



INDIAN HARBOR YACHT CLUB

63rd ANNUAL STRATFORD SHOAL RACE

THE GEARBUSTER

Saturday, October 6, 2018

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 YRA of LIS Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker rules.
- 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 class or one-design classes may be included provided there are sufficient entries as determined by the race committee.

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 at least one third of the crew (rounded to nearest whole number) must be between 14 and 23 years old (in the calendar year) 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 "J" along with its class flag on its backstay and add the initials "YCC" 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 endorsed 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 yachtscoring.com.
- 4.3. Entries and payment must be submitted online and completed prior to Thursday, October 4, 2018.
- 4.4. Entry fee is \$100. Entries received after September 30 are subject to a \$25 late fee.
- 4.5. All entries must have a current YRA of LIS measurement certificate. Certificates must either be available online (http://www.yralis.org/phrf_cert_list) or provided to the contact described in NOR 12 by the the entry cut-off described in NOR 4.3.
- 4.6. From the time of the first warning signal until after her finish, each boat shall utilize the race tracking app TACKTRACKER. Details for use at tacktracker.com.
- 4.7. Failure to comply with instruction 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 1055hrs, Saturday, October 6, 2018.

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available online at yachtscoring.com and at the IHYC Front Desk by 1800hrs Friday October 5, 2018.

7. COURSES

- 7.1. The course for all boats racing with spinnakers is: Start in Captain Harbor, leaving Stratford Shoal Light to port, Finish in Captain Harbor. The course length is 46.5 nautical miles ("long course").
- 7.2. The course for the non-spinnaker fleet is: Start in Captain Harbor, G "11B" FI G 4s Gong leaving this mark to port, Finish in Captain Harbor. 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: Start, 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: Start, 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 overall winner on corrected time for the class with the largest number of starters on the long course.
- 9.2. The William H. Todd Trophy, a perpetual prize, will be awarded to the winner on corrected time for the class with the second-largest number of starters on the long course.
- 9.3. The Philip F. Miller III Trophy, a perpetual prize, will be awarded to the overall winner on corrected time on the short course.
- 9.4. First, second and third place prizes will be awarded in each class.
- 9.5. Any double-handed class will be treated as a separate class for the purpose of awarding the Windward and Todd trophies.
- 9.6. For fleets with five or more entries having finished both the Geartester and Gearbuster, prizes will be awarded at the Indian Harbor prize awards dinner to the boat in each fleet deemed by the Organizing Authority to have had the best combined fleet performance.
- 9.7. All prizes will be awarded at the Indian Harbor Yacht Club Annual Prize Dinner, Friday, November 9, 2018.

10. MOORINGS

Moorings are available at no charge from October 5 through October 8. Reservations are required and should be made by emailing Dustin Bruce dbruce@indianharboryc.com. IHYC operates on VHF 68. Longer-duration moorings are available, also by request subject to a discounted event rate 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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