



2025 Statue of Liberty Race

July 5, 2025

Sandy Hook Bay Catamaran Club

Atlantic Highlands, NJ

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The notation [NP] means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current *Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 [NP] RRS 40.1 applies: Life jackets must be worn at all times while afloat except briefly while adjusting clothing and equipment.
- 1.3 [NP] Under RRS 87, GPS, VHF and cell phones may be carried regardless of class rules.
- 1.4 [NP] RRS 41 is modified to add 41 (e) a boat receiving assistance with no forward progress may continue to race and be scored in their finish position.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located next to the gate by the beach.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flag pole by the tent in the parking lot.
- 4.2 Race Signals AP is changed as follows: When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 30 minutes" in the race signal AP.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 Competitors Meeting July 5, 2025 9am
- 5.2 First Warning July 5, 2025 10am
- 5.2 Rain Date July 6, 2025

6 RACING AREAS AND COURSE

- 6.1 Boats will start in Sandy Hook Bay, proceed through Raritan Bay, under the Verrazano Bridge, through New York Harbor, around the Statue of Liberty and return to Sandy Hook Bay.
- 6.2 [NP] 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.**

- 6.3 **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.

7 THE START

- 7.1 The starting line will be on the water between orange marks. 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.
- 7.2 RRS 26 will be changed as follows : 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.
- 7.3 Larger boats may be started 5-minutes early (Pink up) - this will be announced at the skippers meeting.
- 7.4 A boat that is over early at the start will be penalized five (5) minutes plus the amount of time that they are over early. This modifies RRS 29.1.

8 THE FINISH

- 8.1 [NP] A line will be set on the water between two orange marks 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 closest to the beach may be in shallow water for boats with deeper dagger boards!
- 8.2 [NP] All competitors please report to the race committee on the beach upon arrival regardless of whether they turned back or completed the entire course.

9 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 9.1 For the all class(es) RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

10 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 10.1 [NP] The race may be abandoned if no nonfoiling boat reaches the Verrazano Bridge in 3 hours. After the first nonfoiling boat passes under the bridge the rest of the competitors have 50% more time to reach the bridge. For example, if the first nonfoiling boat reaches the bridge in 2 hours the rest of the competitors must reach the bridge in 3 hours or they will be turned back. **REMEMBER – when you reach the bridge you have only completed about one third of the course!** Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 10.2 [NP] **IF YOU ARE ASKED TO TURN BACK – TURN BACK!** You will still be scored and will be competing for the Little Miss Liberty trophy. If you do not turn around when you are asked to by a race committee support boat you will no longer be considered a participant in the event or scored in the event and Sandy Hook Bay Catamaran Club will not liable for any loss, damage or injury.

11 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 11.1 Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the finish line staff within the appropriate time limit.
- 11.2 The protest time limit is 30 minutes after you have finished however you **MUST** notify the finish line staff upon finishing if you intend to protest.

- 11.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses

12 SCORING

- 12.1 The scoring system is SCHRS or Portsmouth – please see **15 PRIZES**.
12.2 Sails carried are considered sails used.
12.3 The largest fleet must be sailing within class rules – the count of participants for the largest fleet will be determined by the number of boats that register and pay for the race.

13 SAFETY AND SECURITY REGULATIONS

- 13.1** *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.*
13.2 *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.*
13.3 *[NP] Entering any security zone may cause a boat to be scored DSQ. This modifies RRS A5. If you are asked to vacate the security zone by law enforcement you should follow their instructions immediately.*
13.4 We strongly encourage everyone to bring adequate clothing, food and beverages.
13.5 [NP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

14 RADIO COMMUNICATION

[NP] Except in an emergency or courtesy check in, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. **The club phone number is 732-291-9622.**

15 PRIZES

Prizes will be given as follows:

Line Honors (Worrell Cup) – first boat to complete the course.

Corrected Time (Manhattan Yacht Club Cup) – first boat to complete the course using Portsmouth ratings.

Largest Class (Wind Water and Wheels Trophy) – first boat to complete the course in the largest class confirming to class rules.

First Single Handed (Jackson Memorial Cup) – first single handed boat to finish using SCHRS. scoring; open to any boat that is normally sailed single handed).

First SHBCC Skipper (Founders Trophy) - first SHBCC skipper to finish using SCHRS.

Boats Turned Around At The Bridge (Little Miss Liberty) – first boat to finish using SCHRS that was turned around at the bridge.

16 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.