



NOTICE OF RACE (NOR)

2021 Lake Hopatcong Yacht Club A-Class Catamaran Cal Fuller Invitational Regatta *October 2nd-3rd, 2021*

The Lake Hopatcong Yacht Club cordially invites you to come *where it all started* and participate in the 2021 Cal Fuller Invitational 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)

Regatta Chairman: Mark Skeels
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Fleet Captain Dean Lennox

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 1st

12:00pm-6:00pm Competitors are welcome to the LHYC to rig, launch with open Practice sailing.

6:00pm until ?

Welcome Party – Skeels Raccoon Island home

Saturday, October 2nd

8:00am	Coffee, Donuts, Bagels on the LHYC Porch
8:30-10:00am	Onsite Registration
9:30am	Skippers Meeting
11:00am	First Race
4:00pm	LHYC Bar opens to competitors & guests,
5:30pm	Dinner at LHYC, Live Music

Sunday, October 3rd

8:00am	Coffee, Donuts, Bagels 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
After racing	Grill Opens and free Beer
After racing	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, and 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 a yellow cylinder with a short orange offset. Leeward Gate Marks will be Orange cylinders.

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.

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 Committed 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, thru the Regatta Network link below.

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 three (3) 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. There will be scoring for Overall, Classic and Foiling

10. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS: This NOR will represent the Sailing instructions with any changes posted on the bulletin Board on the front porch of the club.

11. PRIZES: Awards will be presented to at least the top three finishers in Overall, Classic and Foiling Classes 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 – (6PM until ?) – Welcome Party (Skeels Raccoon Island House)**
 - **Open Bar and Food -55 Raccoon Island Road, Lake Hopatcong NJ**
 - Come by boat or take the ferry (put 150 Chincoppee Road in the GPS and that will take you to the last house on the road and put your blinkers on at the end of the ferry ramp and the ferry will come get you, The cost of the ferry ride is \$8 but everything else is free)
 - If weather is not good for porch event we will move indoors to Peter Hefe's home with the indoor bar and pool
- **Saturday (6:30PM) - Regatta Dinner with Live Music**
 - **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: Private home lodging with LHYC Sailing Members is available upon request. Most of the A-cat sailors live water front on the lake and as with tradition we offer out of town sailors to stay with us. Let Mark Skeels you're your coming and need a place to stay and he will match you up. **(Contact Mark Skeels, at 973-294-4363 or mark.skeels.dvm@gmail.com)**

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