



# Lloyd Harbor Yacht Club

## Sunset Series

July 30, August 6, 13, 20, 27, September 3, 2025

### SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

#### 1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Notice of Race for this Regatta,
- 1.2. The current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) changed as noted in these instructions.

#### 2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the LHYC website at [www.lhyc.org](http://www.lhyc.org) prior to 1800 hours on the day before it will take effect.

#### 3. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 3.1. Any planned postponement or abandonment decisions will be announced prior to 1700 hours on the day of the race. Announcements will be posted on the LHYC website at [www.lhyc.org](http://www.lhyc.org) and distributed to the skippers via the email address used to register the boat.
- 3.2. In the event of severe weather which might compromise the welfare of the race committee (RC), warnings of postponement or abandonment from ashore will be distributed to the skippers via the email address used to register the boat prior to 1600 hours on the day of the race. The final decision will be distributed prior to 1800 hours and may be announced on VHF channel 72 from both Huntington and Northport Harbors.

#### 4. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 4.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the LHYC web site [www.lhyc.org](http://www.lhyc.org) no later than 1200 hours on the day of the race when the change takes effect and will be broadcast on VHF channel 72 prior to the first warning signal. The same and additional notices, at the discretion of the Organizing Authority, may be broadcast on VHF channel 72 prior to the first warning signal.

#### 5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1. Racing is scheduled for six consecutive Wednesdays: July 30, August 6, 13, 20, 27, September 3.
- 5.2. The scheduled time for the first warning signal is 1900 hours.

#### 6. CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1. The number of classes and the class assignment for each boat will be made at the discretion of the RC and indicated on the Scratch Sheet.
- 6.2. Classes will be designated by numeral pennants on the Scratch Sheet and will be displayed during the starting sequence.

- 6.3. Competitors are encouraged to display the numeral pennant for their class on their backstay or, in the absence of a backstay, from a point near the stern.
- 6.4. Boats wishing to change class, e.g., spinnaker to non-spinnaker, shall notify the RC prior to the first warning signal of the first race of their class. The RC will announce any such changes on VHF channel 72.
- 6.5. All boats shall identify themselves to the RC by sailing past the stern of the signal boat on starboard tack with mainsail hoisted prior to the first warning signal.

## 7. RACING AREA

- 7.1. Racing will be held in Huntington Bay.
- 7.2. Rendezvous will be made in Huntington Bay but no further north than Nun “6” off Lloyd Neck. The RC shall attempt to announce the approximate position of the starting area on VHF channel 72 approximately one half hour prior to the first scheduled warning signal.

## 8. COURSE

- 8.1. Course signals will be made by posting a letter on a board of the RC boat. The letter indicates the course to sail as indicated in the table below. All marks are to be rounded in the order listed and left to port.

COURSE	MARK
A	Inflatable Mark – “W” windward
	Inflatable Mark - “L” leeward
	Inflatable Mark - “W” windward
	Inflatable Mark - “L” leeward
B	Inflatable Mark - “W” windward
	Inflatable Mark - “L” leeward
	Inflatable Mark – “W” windward
	Inflatable Mark - “L” leeward
	Inflatable Mark – “W” windward
C	Bell “8” (Target Rock) windward
	Inflatable Mark - “L” leeward
	Bell “8” (Target Rock) windward
	Inflatable Mark - “L” leeward
D	Inflatable Mark – “W” windward
	Inflatable Mark - “L” leeward
	Inflatable Mark – “W” windward
	Inflatable Mark - “L” leeward
	Inflatable Mark – “W” windward
	Inflatable Mark - “L” leeward
E	Inflatable Mark – “W” windward
	Bell “8” (Target Rock) leeward
	Inflatable Mark – “W” windward
	Bell “8” (Target Rock) leeward

- 8.2. Government aids to navigation, when not designated as marks of the course, may be disregarded at the discretion of the skipper.

- 8.3. Classes designated for either the “L-Long” or “S- Short” courses will be indicated on the Scratch Sheet.
- 8.4. If the course is changed after posting, but prior to the first warning signal, three sound signals will be made.

## 9. MARKS

- 9.1. The starting mark will be an orange flag with an “X” marked on it.
- 9.2. Inflatable mark “W” (windward) will be located approximately 1 NM (or as close as possible) to windward of the starting line.
- 9.3. Inflatable mark “L” (leeward) will be located in the vicinity of the starting line.
- 9.4. Bell “8” (Target Rock) government mark may be used as a windward or leeward mark.
- 9.5. The finish mark will be an inflatable mark on the opposite side of the signal boat than the start unless the course is shortened in accordance with RRS 32.2.

## 10. THE START

- 10.1. Races will be started according to RRS 26 using a rolling sequence where the Start of one division is the Warning Signal for the following division unless otherwise announced by the RC.
- 10.2. The starting line will be between an orange flag on the signal boat and the flag on the starting mark as described in 9.1 or a nearby mark of the course.
- 10.3. Individual recalls may be signalled by hailing the sail number (or other distinguishing feature) of each recalled boat. Flag X will be displayed in accordance with RRS 29.1.
- 10.4. The RC will attempt to identify OCS boats and broadcast their sail numbers via VHF channel 72. Failure of a boat to see or hear her recall notification and the timing and order of such hail shall not be cause for redress. This changes RRS 61.4(b)(1).
- 10.5. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall stay clear of the starting area and boats in their starting sequence.
- 10.6. Any boat starting later than ten minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS Appendix A 5.1. A5.3 is in effect.
- 10.7. If the automated starting system is used, i.e., the Ollie System, racers should be aware of the short, repetitive sounds emitted prior to the initial warning signal and not consider them part of the starting sequence.

## 11. CHANGE OF COURSE

- 11.1. Courses will not be changed after the first start signal, but may be shortened.

## 12. THE FINISH

- 12.1. The finish line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the RC boat and the last mark of the course signalled unless the course is shortened in accordance with RRS 32.2. The race committee boat may shine a light at the mark to highlight the finish line. If finishing after dark, yachts shall shine a light on their sail numbers and report them to the race committee.

## 13. TIME LIMIT

- 13.1. The time limit will be 21:30 for class 1, 21:35 for class 2, 21:40 for class 3, etc. Any boat not finishing by the time limit will be scored "Did Not Finish" (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35 and 63.1. RRS Appendix A5.3 is in effect.

## 14. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1. Penalties at the Time of the Incident
  - 14.1.1. The One-Turn Penalty as described in RRS Appendix V1 is in effect. is modifies RRS 44.1.
- 14.2. Post-Race Penalties

- 14.2.1.** The Post-Race Penalty as defined in RRS Appendix V2 may be taken. The deadline for notifying the Protest Committee of that decision shall be prior to the earlier of: the opening of a protest hearing, or the warning signal of her class on the next day of racing. This modifies V2(a).

## **15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 15.1.** A boat initiating a protest shall immediately after finishing, notify the race committee over VHF channel 72 of its intent to lodge a protest and the identity of the boat(s) being protested, repeating the notification at [reasonable] intervals until acknowledged by the race committee. This changes RRS 60.2.
- 15.2.** Boats shall not be entitled to redress for misstatements by the RC or failure of a boat to hear a broadcast. This modifies RRS 61.4(b)(1).
- 15.3.** Notice of Protest(s) by the RC will be made via VHF channel 72 to inform boats under RRS 60.2(b).
- 15.4.** Protests shall be written on US Sailing protest forms or equivalent and shall be delivered to the Protest Committee Chairman as described in the CONTACTS Section 23.2. Protests shall be delivered in person or via email to [protest@lhyc.org](mailto:protest@lhyc.org) no later than 2200 hours on the day following the race. The same time limit applies to protests by the RC about incidents they observe in their racing area and for requests for redress. This changes RRS 60.3(b)(1).
- 15.5.** Protest hearings will be scheduled accordingly, and posted on the event website at [www.lhyc.org](http://www.lhyc.org) to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
- 15.6.** Appeals for scoring corrections may be made to the Fleet Captain via email at [fleetcapt@lhyc.org](mailto:fleetcapt@lhyc.org) within 48 hours of a boat's finish. Appeals shall include the believed time of finish and witness accounts of the boat finishing immediately ahead and the boat finishing immediately behind the protesting boat. This changes RRS 90.3(e).

## **16. SCORING**

- 16.1.** The Time-on-Time method of calculating corrected times using A= 650 and B= 550 will be employed.
- 16.2.** Each class will be scored separately.
- 16.3.** Six races are scheduled; however, one race will constitute a series.
- 16.4.** A boat's series score will exclude her worst race score if four (4) or more races are completed. This changes RRS A2.1.
- 16.5.** A boat shall receive credit for serving as race committee, provided that the owner schedules his participation in advance, provides the full complement of RC necessary, and the boat is not racing. If the Regatta Committee supplies an advisor, this does not affect qualification for this credit. A score will be awarded for the race in which the boat serves equal to the numerical average of all the races she sails in, less her allowed throw out(s), except that no score will be awarded if her class has no race that day.

## **17. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 17.1.** All boats are cautioned to observe the Navigation Rules of the Road and to extend the right-of-way to commercial vessels, especially those restricted in their ability to manoeuvre, making passage through the racing area. Any boat observed to impede such traffic may be protested by the RC.

## **18. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

- 18.1.** Each boat shall carry and monitor a VHF radio capable of transmitting and receiving on channel 72.
- 18.2.** Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to all mobile devices.
- 18.3.** The RC shall use VHF channel 72 for any radio communications with competitors. As an additional courtesy, radio prompts may be given to preface any actions by the RC. Boats shall not be entitled to redress for the following: misstatements by the RC, or failure of a boat to hear or receive a broadcast.
- 18.4.** The US Coast Guard can be hailed on VHF Channel 16 and by phone at: 631-261-6868.

**18.5.** A boat withdrawing before the start or retiring from a race for any reason is requested to notify the RC by VHF channel 72 at the earliest possible opportunity.

## **19. PRIZES**

- 19.1.** Prizes will be awarded as follows for each class: First, if there are three or more registrants, Second, if five or more, Third if seven or more.
- 19.2.** The Sunset Trophy will be awarded to the best performing PHRF yacht in the Series as determined by the Regatta Committee.
- 19.3.** This is a qualifying race for the North Sails Huntington Bay Boat of the Year Trophy. Participation earns two points.

## **20. CONTACTS**

- 20.1.** Fleet Captain Maryellen Rothberg, [fleetcapt@lhyc.org](mailto:fleetcapt@lhyc.org) (516) 532-8389
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- 20.3.** Fleet Measurer: [measurer@lhyc.org](mailto:measurer@lhyc.org)
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