



Safe Harbor Marina, 600 Beach Road, West Haverstraw, NY 10993

40th Anniversary

2024 Hudson Cove Yacht Club Merberg Regatta

Saturday and Sunday, June 22-23, 2024

Notice of Race

1. Rules

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by *The Racing Rules of Sailing* and organized by the Hudson Cove Yacht Club.

2. Sailing Instructions

- 2.1. The Sailing Instructions will consist of the HRYRA 2024 Common Sailing Instructions (CSI) and Supplemental Sailing Instructions for this regatta.
- 2.2. The Supplemental Sailing Instructions will be posted on the official notice board and made available for download at the www.hudsoncove.com and www.HRYRA.org websites prior to the first day of racing. Copies will be available at the registration table.

3. Eligibility and Entry

- 3.1. The regatta is open to all cruising class boats that have a valid PHRF rating issued by HRYR or YRALIS.
- 3.2. There will be 4 racing classes: 3 as defined in CSI 6.1 (2 spinnaker, 1 non-spinnaker and 1 double-handed non-spinnaker), using class flag "4" and with a crew size limited to two (2) persons.
- 3.3. A special PHRF DH certificate is available upon request from HRYRA (at no charge for boats with a regular certificate) for use only in the double-handed class. A boat may also compete in the DH class using her regular certificate. However, the SAME certificate must be used by the boat for all races in which the boat competes in the DH class. Boats racing in the DH class are ALLOWED the use of an autopilot.
- 3.4. The entry form for registration will be posted on the www.hudsoncove.com and www.HRYRA.org websites.
 - 3.4.1. Post Mail- if paying by check, make out to HCYC, and mail the check and forms to Gerald Cohen, 12 Sundbury Drive, New City, NY. 10956
 - 3.4.2. Online – go to www.hudsoncove.com , for boat registration and captain's meals, and crew or guest meals proceed to "2024 Merberg Regatta Registration" and click on Register Now. For guest meals only click on "Merberg Regatta Meal Registration" and click on Register Now. Zelle payments accepted.
 - 3.4.3. Day of regatta registration is between 800 and 900 will be accepted but not preferred.

4. Communication

- 4.1. The official noticeboard is located next to the registration desk and tent. The tent is in front of the Safe Harbor Marina's main office in the south parking lot.
- 4.2. Race communications via VHF will be made on **channel 72**.
- 4.3. The Race Committee may make broadcasts to competitors via VHF while on the water or ashore. Except in emergencies, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.
- 4.4. Postponement ashore will be signaled using the AP flag near the registration desk.

5. Registration and Meal Fees

- 5.1. The registration desk and regatta tent will be set up in front of the Safe Harbor Office by the main parking lot.
- 5.2. A registration fee of \$70 for USSA members (\$75 for nonmembers) also includes all meals for captains. Breakfasts are complementary for captains and crew. Crew and guest meals for both Saturday and Sunday are \$40 per person. A catered barbeque dinner and beverages will be served on Saturday and heros and beverages will be served on Sunday after each day's races.

6. Schedule

- 6.1. Registration Saturday, 800-900.
- 6.2. Breakfasts for captain and crew Saturday and Sunday, 800-900.
- 6.3. The skipper's meeting will be held on Saturday at 900 near the registration desk.
- 6.4. Two races will be scheduled on Saturday, first warning time 1100, and two races will be scheduled on Sunday, first warning time 1030. Additional races may be held either day at the discretion of the race committee. Any such races will be announced on VHF by the race committee.

- 6.5. For each class, the subsequent races each day will start as soon as practical after the last finisher of the class's previous race. Sound signals and a VHF announcement will be made prior to subsequent race's warning signal.
- 6.6. When the race committee intends that multiple classes will start at the same time for a race, the warning signal for that race shall be the combination of the class flags for those classes on a single staff. A VHF announcement drawing attention to this will be made prior to the warning signal.
- 6.7. On Saturday, no warning signals will be made after 1400 and on Sunday, no warning signal will be made after 1330.

7. Race Area

- 7.1. Racing will be conducted on the water in Haverstraw Bay, between Croton Point and Stony Point.

8. Courses

- 8.1. The courses are listed in the Supplemental Sailing Instructions along with a map of the marks.

9. Penalty System

- 9.1. The Scoring Penalty will apply as described in CSI 14.

10. Scoring and Prizes

- 10.1. Scoring will be determined using time-on-time correction as stated in CSI 17.
- 10.2. In accordance with the posted notice from YRALIS, PHRF Regulations 2024, paragraph VII Part D, first sentence is changed to be:
Windward/Leeward - Commonly abbreviated to W/L, this rating is ONLY for use in races where all legs of the course are substantially parallel and is adjusted to reflect the boats performance in VMG windward/leeward headings with no significant reaching element to the course.
- 10.3. Awards will be presented to the skippers placing 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each class.

11. Berthing

- 11.1. Slips will be made available by Safe Harbor for participants in the regatta. See registration form for details.

12. Liability Disclaimer

- 12.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk: See RRS 3, "Decision to Race". HCYC will not accept liability for material damage, or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

13. Further Information

- 13.1. Please contact Gerald Cohen at gcohen30@gmail.com