ If no boat rounds the first windward mark within 30 minutes of the start, the Race will be abandoned. If no boat completes the Race in 90 minutes, the Race will be abandoned.
- ✎ After fulfilling all penalty obligations under the rules, any boat that continuously attempts to sail the course but fails to finish a Race within 30 minutes after the first boat finishes will be scored as Did Not Finish (DNF). The Race Committee may, at its discretion, abandon any race at any time if conditions are unsuitable for racing.

**Wind Limit:**

Per A-Class rules, no race will be started if average sustained winds are over 22 miles per hour.

**Safety Equipment:**

In accordance with class rules

**5. ELIGIBILITY:** The regatta is open to all members of the International A-Class Catamaran Association (IACA) and to their respective national associations.

**6. ENTRIES:** Entries shall be made by submitting a completed Entry Application, which accompanies the Notice of Race (NOR).

**8. MEASUREMENT:** No boats will be weighed but all sailors registering for this event agree that their boats are within the class standards. The organizer reserves the right to weigh or measure any boat and sails. All boats will conform to the minimum class weight using the supplied official scale for this event when necessary to measure. Sails without official IACA measurement stamp may be measured at the organizers discretion.

**9. SCORING:** The Low-Point Scoring System per 88.2 and Appendix A of the RRS shall be used. Eight (8) races are scheduled, of which only (1) must be completed to constitute a series. There will be no throw-out race if only four (4) races are completed. There will be a single (1) throw-out race if five (5) or more races are completed. This modifies A2 of the RRS.

**10. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:** Sailing Instructions will be available at registration

**11. PRIZES:** Awards will be presented to at least the top three finishers in the LHYC Regatta as well as the Winner of the Atlantic Coast Championship series.

**12. PENALTY SYSTEM:** Rule 44.1 of the RRS is modified as follows: "After getting well clear of other boats as soon after the incident as possible, a boat

takes a 360° Turn Penalty by promptly making one complete 360° turn in the same direction, including one tack and one gybe.

**13. ARBITRATION:** All protests involving rules of Part 2 will first be submitted to arbitration. The arbitration procedure will be posted on the Official Regatta Notice Board on the Porch of the LHYC building as an addendum to the Sailing Instructions.

**14. INSURANCE AND LIABILITY:** All participants must have a valid liability insurance policy and present a certificate of insurance at Registration... All parties involved in the organization and running of the regatta shall not accept liability for any accident, injury, damage or loss, whether personal, material or otherwise, to boats, third parties and participants before, during and after the regatta.

**15. BOAT STORAGE:** Boats can be stored at the Lake Hopatcong Yacht Club. All boats must be secured by tie down points when unattended. Tie down equipment must be supplied by the individual entrants. *Pre* and *Post* Race Storage is available on request.

#### **16. SOCIAL EVENTS**

- 📍 **Friday – (7PM until ?) – Welcome Party**
  - **Open Bar and Food**
- 📍 **Saturday (6:30PM) - Regatta Dinner**
  - **After racing:** Free Beer/Wine and snack food will be available. Cash Bar as well.
- 📍 **Sunday-**
  - **Post Sailing Grill Lunch / Beer**
  - **Awards (After racing, approx. 3:30pm)** Awards ceremony for LHYC Fall A Class regatta Trophy as well as the Atlantic Coast Championship series Trophy

**17. TRANSPORTATION:** Entrants are responsible for the transportation of goods to Lake Hopatcong Yacht Club.

**18. LODGING:** Lodging at the regatta is the responsibility of each entrant. Private home lodging with LHYC Sailing Members is available upon request. **(Contact Mark Skeels, at 973-294-4363 or [mark.skeels.dvm@gmail.com](mailto:mark.skeels.dvm@gmail.com))** Two very convenient nice hotels are approx 3 min's from the club.

**Courtyard Marriott-Mt Arlington 973-770-2000**

**Holiday Inn Express 973-770-7880**

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