



Scotch Bonnet Light Race

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August 25 – 26, 2023

Genesee Yacht Club

Rochester NY

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1. All boats must comply with Customs and Immigration Rules as listed in Appendix A. The race will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2. All boats must carry the minimum required offshore equipment listed in Appendix B. The race committee reserves the right to inspect any boat to assess compliance.
- 1.3. Class Rules of PHRF-Lake Ontario shall apply.
- 1.4. Rules may be changed in the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.5. All boats are required to use the real time YB Tracking device, prior to and after finishing the race. After completing the race Trackers must be returned to SBLR race officials at the GYC club house.
- 1.6. A boat may use her propulsion engine to get clear after grounding or colliding with a vessel or object, provided the boat does not gain significant advantage in the race.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1. The race is open to all yachts with a current valid PHRF-LO certificate. If you do not have a valid PHRF-LO certificate please contact Race Committee Bill Topping via email billtopping@fronternet.net as early as possible, and prior to late registration. If any participant does not have a valid PHRF-LO certificate prior to the race, one can be issued for a fee of \$36.00.
- 2.2. Each skipper is responsible for providing a complete and accurate crew list. The required form is in Appendix C. It must be submitted at check-in time.

3. FEES and REGISTRATION

- 3.1. Entry fee is \$85.00 USD at <http://www.scotchbonnetrace.com/Registration.html>.
- 3.2. Late Registration Fee \$110.00 USD after Aug 9, 2023 midnight can be accepted if YB Tracking device is available.
- 3.3. Registrations will not be accepted after Tuesday August 22 midnight EST.

4. EVENT SCHEDULE

End of early registration	Tuesday August 9, 2023 at midnight
Registration Deadline	Tuesday August 22, 2023 at midnight
Check – in	Friday August 25, 2023 2:00-5:45 pm
Competitors Meeting	Friday August 25, 2023 6:00 pm
First Warning	Friday August 25, 2022 7:30 pm
Awards Picnic at GYC	Sunday August 27, 2023 12:00 noon
Awards Presentation	Sunday August 27, 2023 3:00 pm

5. Classes and Divisions

- 5.1. PHRF-LO Ratings for registrations will be verified on <http://www.phrf-lo.org/> by the race scorer. Boats without ratings will have one established for the race by the GYC club handicapper or race committee delegate per advance notification in section 2.1.
- 5.2. Divisional Splits shall be based on participation and will be provided at the Skippers Meeting.

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 6.1. The sailing instructions will be available after 2:00PM on Friday August 25 at Genesee Yacht Club. A draft version will be available in advance on the SBLR web site.

7. VENUE

- 7.1. The start and finish will be near the Rochester harbor entrance and details will be provided in the sailing instructions.
- 7.2. Racing area will cover both coastal and open waters of Lake Ontario

8. THE COURSE

- 8.1. The diagram in Attachment D illustrates the intended course. Spinnaker boats will sail the triangular course depicted from start about 0.25NM northwest of Rochester pier light to Watoma Shoals buoy and then north to Scotch Bonnet Island returning to Rochester for the finish. Genoa Only boats will sail from the same starting line to Scotch Bonnet Island and back to Rochester for the finish.

9. SCORING

- 9.1. Appendix A shall apply.

9.2. The scoring system will use PHRF-LO handicap ratings with Time-On-Time correction for PHRF divisions.

9.3. There will be no exclusions.

10. RADIO Communications

10.1 All boats are required to carry VHF radios capable of sending and receiving Channels 9, 13, 68, 71, 72 and 16.

10.2. Except in an emergency boats shall not exchange information among themselves. Exception is made for the exchange of location specifics for vessels in the shipping lanes.

10.3. Mobile phones may be used for emergencies only.

11. PRIZES

11.1. Prizes shall be awarded as follows:

Participation fags will be awarded to all boats entering the race. Trophies will be awarded to the 1st place finisher in each division and fags will be awarded to the top three finishers in each division. The following six perpetual trophies and plaques will also be awarded:

Founder's Cup for the first GYC yacht under 30' LOA to finish the regular course of the Scotch Bonnet Light Race

Allen Trophy for the Best Corrected Time of the entire Spinnaker Fleet

Giambra Trophy for the First Mono-Hull to Finish, Elapsed Time

Stewart Trophy for the best Corrected Time of the entire Non-Spinnaker Fleet

Warren Miller "New Issue" Trophy for the first new skipper to finish on corrected time, Genoa Only course.

SBLR Ernie Coleman Memorial Trophy will be awarded to the participating yacht club with the best 3 finishing mono-hull boats in either the Spinnaker and/or Genoa Only fleets. Each club must have at least 3 boats participating in the race to qualify for the Coleman Trophy.

12. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. 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.

13. OWNER/SKIPPER RESPONSIBILITIES

The safety of a sailing yacht and her crew is the sole responsibility of the owner and the skipper. The owner and the skipper must make certain that the yacht is fully found seaworthy and well crewed. They must satisfy themselves as to the soundness of the hull, spars, rigging, sails, and equipment. They must see to it that all safety equipment is properly maintained and stowed, that the crew has been instructed in its use, and that the equipment is deployed when necessary. Neither the minimum required equipment, nor the inspection of a yacht by the race committee for compliance, limits the responsibility of the owner and skipper for the safe operation of a sailing yacht in this race.

14. INSURANCE

All participation boats must carry adequate liability insurance coverage for collision and bodily injury.

15. For Further information

For further information contact [Rob Reisch via email at rv.reisch@gmail.com](mailto:rv.reisch@gmail.com)

Appendix A – US and Canadian Customs and Immigration Rules

U. S. Customs & Border Protection (C&BP) has notified Genesee Yacht Club that boats and crews will not be required to check in with C&BP when they return to the Rochester harbor after participation in the Scotch Bonnet Light Race provided that the boat and crew:

1. Did not land on Canadian soil and did not anchor, moor or make contact with another conveyance while in Canadian waters; AND
2. Did not embark or disembark people or goods in Canada; AND
3. Did not have contact with a hovering vessel (19 USC 1401(k)). During the Scotch Bonnet Light Race, a hovering vessel is any vessel that is encountered during the race outside of U.S. waters, including the mark boat at Scotch Bonnet Island. Other race boats are not considered to be hovering vessels. Contact with a hovering vessel includes visiting, delivering or receiving merchandise or passengers outside of U.S. waters. Boats and crews that stopped in Canada or that had contact with a hovering vessel may use the videophone to check in when they return to Rochester. The acceptable forms of identification are:
 - a. Passport
 - b. Nexus Card
 - c. Active I-68 registration
 - d. Enhanced driver's license

All sailors should have acceptable identification, as noted above, in the event that the boat must stop in Canada for repairs or emergency medical service. Such identification may also be necessary in the event that a boat and crew are compelled to provide assistance to a distressed vessel outside of U.S. waters. In either case, acceptable identification may be required for check in with C&BP.

Appendix B – Minimum Equipment Requirements

The following list of equipment is required aboard all yachts entered in the Scotch Bonnet Light Race. All yachts are subject to an equipment inspection before and after the race. Any yacht found to be not in compliance will either not be started or will not be given a finish position.

The items are in addition to any and all equipment aboard required by law.

1. Item intentionally left blank
2. Sea cocks or gate valves on all through-hull openings below the waterline except for openings for integral deck scuppers, shaft logs, speed indicators, etc.
3. Soft, tapered wooden plugs sized to fit various through-hull openings in the boat.
4. Fixed stanchions and lifelines or pulpits completely enclosing the deck.
5. Marine head that complies with Lake Ontario regulations.
6. A Cockpit Knife. A strong, sharp knife, sheathed and securely restrained shall be provided readily accessible from the deck or cockpit.
7. Permanently-installed bunks for at least half the number of crew.
8. Adequate supply of fresh water.
9. Sail numbers on the mainsail. Numbers on all other sails is highly recommended. Sail numbers must match on all sails.
10. Piloting equipment.
11. Manual bilge pump.
12. Self-bailing cockpit.
13. Rigid 2-gallon pail, with lanyard attached.
14. Anchor and rode, properly sized for the boat.
15. Water resistant flashlights (2) with spare batteries and bulbs.
16. First aid kit and manual.
17. Radar reflector, assembled, mounted and operational at night and during poor visibility.
18. Shutoff valves on all internal fuel tanks.
19. Personal Flotation Device (PFD) with whistle and waterproof light attached, for each crew member.
20. Safety harness for each crew member.
21. Properly installed and adjusted marine compass and an emergency spare.
22. Companionway blocking arrangement (to above deck level).
23. Depth finder or lead line.
24. Emergency steering equipment.
25. Suitable tools and spare parts for the boat and motor.

26. Rigging cutter or hacksaw, capable of cutting the largest diameter wire in the boat's standing rigging.
27. Operable VHF marine radio and a handheld backup VHF marine radio.
28. Buoyant heaving line at least 50 feet long, readily available to the helmsman and crew.
29. Man-overboard safety rig, mounted within reach of the helmsman, and a system for rapid deployment. The safety rig to consist of
 - (a) a horseshoe-type or Life Sling type throw-able PFD;
 - (b) a self-igniting waterproof light, whistle, and drogue attached to PFD;
 - (c) a man-overboard pole connected to the PFD and constructed to display a fag at least six feet above the water when deployed.
30. When on deck, single handed sailors will be required to use PFD's and a tether to jack lines or sound clipping points, for the duration of the race. A device must be rigged to allow reboarding the boat in case of fall-over. Auto helms will be permitted only for single-handed sailors.
31. An operable cell phone.

Safety Reminders

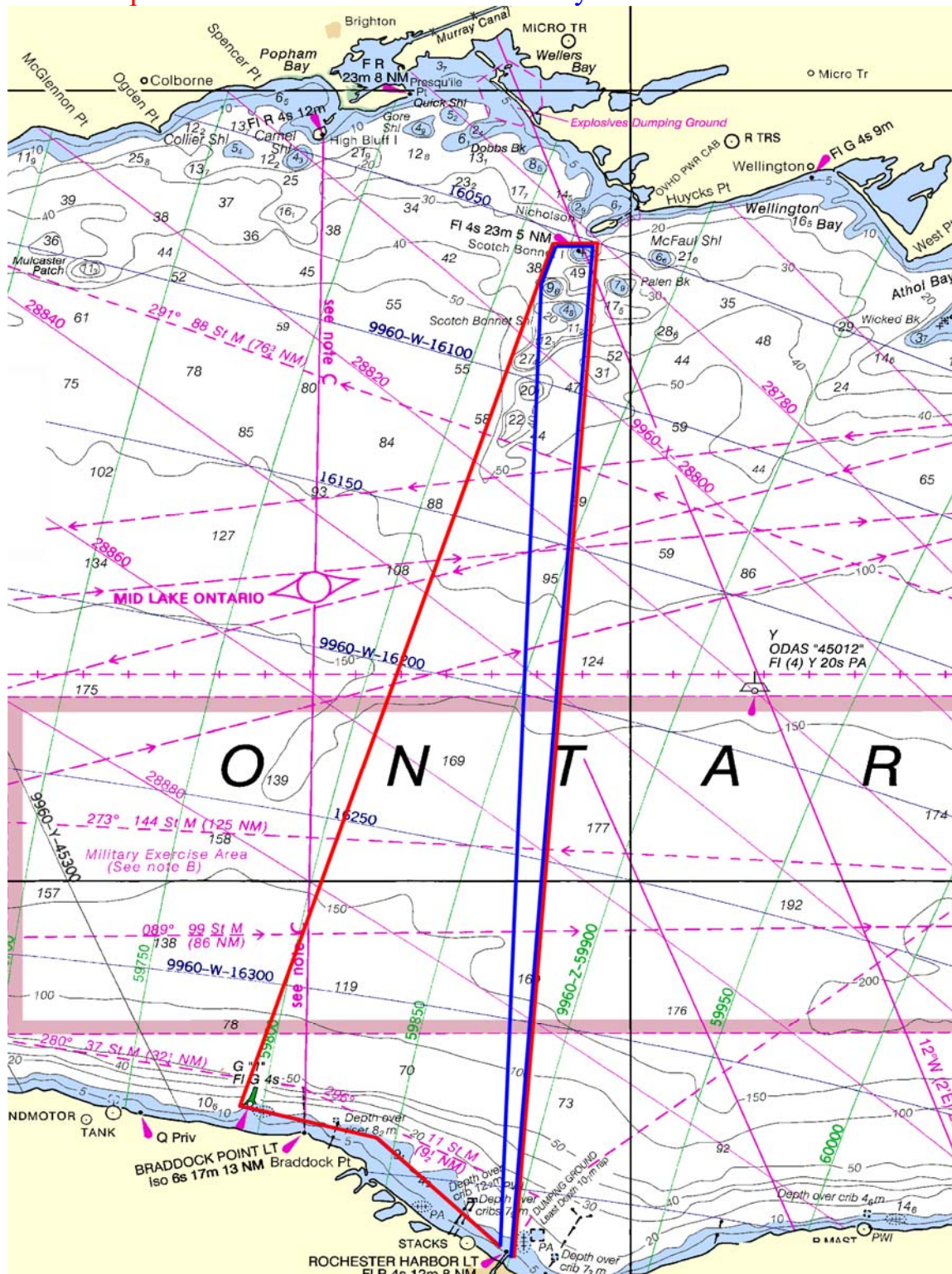
MAN OVERBOARD - It's a good idea, before the SBLR, to practice MOB drills. Better still, to practice them in as heavy conditions as possible. Wrapping the genoa and its sheets around the forestay, running over thrown lines, are examples of the chaos that can occur.

SELF-INFLATING PFD'S - These should be serviced and inspected well before the SBLR. Since failures of the auto-inflator mechanisms and cartridges are not uncommon, it is best that users train themselves to pull the manual inflator cord. USCG personnel even practice pulling this cord to the point of it being "muscle memory."

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JACK LINES- It's always good to have them rigged, and crew members clipped-in, even in moderate conditions and especially at night. Where a jack line can't be rigged on your boat, clip points should be designated.

Appendix D – Racing Area Chart (not to be used for navigation) **RED**
Course=Spinnaker BLUE Course=Genoa Only



Appendix C – Crew List Event Crew List

This form must be completed for each vessel involved in the event. All travelers must be reported below.

Event Name: Genesee Yacht Club – Scotch Bonnet Light Race
Proposed Date of Entry: August 25, 2023
Date Form Submitted:

Conveyance	Name of Vessel	Make	Model	Registration Number	Vessel Master Mobile Phone #
Sailing Vessel					

Last Name	First Name and Initials	Date of Birth	Citizenship	Residence (Address)	Goods being declared (US Passport or Driver's License No.)	Duration of Stay/Absence	Emergency Contact Name and Phone Number

Note: Please print legibly. This information will be used in Emergency situations with US and Canadian Coast Guard