

2026 Scotch Bonnet Light Race – Review

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From Chris Toole and the crew of Toole'n Around:

Despite the fear of a chance of low to non-existent winds, I think it was an almost perfect twenty-four hours. With a full moon shortly after sunset that lasted well into Saturday's sunrise, we were able to enjoy some great sights at night. Starlink satellites making a run from south to north, great views of the full moon with binoculars, and light so bright all night that we never needed our flashlights.

While we all struggled to find wind at times, there were other times that we were really moving. As the sun rose Saturday morning and we were a few hours south of the Scotch Bonnet Island, it was amazing to see so many competitors so close together. That is the first time in my 15 or so years of doing this race that I was able to enjoy the fact that we were all still in it. Turning the Island and watching others just ahead of us and just behind us do it was worth the price of admission.

On the way back, the winds cooperated for the most part and it came down to making a decision, should we go west in hopes of catching the shore breezes along the Hamlin Beach area or east along Webster/Durand Beach? Catching snippets of the YB Tracker all day kept us occupied trying to guess just which boat was on the horizon. I can tell you, most times our guesses weren't even close!

One of the best races I've participated in.

Awards

Eric and Kate Leipold with Splash Dance ruled the GO course winning division 2, GO A, as well as best overall in the GO fleet, the Stewart Trophy.

Kathryn Angelidis and Mark Lawless from RYC won the Giambra Trophy (line honors) in Unfinished Business, a J109, the second year in a row for them.

Warren Miller "New Issue" Trophy (new skipper) went to Kim Abell on Serenity Now, a Beneteau Oceanis 40 from SBYC.

Tyler Beach had a Scotch Bonnet he won't soon forget. Racing the families C&C 29, he took division 3, spinnaker B, He also had the best corrected time on the Spinnaker course winning the Allen Trophy. His dad Tom, an SBLR veteran, couldn't be more proud. Being a GYC boat, under 30 ft he also won the Founders Cup.

New skipper Jeffrey Strain with Nemesis won division 4 Spinnaker A

On a fun note, Heyokha received her PHRF-LO certificate the morning of the event. This made her eligible for awards, and she took 3rd place in her division.

6 new skippers bring new life to the event. Great participation from our own club with 13 of the 26 boats.

Trackers were once again a huge hit for racers and their families. Thanks to Bob Johnson's Auto Group for their sponsorship that allows us to have this incredible technology.

The picnic was well attended with delicious catered food. The Ice Cream Truck was a hit. Everyone enjoys the band, Special Blend.

This years event was a great success. John Cake and his all volunteer committee once again put on an event that makes the Genesee Yacht Club Proud. Please join us **August 27, 2027** for the 56th running of the most awesome event on Lake Ontario, the Scotch Bonnet Light Race.

2026 Tracker map <https://pro.yb.tl/scotbl2026/>

Full Course Times

---GYC Race Results---

Race:	Scotch Bonnet 2026	Wind spd: 1-10	Date:	08/28/26
Delegate:	Cake	Wind dir: 0-180	Course:	SBLR
Point-Point:	Y	Handicap: T	Length:	82.00

-- DIVISION SCORE --

Plc	Boat Name	Sail #	Club	Boat Type	TOD	TCF	Finish	Elapsed	Corrected
** Div. 1 GO -Start 18:35:00									
1	Persephone II	400	GYC	Hunter 31	175	0.8966	23:02:00	28:27:00	25:30:30
2	Heyokha	H34	PYC	HUNTER 34 SD	183	0.8868	24:18:00	29:43:00	26:21:10 TLE
2	Epilogue	none*	none	O'day 26 CB SD	225	0.8387	27:15:00	32:40:00	27:23:51 TLE
2	Griffin	19*	GYC	Catalina 315	181	0.8892	26:07:00	31:32:00	28:02:22 TLE
8	Talisman	261	GYC	PEARSON 303	204	0.8621	DNF		
8	Dragon Phoenix	26*	VYC	Hunter 26 WK	197	0.8700	DNF		
8	Rocinante	40	PYC	FREEDOM 30 SD	181	0.8892	DNF		

Division 1 GO had only one boat completing the whole course within the time limit so island rounding times were used in the place scoring for second and third place.

Also note that boats with * after sail # have no valid PHRF certificate and are not eligible for awards.

** Div. 1 GO awards:

1	Persephone II	400	GYC	Hunter 31	175	0.8966	23:02:00	28:27:00	25:30:30
(island times)									
2	Talisman	261	GYC	PEARSON 303	204	0.8621	11:24:00	16:49:00	14:29:52
3	Heyokha	H34	PYC	HUNTER 34 SD	183	0.8868	13:16:00	18:41:00	16:34:06

** Div. 2 GO -Start 18:40:00

1	Splash Dance	32512	GYC	GOMAN EXP 30-2	137	0.9461	18:38:03	23:58:03	22:40:32
2	Harmony	460	NYCR	BENETEAU 1ST 3	158	0.9181	20:35:15	25:55:15	23:47:53
3	Toole N Around	16	GYC	CATALINA 380 S	133	0.9517	22:04:50	27:24:50	26:05:23
4	Cora Sue	33	GYC	J 34C SD	121	0.9687	21:36:16	26:56:16	26:05:41
5	Serenity Now	708	SBYC	Beneteau Ocean	136	0.9475	22:40:23	28:00:23	26:32:10
8	Always Sunday	494	FHYC	Hunter 33.5	137	0.9461	DNF		
8	Changing Lanes	C38*	GYC	Caliber 38	165	0.9091	DNF		

** Div. 3 SP -Start 18:53:00

1	First Today	661	GYC	C&C 29	162	0.9129	20:53:25	26:00:25	23:44:30
2	Myraja	USA 73	RYC	PEARSON 36-2 T	126	0.9615	19:40:16	24:47:16	23:50:00
3	Waahuu	4471	PYC	CS 30	137	0.9461	20:35:59	25:42:59	24:19:49
4	Taliesin	42459	GYC	C&C 33-2	118	0.9731	20:07:56	25:14:56	24:34:11
5	Siren	494	GYC	CATALINA 270 W	196	0.8713	23:15:03	28:22:03	24:43:00
6	Shoot the Bree	17*	None	Freedom 29	162	0.9129	26:03:58	31:10:58	28:28:00 TLE

** Div. 4 SP -Start 18:58:00

1	Nemesis	32662	GYC	J 29 7/8 IB	100	1.0000	19:55:52	24:57:52	24:57:52
2	Gritz	3717	SBYC	SOVEREL 33-2 I	73	1.0433	18:56:34	23:58:34	25:00:51
3	Barrel of Monk	42207	FHYC	J 35	57	1.0708	18:32:09	23:34:09	25:14:16
4	Unfinished Bus	USA333	RYC	J 109	50	1.0833	18:17:31	23:19:31	25:16:06

5 Cygnus	35	GYC	SABRE 38-1	107	0.9893	21:10:15	26:12:15	25:55:26
6 Black Diamond	CAN 1	PYC	POGO 10.50 SK	40	1.1017	20:29:31	25:31:31	28:07:16

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4	Toole N Around	16	GYC	CATALINA 380 S	133	0.9517	22:04:50	27:24:50	26:05:23
5	Cora Sue	33	GYC	J 34C SD	121	0.9687	21:36:16	26:56:16	26:05:41
6	Serenity Now	708	SBYC	Beneteau Ocean	136	0.9475	22:40:23	28:00:23	26:32:10
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7	Epilogue	none*	none	O'day 26 CB SD	225	0.8387	27:15:00	32:40:00	27:23:51 TLE
7	Griffin	19*	GYC	Catalina 315	181	0.8892	26:07:00	31:32:00	28:02:22 TLE
15	Talisman	261	GYC	PEARSON 303	204	0.8621	DNF		
15	Dragon Phoenix	26*	VYC	Hunter 26 WK	197	0.8700	DNF		
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Island Rounding Times

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2	Dragon Phoenix	26*	VYC	Hunter 26 WK	197	0.8700	10:56:00	16:21:00	14:13:28	
3	Talisman	261	GYC	PEARSON 303	204	0.8621	11:24:00	16:49:00	14:29:52	
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8	Rocinante	40	PYC	FREEDOM 30 SD	181	0.8892	DNF			
** Div. 2 GO		-Start 18:40:00								
1	Splash Dance	32512	GYC	GOMAN EXP 30-2	137	0.9461	06:06:51	11:26:51	10:49:50	
2	Harmony	460	NYCR	BENETEAU 1ST 3	158	0.9181	06:29:18	11:49:18	10:51:12	
3	Cora Sue	33	GYC	J 34C SD	121	0.9687	09:38:00	14:58:00	14:29:54	
4	Toole N Around	16	GYC	CATALINA 380 S	133	0.9517	10:56:00	16:16:00	15:28:52	
5	Serenity Now	708	SBYC	Beneteau Ocean	136	0.9475	11:45:00	17:05:00	16:11:11	
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8 Changing Lanes C38*		GYC	Caliber 38	165	0.9091	DNF		
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5 Waahuu	4471	PYC	CS 30	137	0.9461	11:08:00	16:15:00	15:22:27
6 Shoot the Bree 17*		None	Freedom 29	162	0.9129	12:14:00	17:21:00	15:50:20
** Div. 4 SP -Start 18:58:00								
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Perpetual Trophies

Founder's Cup

The first GYC yacht under 30' LOA to finish the regular course of the Scotch Bonnet Light Race:

First Today Tyler Beach C&C 29 GYC

Stewart Trophy

for the Best Corrected Time of the entire Non-Spinnaker Fleet:

Splash Dance Eric Leipold / Kate Leipold Goman Express 30 GYC

Giambra Trophy (line honors)

for the First Mono-Hull to Finish, Elapsed Time:

Unfinished Business Kathryn Angelidis / Mark Lawless J Boats J 109 RYC

Allen Trophy

for the Best Corrected Time of the entire Spinnaker Fleet:

First Today Tyler Beach C&C 29 GYC

Warren Miller “New Issue” Trophy

First new skipper to finish on corrected time, Genoa Only course.

Serenity Now Kim Abell Beneteau Oceanis 40 SBYC

SBLR Ernie Coleman Memorial Trophy

to the best performing yacht club in the Scotch Bonnet Light Race based on each club's top 3 finishing sailboats.

Genesee Yacht Club

2026 GYC Scotch Bonnet Light Race – Divisions

BOATNAME	NAME	MAKE	MODEL	SAIL#	CLUB	1 st	P2P-TCF
Division 1 Genoa Only B							
Persephone II	Michael Stokes	Hunter	H31	400	GYC		0.8941
Griffin	Thomas Ferrarone	Catalina	315	19	GYC		0.8892 *
Rocinante	Mike Bianchi	Freedom	30	40	PYC		0.8892
Heyokha	Alice Giulia Alessandrone / Alp Bilenler	Hunter	34	H34	none	Y	0.8868 *
Dragon Phoenix	Mark Bohner	Hunter		26	VYC		0.8700 *
Talisman	Gary Leary	Pearson	303	261	GYC		0.8621
Epilogue	Greg Esler	Oday	26	None	None	Y	0.8387 *

Division 2 Genoa Only A

Cora Sue	John Cake / Julie McCormick	Jboats	J34C	33	GYC		0.9687
Toole'n Around	Christopher Toole	Catalina	380 WK	16	GYC		0.9517
Serenity Now	Kim Abell	Beneteau	Oceanis 40 (708)		SBYC	Y	0.9475
Always Sunday	Joe Bender / Cathy Bender	Hunter	33.5 Express	494	FHYC	Y	0.9461
Splash Dance	Eric Leipold / Kate Leipold	Goman	30	32512	GYC		0.9461
Harmony	Bill LaBine	Beneteau	First 305	460	GYC		0.9181
Changing Lanes	Gregory Carr	Caliber	38	C38	GYC		0.9091 *

Division 3 Spinnaker B

Taliesin	Todd Schumacher	C&C	33-2	42459	GYC		0.9731
Myraja	David Dombroski	Pearson	36-2	73	RYC	Y	0.9615
Waahuu	Alex LaRue	CS	Cs30	4471	PYC		0.9461
First Today	Tyler Beach	C&C	C&C 29	661	GYC		0.9129
Shoot The Breeze	Michael Maher	Freedom	29	17	None		0.9129 *
SIREN	Nicholas Lang	Catalina	270	494	GYC		0.8713

Division 4 Spinnaker A

Black Diamond	Scott Nichols	Pogo	10.5	CAN 1	PYC		1.1017
Unfinished Business	Kathryn Angelidis / Mark Lawless	J Boats	J 109	43991 / 333	RYC		1.0833
Barrel of Monkeys	Phillip MacArthur	j-Boats	J/35	42207	FHYC		1.0552
Gritz	Dave Will / Erik Will	Soverel	33	3717	SBYC		1.0433
Nemesis	Jeffrey Strain	J boats	j29	32662	GYC	Y	1.0000
Cygnus	Doug Beaudet	Sabre	38	35	GYC		0.9893

* denotes boats sailing without a PHRF-LO certificate

Genesee Yacht Club	GYC	13
Pultneyville Yacht Club	PYC	3
Rochester Yacht Club	RYC	2
Sodus Bay Yacht Club	SBYC	2
Fair Haven Yacht Club	FHYC	2
Voyager	VYC	1
none		3