



# HHYC Duck Island Race

August 17, 2024

*Henderson Harbor Yacht Club*

*Henderson Harbor, NY USA*

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## NOTICE OF RACE

### 1. RULES

The race will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing and PHRF-LO*.

### 2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

2.1 The race is open to monohull boats with a valid PHRF-LO Rating Certificate. Boats without a current PHRF-LO Rating Certificate that wish to race in the NFS fleet may be assigned a temporary rating.

2.2 Flying Sails and White Sails fleets will be scored with two or more boats in the fleet.

2.3 The Henderson Harbor Yacht Club is the organizing authority.

### 3. REGISTRATION

3.1 Boats must register for the Duck Island Race online at [www.hendersonharboryc.com/duck](http://www.hendersonharboryc.com/duck).

3.2 Registration fee will be \$40 USD, payable on site at registration.

3.3 On-site Registration fees must be paid using cash (USD) or check.

### 4. SCHEDULE

Check-In: 7:30-8:00 hrs.

Skippers Meeting: 8:00

Starting sequence Warning signal: 9:00

Finish: 2000 time limit

### 5. MEASUREMENTS

5.1 Boats must meet all equipment requirements of US Sailing Monohull SER Nearshore.

5.2 It is recommended that boats have an engine and sufficient fuel for at least a 25 nm range.

### 6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be posted on the HHYC web site by August 1.

### 7. RACE AREA

7.1 Starting in Henderson Harbor, west to Duck Island and finishing back in Henderson Harbor.

7.2 All participants are strongly urged to carry passports/appropriate documents in case of need to anchor in emergency, accidental groundings, or inspection by border authorities.

### 8. THE COURSES

8.1 The course will be around fixed government marks in an area bounded by Duck Island, Galloo Island, Point Peninsula, Stoney Island, and Henderson Bay. Inflatable marks may be used to define start/finish lines and turning points.

8.2 The nominal distance of the longest course around Duck Island is 50 nm, NFS longest course is nominally 40 nm.

8.3 The course and finish line may be modified by the Race Committee based on conditions at the time with the goal of all boats finishing by dinner time. Cook Your Own Steak/Chicken dinner is being offered at HHYC for a separate fee.

### 9. PENALTY SYSTEM

9.1 Protest Committee: all entered boats are expected to contribute a person to participate as a member on the Protest Committee, subject to rule 63.4 *Conflict of Interest*.

## 10. SCORING

10.1. The race will be scored using the PHRF-LO time-on-time ratings.

## 11. RAFTING AND MOORING

Visiting boats will be kept in the locations assigned by the HHYC Dockmaster upon arrival. Call HHYC on VHF-68 upon approaching the outer mooring area.

## 12. RADIO COMMUNICATION

All boats are required to have a VHF radio that can receive on channels 6-79 at all times. Except in emergency, a boat shall neither make nor receive radio communication not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile devices.

## 13. PRIZES

13.1 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place flags will be awarded in each fleet.

The traditional Head and Tail of the Duck trophies, and fastest boat under 29 feet LOA will be presented.

13.2 The intent is to hold the prize giving ceremony on Saturday night, August 19, 2023 to accommodate visiting boats travel scheduling.

## 14. RISK STATEMENT

RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

## 15. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

15.1 Competitors are solely responsible for the structural integrity of their vessels to participate in this regatta. All captains and crew enter the regatta at their own risk understanding "The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2021-2024." It is further understood the organizing authority will accept NO liability for material damage, personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the event.

15.2 Each Boat Owner is responsible to complete *HHYC Registration/Liability Waiver* at Race Registration. Forms are available at <https://hendersonharboryc.com/Duck>.

## 16. INSURANCE

All competitors that submit an entry form declare they have valid and in force third party insurance with minimum liability coverage of \$300,000.

## 17. FURTHER INFORMATION

Contact the HHYC Organizing Committee at [duck@hendersonharboryc.com](mailto:duck@hendersonharboryc.com) or Dave Poulin at (315) 297-8805 for more information.