



**INDIAN HARBOR YACHT CLUB**  
**14<sup>th</sup> Annual Geartester Distance Race**  
**Saturday, May 18th, 2024**

*Test it, then Bust it*



**NOTICE OF RACE**

**Posted Feb 20, 2024**

**1. RULES**

- 1.1 The race will be governed by the *rules* as defined in the *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 Indian Harbor Yacht Club is the Organizing Authority (OA).
- 1.3 The measurement rules are YRA of LIS PHRF Spinnaker, Double-Handed, Non-Spinnaker, IMS Rules and ORC Rating Systems as well as any applicable one-design class rules.
- 1.4 The race shall serve as a qualifier for the YRA of LIS Windigo, Sagola, du Moulin, King's Point, Mertz and Youth Challenge Cup trophies.
- 1.5 Participants are required to comply with current US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements (SER) for Nearshore Category Races, available online:  
<https://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/Monohull-SER-2023.0-Nearshore.pdf>
  - 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 her backstay, six or more feet above deck, a numeral pennant corresponding to her class as designated by the Scratch Sheet.
- 1.7 One design class(es) may be included, provided there are five or more entries.
  - 1.7.1 If applicable, one design class(es) shall comply with class rules.
- 1.8 All boats shall carry a working VHF radio capable of communicating on various channels.

**2. DOUBLE HANDED EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS & RESTRICTIONS**

- 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 Jacklines must be rigged both port and starboard, and run from the cockpit to the bow.

**3. ELIGIBILITY, ENTRY & FEES**

- 3.1 The race is open to monohull boats with current YRALIS PHRF or ORC (club or international) certificates. Entrants in any of the PHRF fleets must have a rating of 210 or lower.
- 3.2 Eligible fleets may include PHRF Fully Crewed/Spinnaker, Double-Handed/Spinnaker, PHRF Fully Crewed/Non-Spinnaker, ORC and any One Design class(es) (subject to 1.7).
- 3.3 Entry is via [yachtscoring.com](http://yachtscoring.com).
- 3.4 Entry must be completed by 2359 Wednesday, May 15, 2024.
- 3.5 Entry fee is \$125.

**4. SCHEDULE**

1055hrs First Signal

*Following racing please join us for complimentary beer, food and the announcement of the winners. Physical awards will be available at the IHYC Front Desk within 2-3 weeks following the race.*

**5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS & SCRATCH SHEETS**

- 5.1 Sailing Instructions will be available beginning on or before May 17, 2024 online via [yachtscoring.com](http://yachtscoring.com).

- 5.2 The Final Scratch Sheet will be available no later than 1700 May 17, 2024 online via [yachtscoring.com](http://yachtscoring.com).
- 5.2.1 A Provisional Scratch Sheet will be available online but is subject to change up until this deadline.

## 6. COURSES, MARKS, & OBSTRUCTIONS

- 6.1 Courses will be between 6 and 26 nautical miles depending on conditions.
- 6.2 Courses will be described in the Sailing Instructions.
- 6.3 The start line will be east of Little Captain Island **outside** Captain Harbor between Flat Neck Point Shoal RN "2" (near 40°59.746N/073°35.479W) and a yellow flag on the signal boat.
- 6.4 The finish line will be **inside** Captain Harbor between RN "2" (near 40°59.905N/073°37.277W) and a yellow flag on the finish boat located near RN "2". Note: This NOT the same RN "2" as used for the start.
- 6.5 The line extending from the eastern shore of Great Captain Island to the western shore of Little Captain Island is deemed to be a continuing obstruction and shall not be transited.
- 6.6 GB1(Little Captain Island East Reef Lighted Gong Buoy 1) and 1A (Hen And Chickens Buoy 1a) shall be passed on the channel side.

## 7. SCORING

- 7.1 PHRF results will be scored using YRALIS PHRF distance ratings using time-on-time.
- 7.2 ORC results will be scored using a boat's Triple Number All Purpose rating using time-on-time.

## 8. MOORINGS

Complimentary guest moorings are available from 1200hrs Friday, May 17, to 1200hrs Sunday, May 19, 2023. Reservations must be made through [Dockwa](#). A credit or full refund will be applied once the reservation is made. Longer-term moorings related to the event are available at a discounted event fee of \$25/night.

## 9. PRIZES

- 9.1 First, second and third place prizes will be awarded for each class.
- 9.2 For fleets with five or more entries having finished both the Geartester and Gearbuster, prizes will be awarded at the Indian Harbor annual awards dinner to the boat in each fleet deemed by the Organizing Authority to have had the best combined fleet performance.
- 9.3 Trophies for award winners will be made available to competitors for pickup as soon as possible following completion of the event.
- 9.4 Prizes are at the discretion of the OA.

## 10. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See *RRS 3 & 4*. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during or after the regatta.

## 11. PHOTOGRAPHER & MEDIA RIGHTS

Competitors give absolute right and permission for any photographs or video footage taken of them or their competing boat to be published in any media whatsoever; for editorial or advertising purposes, or to be used in press information.

## 12. CONTACT INFORMATION

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Principal Race Officer:

Technical Committee: PHRF Technical Committee, Yacht Racing Association of Long Island Sound  
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