

# LIBERTY CUP REGATTA

## September 12, 2020

NOTICE OF RACE & REGISTRATION AT:  
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One-Design

PHRF (Spin & non-spin)

Saturday night BBQ



## LIBERTY YACHT CLUB

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80 Audry Zapp Drive, Jersey City, NJ





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Organizing Authority (OA) – Liberty Yacht Club

## Sailing Instructions

### 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.
- 1.2 For the J105 Class, RRS rule 87, CR 7.1 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.
- 1.3 Should there be a conflict between the sailing instructions and the Notice of Race (NOR), the sailing instructions will take precedence. This changes RRS rule 63.7.

### 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the event website: <http://www.yachtscoring.com>

### 3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Any change to the schedule of races will be posted on the event website before 2000 on the day before it will take effect.
- 3.2. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the event website before 0900 on the day it will take effect.
- 3.3. The Race Committee (RC) may make changes to these sailing instructions verbally on the water via VHF Ch 68, at its sole discretion.

### 4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed at the Lightship at Liberty Landing Marina , NJ  
When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than one hour' in the race signal AP description. This changes RRS Signals

### 5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Saturday, September 14

1225          Warning signal for the first race

- 5.1          It is the intention of the RC to run as many races as possible. Code Flag 'A' displayed either at or soon after the finish indicates that there will be no further racing that day. Also, it is the RC's intention not to have a warning signal after 1630 on Saturday.

### 6. CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1          The class flag for starting purposes for the J/105 division will be the #1 pennant.
- 6.2          The class flag for starting purposes for the PHRF Spinnaker division will be the #2 pennant
- 6.3          The class flag for starting purposes for the PHRF Non-Spinnaker division will be the #3 pennant

## 7. RACING AREA

- 7.1 Races will be held in Upper Hudson Bay. Appendix 1 shows the approximate locations of the starting areas.
- 7.2 The Upper Hudson Bay is a commercial and recreational area; there will be ferries, barges, tugboats and other commercial and recreational vessels transiting the area.
- 7.3 The RC will be located on a motor yacht either near the Bay Ridge Flats south of Governors' Island (start area #1) or Jersey Flats north of Robbins Reef (start area #2) and will announce their position over vhf channel 68 approximately 30 min prior to the first warning signal.

## 8. THE COURSES

- 8.1 The course to be sailed for all divisions will be posted on 2 course boards located on the RC signal boat at the starting line no later than the first division's warning signal. Please note that which course board to use for your class.
- 8.2 The courses may be windward-leeward utilizing inflatable drop marks and/or government marks, or multi-directional using government marks.
  - A. **For windward-leeward courses**, the RC will post on the signal boat at the starting line, the classes along the top, a W2 or W4 indicating number of legs, the windward and leeward marks to be rounded, and the approximate bearing and distance to the windward mark. Distance will be in NM and bearing in degrees magnetic. An example of a windward leeward course is diagramed in SI Appendix 2.

Course board example – Windward/Leeward courses

<b>CLASS</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>II</b>		
<b>COURSE</b>	<b>W2</b>	<b>W4</b>		
<b>WINDWARD MARK</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>W</b>		
<b>NM</b>	<b>1.41</b>	<b>.75</b>		
<b>MAG</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>180</b>		
<b>LEEWARD MARK</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>L</b>		

- B. **For multi directional type courses**, the Race Committee will post on the RC Signal boat at the starting line the sequence of marks to be sailed. The government mark designations are listed in SI Appendix 1. NOTE: Classes are listed along the top of the board, marks along the left side.

Course board example – Multi-directional courses

			Class #	
	<b>CLASS/MARK</b>	<b>III</b>	<b>IV</b>	
	<b>1</b>	F	E	
Mark #	<b>2</b>	I	C	
	<b>3</b>	D	K	
	<b>4</b>	FIN	D	
	<b>5</b>		FIN	

- 8.3 Courses will also be announced via VHF radio on channel 68.
- 8.4 All marks shall be rounded to port for windward-leeward courses and multidirectional courses.

## 9. MARKS

- 9.0. For windward-leeward courses, rounding marks will be inflatable buoys or government aids to navigation buoys whose locations are indicated on the attached course chart.
- 9.1. The starting and finishing mark will be the course mark near the RC boat. (a yellow or orange inflatable buoy)

## 10. THE START

- 10.0. The starting sequence will be signaled in accordance with RRS 26.
- 10.1. A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
- 10.2. The RC may or may not roll the starts. The RC will notify the fleet via radio its intention as to whether they will roll the starts.
- 10.3. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag by the race committee and the course side of the starting mark.
- 10.4. The Starting Area shall extend along the Starting Line in both directions for 200yards. Boats whose Preparatory Signal has not been made shall keep clear of the Starting Area and of all boats whose Preparatory Signal has been made.
- 10.5. Without infringing upon the foregoing rule, each boat should, prior to the Warning Signal of her class, approach the Signal Boat so that she will be assured of being recorded as a starter. **There is to be no check-in via radio.** The Race Committee will not acknowledge boats attempting to do so.

## 11. RECALLS

- 11.0. The race committee may courtesy hail boats identified as on the course side at the start by sail number or boat name on VHF CH 68. Any actions of the RC with respect to such courtesy hails is not a basis for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

## 12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.0. For W/L courses: to change the next leg of the course, the RC may lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. If there is a course change that requires a new mark, that new mark will be a yellow & back inflatable ball buoy. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
- 12.1. A race may be shortened at any mark of the course by an RC boat flying code flag "S". In such case, the finish line will be between the course mark and the "S" flag on the RC boat.

## 13. THE FINISH

- 13.0. The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag by the RC and the course side of the finishing mark.

## 14. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.0. Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty unless the incident occurs in the Zone in which case the Two-Turn Penalty applies.

## 15. TIME LIMITS

- 15.0. Time limit for each race will be two (2) hours for all divisions.
- 15.1. For the J105, boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course in accordance with RRS 28, and finishes, will be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, 63.1, A4 and A5.
- 15.2. For the PHRF Spin and Non spin divisions, Boats failing to finish within 60 minutes after the first boat sails the course in accordance with RRS 28, and finishes will be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, 63.1, A4 and A5.

## 16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

***To help avoid the risk of spreading the corona virus to others - PROTESTS ARE STRONGLY DISCOURAGED in this regatta. However if you feel you absolutely must place a protest please follow the protocols set forth below:***

- 16.0. Intention to protest for a rule of Part 2 and the boat being protested shall be signaled to the Race Committee on the VHF Channel 68 at the finish of a race, until acknowledged by the Race Committee. This modifies rule 61.1(a).
- 16.1. Arbitration will be held in accordance with Appendix T
- 16.2. One representative from each boat will meet with an arbitrator unless the protestor requests that the protest be withdrawn.
- 16.3. The arbitrator will not be a member of the protest committee that hears the protest but will be permitted to observe the testimony given and offer testimony.
- 16.4. Boats may not protest other boats for breaches of: retirement from race notification or safety equipment. The penalty for breaking these rules is at the discretion of the Protest Committee and may be less than disqualification. This changes rule 60.1(a).

## 17. SCORING

- 17.0. The scoring system will be the Low Point System and each boat's regatta score will be the total of that boat's scores in all the races. There will be no excluded races. This changes RRS A2.
- 17.1. One race will constitute a series.

## 18. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.0. USCG approved personal flotation devices (PFD) shall be worn by all crew aboard at all times.
- 18.1. Any boat withdrawing before the start or retiring from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible on VHF channel 68.
- 18.2. Security Zones – The USCG has established a 150-yard security zone around Ellis and Liberty Islands as shown in Appendix 4. Additionally there is a 100-yard security zone around all US Naval or Coast Guard vessels. These security zones are considered obstructions on the racecourse and no boat is allowed to sail inside the security zones. If on station, security Zones are marked with white buoys with orange bands and diamonds.
- 18.3. Weather Protocols – In accordance with the USCG Marine Event Permit, there may be no racing if the wind gusts to speeds greater than 25 knots, there is lightning, thunderstorms or visibility is less than 1 nautical mile. A race may be postponed or abandoned if any of these conditions exist. If a race is abandoned for weather, teams will be notified via VHF Ch 68 and may be directed to proceed to the berthing areas.
- 18.4. Boats interacting in NY Harbor with vessels not racing are cautioned to observe the [USCG Commandant Instruction M16668.2D, 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 will receive a DSQ.

## 19. REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT

- 19.0. Substitution or repair of damaged or lost equipment must comply with or conform to the class rules.

## 20. ADVERTISING

- 20.0. Pursuant to CR 2.8 and ISAF Regulation 20, ISAF Advertising Code, including ISAF Regulation 20.5.6(a), no advertising shall be permitted on boats.

## 21. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 21.0. All boats shall be launched by 1000 hours by September 12, 2020 and must remain in the water through the end of the regatta. Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Race Committee.

## **22. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

- 22.0. Each boat shall carry a radio capable of transmitting and receiving on VHF channels 9, 13, 16, 68 and 72. Except in an emergency, 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.
- 22.1. Courtesy broadcasts to the fleet will be on VHF channel 68 however the courtesy broadcast channel may be changed on the water. Multiple courtesy broadcasts on VHF channel 68 stating the change to the new channel will be made prior to the change.
- 22.2. Assistance from Race Committee - The Race Committee may respond to any questions from sailors even after the race has started and any such answers from the race committee will not be considered outside assistance. Any RC answers are not grounds for protest or redress.
- 22.3. Boats shall not hail Race Committee during any starting sequence.

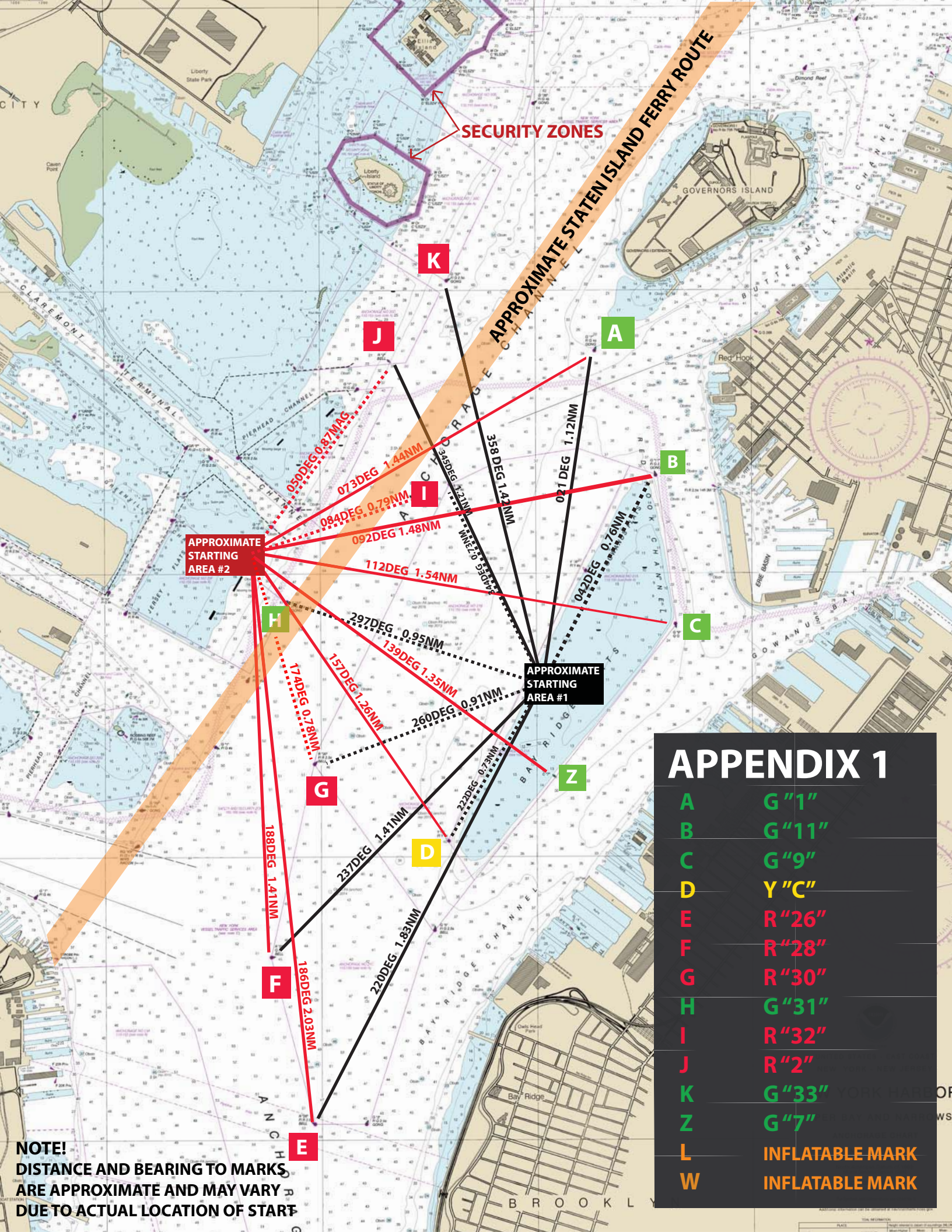
## **23. PRIZES**

- 23.0. Regatta prizes will be awarded to the top 3 boats for each division having 5 or more boats. Only a 1<sup>st</sup> place prize will be awarded to each division with less than 5 boats.
- 23.1. Prizes will be awarded on the docks of Liberty Landing Marina, after the conclusion of racing on Saturday.

## **24. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

- 24.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, of the RRS 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.

**SEE ATTACHED APPENDICES 1 & 2**



SECURITY ZONES

APPROXIMATE STATEN ISLAND FERRY ROUTE

APPROXIMATE STARTING AREA #2

APPROXIMATE STARTING AREA #1

## APPENDIX 1

A	G"1"
B	G"11"
C	G"9"
D	Y"C"
E	R"26"
F	R"28"
G	R"30"
H	G"31"
I	R"32"
J	R"2"
K	G"33"
Z	G"7"
L	INFLATABLE MARK
W	INFLATABLE MARK

**NOTE!**  
 DISTANCE AND BEARING TO MARKS  
 ARE APPROXIMATE AND MAY VARY  
 DUE TO ACTUAL LOCATION OF START

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## Appendix 2 – Windward/Leeward Courses

