



INDIAN HARBOR YACHT CLUB
65th ANNUAL STRATFORD SHOAL RACE
THE GEARBUSTER
Saturday, October 10, 2020

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1. This race will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2. The measurement rules used will be PHRF Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker rules as administered by the YRA of LIS.
- 1.3. This race is a qualifier for the YRALIS Windigo, Sagola, du Moulin, King's Point, Mertz and Youth Challenge Cup trophies.
- 1.4. PHRF boats will be scored using the distance racing handicap issued by the YRA of LIS and scored using time-on-distance.
- 1.5. Participants shall be required to comply with basic US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements (SER) 2020 for Nearshore Category Races, available online at ussailing.org and linked [here](#).
 - 1.5.1. Add to US Sailing SER 3.19.1: If no magnetic compass is permanently mounted, a handheld magnetic compass, suitable for steering at sea, may be used.
- 1.6. Each boat shall fly from its backstay six or more feet above the deck a numeral pennant corresponding to its class.
- 1.7. Any Plus One class(es) may be included provided there are at least five entries. Any Plus One class(es) will be treated as separate for the purpose of awarding the Windward and Todd trophies.
- 1.8. One design class(es) may be included, provided there are five or more entries. If applicable, one design class(es) shall comply with class rules. Any one design class will be treated as separate for the purpose of awarding the Windward and Todd trophies.

2. DOUBLE-HANDED RULES

- 2.1. Crew limit is two persons, one of whom must be 18 years of age or older.
- 2.2. Wind vanes or electric self-steering devices may be used.
- 2.3. Jack lines must be rigged both port and starboard, and run from the cockpit to the bow.

3. YOUTH CHALLENGE RULES

- 3.1. Youth Challenge entries shall meet the requirement that 1/3 of the crew's ages are between 14 and 23 (rounded to the nearest whole number) and shall send a confirmation email to scores@yralis.org indicating the total number of crew and the number of qualified youth on board.
- 3.2. Youth Challenge entries shall fly code flag "Juliet" along with its class flag on its backstay and add the initials "YC" after the yacht's name on the entry form.

4. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 4.1. This race is open to boats owned by or under charter to members of the YRA of LIS or other US Sailing Association, and boats of foreign registry including PHRF fully crewed, PHRF Plus One, PHRF double-handed and PHRF fully crewed/non-spinnaker and any one-design fleet with five or more entries.
 - 4.1.1. Plus One entrants sail with a maximum number aboard equal to the first digit of a boat's rated length over all plus one subject to notice (e.g.: a 36' boat can have up to four crew).
- 4.2. Entry is via the appropriate yachtscore.com event site (search on "gearbuster").

- 4.3. Entries and payment must be submitted online and completed prior to Thursday, October 8, 2020.
- 4.4. Entry fee is \$95. Entries received after Sunday, October 4, 2020 will be subject to a late fee of \$20.
- 4.5. All entries must have a current YRS of LIS measurement certificate in order to be scored.
- 4.6. Competitors are encouraged to use the *Kattack* app while racing to allow for post-race playback and live tracking for spectators.

5. SCHEDULE

The first warning is scheduled for 1055, Saturday, October 10, 2020.

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available online at yachtscoring.com prior to Friday, October 9, 2020.

7. COURSES

- 7.1. The course for all boats racing with spinnakers is Stratford Shoal Light leaving this mark to port, Finish. The course length is 46.5 nautical miles (“long course”).
- 7.2. The course for the non-spinnaker is G “11B” FI G 4s Gong leaving this mark to port, Finish. The course distance is 19 nautical miles (“short course”).
 - 7.2.1. Other fleets including One Design will be assigned to long or short course at the discretion of the Race Committee.
 - 7.2.2. Course lengths are determined by the RC.

8. ALTERNATIVE COURSE OPTION

If the race committee displays code flag “C” prior to the warning for the first start, the courses are:

- 8.1. For spinnaker classes, G “11B” FI 4s Gong north of Eaton’s Neck Point leaving this mark to port, Finish. The course distance is 19 nautical miles (“long course”).
- 8.2. For non-spinnaker classes, R “32A” FL R2.5s Bell, then R “32” FL R 2.5s Bell leaving both marks to port, Finish. The course distance is 9.4 nautical miles (“short course”).
- 8.3. Course lengths are determined by the RC.

9. PRIZES

- 9.1. The Windward Cup, a perpetual prize, will be awarded to the winner based on corrected time of the class with the largest number of starters sailing the long course.
- 9.2. The William H. Todd Trophy, a perpetual prize, will be awarded to the winner based on corrected time on the long-course.
- 9.3. The Philip F. Miller III Trophy, a perpetual prize, will be awarded to the overall non-spinnaker winner on corrected time on the short course.
- 9.4. First, second and third place prizes will be awarded in each class.
- 9.5. Prizes will be mailed to competitors.

10. MOORINGS

Moorings are available at no charge from October 8 through October 12, 2020. Reservations are required and should be made through [Dockwa](http://Dockwa.com). The standard mooring fee will be credited back through the app after a mooring request is made. IHYC operates on VHF 68. Longer-duration moorings are available, at a discounted event price of \$25/night.

11. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 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.

12. CONTACT INFORMATION

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