



INDIAN HARBOR YACHT CLUB
64th ANNUAL STRATFORD SHOAL RACE
THE GEARBUSTER
Saturday, October 12, 2019

NOTICE OF RACE
Including Amendment 1

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. All boats must comply with the YRA of LIS Category B minimum equipment recommendations.
- 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 double-handed classes may be included provided there are at least five entries. Any double-handed class will be treated as a separate class for the purpose of awarding the Windward and Todd trophies.
- 1.8. A Level Mod Melges 24 Doublehanded Class may be included provided there are at least five entries. If included, this class shall be exempt from the requirements outlined in NOR 1.5.
- 1.9. **Any Plus One classes may be included provided there are at least five entries. Any Plus one class will be treated as a separate class 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 double-handed and PHRF fully crewed/non-spinnaker and any one-design fleet with five or more entries.
- 4.2. Entry is via the appropriate yachtscoring.com event site (search on "gearbuster").
- 4.3. Entries and payment must be submitted online and completed prior to Thursday, October 10.
- 4.4. Entry fee is \$100. Entries received after Sunday, October 6th will be subject to a late fee of \$25.
- 4.5. All entries must have a current YRS of LIS measurement certificate. Certificates must either be online (http://www.yralis.org/phrf_cert_list) or provided by the entry cut-off date (see notice 12).
- 4.6. From the time of the first warning signal until after her finish, each boat shall utilize the race tracking app *Kattack*.

4.7. Failure to comply with NOR 4.6 may be grounds for disqualification without a hearing at the discretion of the protest committee. This changes RRS 63 and 64.1.

5. SCHEDULE

The first warning will be made at 1055, Saturday, October 12.

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available online at yachtscoring.com and at the IHYC Front Desk prior to Friday, October 11, 2019.

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 and Level Mod Melges 24 fleets is G “11B” FI G 4s Gong leaving this mark to port, Finish. The course distance is 19 nautical miles (“short course”).

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 and Level Mod Melges 24 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”).

9. PRIZES

- 9.1. The Windward Cup, a perpetual prize, will be awarded to the winner of the class sailing the long course with the largest number of starters.
- 9.2. The William H. Todd Trophy, a perpetual prize, will be awarded to the winner of the class sailing the long course with the second largest number of starters.
- 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. All prizes will be awarded at the Indian Harbor Yacht Club Annual Prize Dinner, Friday, November 8, 2019.

10. MOORINGS

Moorings are available at no charge from October 11 through October 15. Reservations are required and should be made through [Dockwa](#). 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, standard fees apply.

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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