



# Liberty Cup Regatta – September 12, 2020

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Organizing Authority (OA) Liberty Yacht Club

## Notice of Race:

### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), including the US SAILING prescriptions, and *The J/105 Class Rules* (CR), with the exception of provisions under 1.2. For the PHRF divisions, the current PHRF Regulations administered by the PHRF-MA.
- 1.2 For the J105 Class, RRS rule 87, CR 7.1 may be amended in the sailing instructions to allow for one junior crew.
  - a. Junior crew shall be defined as a crew member under the age 15 whose weight shall not be included in overall crew weight limit.

### 2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the J/105 class, and offshore boats racing under PHRF. Boats racing in the PHRF division must have a valid 2019 or 2020 PHRF-MA certificate. The Organizing Authority may reject the entry of any yacht that does not in its consideration meet the general parameters of the other yachts entered with regard to size or design.
- 2.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online registration form and paying the entry fee at [www.yachtscoring.com](http://www.yachtscoring.com) by 5 pm local time, Friday the 11th of September 2018.
- 2.3 For Fleet 10 J105's only: For Liberty Cup Regatta races to be scored towards the season championship series, a yacht must also have a valid 2019 or 2020 PHRF-MA certificate prior to the start of the regatta.

### 3 CLASSIFICATION AND ADVERTISING

- 3.1 This is a Level A event under CR 3.6.
- 3.2 A boat and her crew shall comply with ISAF Regulation 20, Advertising Code.

### 4 Fees

- 4.1 Entry fee for racing is \$50.

## 5 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 5.1 Dates of Racing: September 12
- 5.2 Number of races to be determined at the sole discretion of the Race Committee and sailing conditions.
- 5.3 **Saturday, September 12**

1030 Skippers meeting – location provided in sailing inst.  
1225 Warning signal for the first race

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, LYC will NOT be hosting an organized party after racing. However, there are restaurants with outdoor dining within walking distance of the marina. As such, regatta participants may decide on their own to meet up after racing. Participants are expected to follow the restaurant's COVID-19 protocols.

## 6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 6.1 The sailing instructions will be available online at [www.yachtscoring.com](http://www.yachtscoring.com) by Thursday Sept 10.

## 7 VENUE

- 7.1 Racing area to be in the Upper Bay of New York Harbour between the areas of Bay Ridge Flats, Robbins Reef and Ellis Island.

## 8 COURSES

- 8.1 J105 Class:
  - A. The courses may be around government marks, windward-leeward marks set by the race committee, and/or a distance race.
  - B. Windward-leeward marks will be inflatable marks.
- 8.2 PHRF Division:
  - A. The courses will be around government marks, inflatable windward-leeward marks set by the race committee, and/or a distance race.
- 8.3 Course descriptions will be provided in the sailing instructions
- 8.4 The approximate position of the starting area will be announced approximately 45min before the initial warning signal each day. VHF Channel will be in the sailing instructions.

## 9 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 9.1 Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty, unless the boat has broken a rule while in the *zone*, in which case the penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.

## 10 CLASSES

- 10.1 Boats will be placed in classes (designated by numbers 1, 2, 3, etc.) at the discretion of the Race Committee. A listing of entrants by class and starting area will be available online at the Yacht Scoring website. It is the intent of the organizing authority to have a J105 class, a non-spinnaker class and a spinnaker class.

## 11 CLASS FLAGS

- 11.1 Each boat shall display the numeral pennant for its class on its backstay or, in the absence of a backstay, from its stern rail.

## 12 SCORING

- 12.1 One-race shall constitute a series.
- 12.2 The Low Point System of Appendix "A" of RRS will apply, except that all races will be scored; there will be no throw-outs.

## 13 BERTHING

- 13.1 Boats may be berthed at Liberty Landing Marina <http://www.libertylandingmarina.com/> Reservations are essential.

## 14 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 14.1 Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with the prior permission of the Race Committee.

## 15 NAVIGATION RULES

- 15.1 Boats interacting in NY Harbor with vessels not racing are cautioned to observe the [USCG Commandant Instruction M16672.2D, Navigation Rules](#) and to yield right of way to vessels restricted in their ability to maneuver, especially to tugs, ferries, and barges. Any boat observed to impede such traffic may receive a DSQ.

## 16 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

- 16.1 Except in an emergency, or to report a protest or withdrawal, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.
- 16.2 All yachts shall carry an operable VHF Radio capable of transmitting and receiving on channels 9, 13, 16, 68. VHF channel 68 will be used for communications with the RC.

## 17 PRIZES

- 17.1 Overall prizes will be given to the top three boats of each division that has more than 5 entries. For divisions that have less than 5 entries, there will be prizes for the top finishing boat only. Prizes will be mailed to each competitor.

## 18 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 18.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk, RRS Rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority accepts no liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta and:

By registering for this event, the person-in-charge of each boat agrees with the following:

1) My crew and I recognize that sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury, sickness and disease (including communicable diseases such as COVID-19) associated with it. We have read rule 4, Decision to Race, and hereby acknowledge and agree that we are participating in this event entirely at our own risk.

2) I acknowledge and agree that neither the organizing authority, host club nor the race committee, nor their members will be responsible for: a) any damage to the entered boat or my other property, or b) any injury, sickness or disease (including communicable diseases such as COVID-19) to my crew or me, including death, sustained as a result of our participation in this event.

3) I hereby waive all claims, which I, or any heir, representative, successor or assignee, may have against Liberty Yacht Club and its officers, trustees, members, committees, employees or agents, sponsors or any other organization or official, arising out of or in any way connected with participation in such race or activity with respect to personal injury, sickness or disease (including communicable diseases such as COVID-19) or property damage suffered by my crew or me as a result of our participation in this event, whether on the water or on shore, and hereby release the race organizers from any liability for such injury, sickness or disease (including communicable diseases such as COVID-19) or damage to the fullest extent permitted by law.

4) I have taken all necessary steps to ensure that my crew and I and my entered boat are adequately prepared for all possible contingencies, including carrying and using appropriate safety equipment as may be required by law, racing rules and that a prudent seaman would consider advisable. I agree to be bound by all rules that govern this event. I will inform all crewmembers of the conditions stated herein for their participation in such racing.

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## **19 COVID-19 PROTOCOLS**

- 19.1 Skippers and crews shall comply with the State, Local and Liberty Landing Marina's Covid-19 Protocols as required. A breach of this rule shall not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a). 10.2 Please be advised that due to the current COVID-19 situation, there are increased protocols in place and limited amenities available at LYC and Liberty Landing Marina.

## **20 CONTACT INFORMATION**

- 20.1 For further information contact:

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