

Sandy Hook Bay Catamaran Club
2021 STATUE OF LIBERTY RACE
Sailing Instructions

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 approximately 500 yards off the pier. There may 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 government white buoys approximately 150 yards off both the Statue and Ellis Island.*
3. *Entering any security zone may cause a boat to be scored DSQ. This modifies RRS A5.*
4. Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices at all times, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Flag Y will not be displayed. This modifies RRS 40.
5. Each participant sails at their own risk.
6. 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)**
7. We strongly encourage everyone bring adequate clothing, food and beverages.
8. 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.

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!

Notice Board: Located adjacent to the tent near the gate.

Starting:

1. The starting line will be on the water between 2 marks as described at the skippers meeting approximately perpendicular to the Statue of Liberty. There will be a signal boat just off to the starboard end of the starting line. You must start in the direction toward the Statue of Liberty and between those two marks.
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. Larger boats may be started 5-minutes early (Pink up) and will be announced at the skippers meeting.

Boundry mark:

- 1 There may be a course mark (yellow buoy) at the security zone SE corner which must to be left on port side going to the statue, on starboard side on the way back.

Finishing:

1. A line will be set on the water between two buoys as described at the skippers meeting, as close to perpendicular to the beach as possible to facilitate sighting a line for recording finishing times from the beach. The finish line may be crossed in either direction. Warning the end closes than beach may be in shallower water than boats with deeper dagger boards
2. All competitors will report to the race committee on the beach if retiring early.

Racing:

- 1) The Race will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing. For the purpose of protests all boats will be considered less than 6 meters. This modifies 61.1
- 2) **Time Limits:** The whole race will be abandoned if no nonfoiling boat makes it to the Verrazano Narrows Bridge in 3 hours. After the first nonfoiling boat passes under the bridge, the rest of the competitors will have 50% more time to reach the bridge. For example, if the first nonfoiling 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) **Alternate Rounding Mark:** Sailors may choose to alternately round “G 35” FL G 4S GONG (40° 41.664’ N, 74° 2.009’ W) to port or starboard

Scoring:

- 1) All boats will be racing using the SCHRS 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) The largest fleet must be sailing within the class rules. (See trophies) The count of participants in the largest fleet will be determined by the number 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) **Corrected Time.** First boat back based on corrected time. SCHRS will be the yardstick used.
- c) **Largest Class.** First boat in the largest class which conforms to that classes class rule.
- d) **First single-handed** finisher, SCHRS 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** Awarded to the first SHBCC skipper who has the best SCHRS finish.
- f) The “**Little Ms Liberty Cup**” will be awarded to the best SCHRS corrected time of those boats turned around at the bridge.