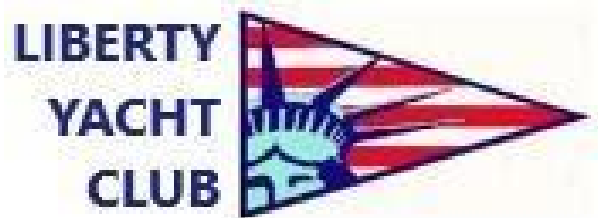




# Wednesday Night Race Series 2024

May 1 - September 18

**NOTICE OF RACE**



(ORGANIZING AUTHORITY)



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### NOTICE OF RACE

#### 1.0 RULES:

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing, including the US Sailing Prescriptions; the current PHRF regulations, as administered by the PHRF-MA; except as any of these are changed by this Notice of Race and/or by the Sailing Instructions.

#### 2.0 ELIGIBILITY:

The series is open to all sailing yachts in and around the NY Harbor area that are at least 24' in length. ***Each Yacht must have a current year PHRF certificate from the PHRF-MA submitted no later than two-days before the race in which a yacht wishes to participate.*** Weight and crew limits pertaining to PHRF certificates will be waived for the series. *Any Yachts racing in a one design class must comply with the requirements of that class with the exception of weight limits.*

Yachts may enter by going to the club website: [www.LibertyYachtClub.org](http://www.LibertyYachtClub.org) and go to the Racing Menu. From there, there will be a direct link Yacht Scoring to complete the online form.

#### 3.0 CLASSIFICATION AND ADVERTISING

This is a Level A event under CR 3.6.

A Yacht and her crew shall comply with ISAF Regulation 20, Advertising Code.

#### 4.0 ENTRY FEES:

Each **Series** is up to 7 nights of racing, a **Season** consists of 3 consecutive **Series**.

Season: \$450 (\$400 if registered before April 10 or if the Skipper/Owner is a member of LYC)

Series: \$200 per series

Individual race: \$25\*

*\*Note: Limited to two individual races per series. Boats entering an individual race, will not be included in the scoring for the series.*

Entries and payment must be received no later than two-days before each Series start. Individual race or late entries must be received no later than two days before the race a yacht wishes to participate in.

#### 5.0 SCHEDULE & START TIME:

Skipper's meeting 4/17/24 1900hrs. Location: Zoom (or similar) meeting

Series 1 - **5/1\***, **5/8\***, 5/15, 5/22, 5/29, 6/5, 6/12

*(\*The first two nights of racing will be practice and will not be scored)*

Series 2 – 6/19, 6/26, 7/3, 7/10, 7/17, 7/24, 7/31

Series 3 – 8/7, 8/14, 8/21, 8/28, 9/4, 9/11, 9/18

Awards Party - 9/25

The warning signal for the first class will be made approximately at 1810. It is the intent for the RC to have rolling starts (the warning signal for the second or subsequent classes will be the starting signal of the previous class). The First and Second classes may have a combined start if the Race Committee chooses in order to maximize time racing. If time permits, there may be more than 1 race in a night, but no race shall start later than 8:00pm.



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#### 6.0 CLASSES

Yachts 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 will be available online on Yacht Scoring. Depending on the composition of entries, it is the intent of the organizing authority to have the fleet divided into classes and as follows: Spinnaker A, Spinnaker B, Non-spinnaker, and One-Design. If there are 4 or more Yachts of the same design, they may be given their own class, but it will be the discretion of the RC on the day of racing to decide if they have their own start.

#### 7.0 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:

Sailing Instructions will be available on Yacht Scoring and the club website as the event draws closer.

A MANDATORY Skipper's & Crew meeting will be held in April prior to the first Tune-up race to review Sailing Instructions. Location TBD or may be a Zoom presentation. At least one member (preferably two) of each boat shall attend.

#### 8.0 RACING AREA:

The racing area will be in the Upper Hudson Bay in NY Harbor and as per the course sheets in the Sailing Instructions. Generally the starting line will be located south of Green Can 1 at the mouth of Morris Canal unless announced otherwise by the RC. Race Committee Signal Yacht will announce their position prior to the first warning signal.

#### 9.0 COURSES:

The courses to be sailed will generally be around government marks. An inflatable mark may be set as well. Course sheets will be provided in the Sailing Instructions. Course Numbers will be displayed on a course board aboard the RC Yacht at the starting line.

#### 10.0 PENALTY SYSTEM:

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.

#### 11.0 NOTICES:

Notices, including notices that may amend the Notice of Regatta or Sailing Instructions, will be posted on the Club website or on Yacht Scoring. Notices regarding race cancellations or postponements due to weather, will be made via text or email message (or other blast communication) to all registered participants. It is the intent of the RC to announce *Racing, No Racing, or Racing TBD on water*, between 4:30 and 4:45pm on the day of racing.

#### 12.0 EQUIPMENT:

Yachts shall observe the recommendations of the ISAF 2018 Safety Equipment Requirements (SER) for racing "Near Shore".

#### 13.0 RACE COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS:

All yachts shall volunteer a member of their regular crew to assist the Race Committee for a minimum of one race night. A rotating schedule will be determined during each series.

#### 14.0 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS:

All yachts shall carry an operable VHF Radio capable of transmitting and receiving on channels 9, 13, 16, 63, 68, 72 & 73.



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Except in an emergency, or to report a withdrawal, a yacht shall neither make radio transmissions during the starting sequence or while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all yachts. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones, tablets, etc.

#### 15.0 SCORING:

Each division will be scored separately. In order to be eligible for series or season prizes, a Yacht must start in at least 75% of races that are completed in each series (*Note: the first 2 nights in Series I are practice races and do not count towards standings*). Either the Low point average or High point percentage system will be used. Scoring system will be established before the Sailing Instructions are issued. All Yachts not in a one-design class will be scored using their PHRF handicaps provided by the PHRF-MA and based on a time on time format. One-race shall constitute a series. There will be one throw out race for every five races a yacht is scored within as series. Scoring will be announced and posted approximately within two hours after RC returns to the docks. Weekly finishing places will be shown on Yacht Scoring, however overall series and seasonal standings will be posted on LYC's website.

#### 16.0 POST RACE SOCIALS AND PRIZES:

Post Race events may be held after racing. They will either be on the Lightship deck, on the docks of LLM or at a local restaurant/Bar such as Surf City. Location will be announced on the day of racing. Series prizes will be awarded at the post race event at the end of each series. Season winners will be awarded prizes at the LYC's end of season party.

#### 17.0 NAVIGATION RULES

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.

#### 18.0 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY/RESPONSIBILITY FOR SAFETY:

By participating in this event and any related activity sponsored or undertaken by Liberty Yacht Club, the owner, helmsman and each crew member agree: that they understand that sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of serious bodily injury (including permanent disability, paralysis and death by drowning or otherwise), property damage and other economic loss; that the safety of the Yacht and her crew and the decision whether or not to start or continue to race is solely their responsibility and at their own risk, see RRS 3 "Decision to Race"; that Liberty Yacht Club and its officers, trustees, members, committees, employees, agents, and sponsors will not be responsible for damage to any Yacht or other property, or to any participant, including injury or death; and that each of them releases and waives all claims which he or she, or any heir, representative, successor or assignee, may have against Liberty Yacht Club and its officers, trustees, members, committees, employees, agents and/or sponsors, arising out of or in any way connected with participation in such race or activity. Assistance, if any, from the race committee or other Liberty Yacht Club vessels, or patrol Yachts, from any personnel manning them, is at the risk of the participant. It is the Yacht owners' responsibility to ensure all participants agree with this disclaimer of liability, execute all necessary waivers, and are aware of their personal responsibility or safety. In the event a Yacht is determined to be at fault, it is that Yacht owner's responsibility to ensure remedy or restitution for any damage caused by their boat or crew.



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#### **19.0 INSURANCE:**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 combined single limit. Competitors are solely responsible for obtaining the required coverage.

#### **20.0 CONTACT INFORMATION:**

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