



2026 Hudson Cove Yacht Club Merberg Regatta  
Saturday and Sunday, June 13-14, 2026  
**Notice of Race**

**1. Rules**

- 1.1. Races will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

**2. Sailing Instructions**

- 2.1. The Sailing Instructions will consist of the HRYRA 2026 Common Sailing Instructions (CSI) and Supplementary Sailing Instructions for this regatta.
- 2.2. The Supplementary Sailing Instructions will be posted on the official notice board and made available for download at the [www.hudsoncove.com](http://www.hudsoncove.com) and [www.HRYRA.org](http://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 HRYRA or YRALIS.
- 3.2. There will be 4 racing classes as defined in CSI 6.1.
- 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](http://www.hudsoncove.com) website.
  - 3.4.1. Pay Online for boat registration and captain's meals, and separate crew or guest meals proceed to 2026 Merberg Regatta Registration and click on "Boat Registration with Meal". Proceed to "Meal Only" if only purchasing a meal ticket as a guest, or unpaid crew. Pay by credit card. There is a small fee for using a credit card. You must register online.
  - 3.4.2. Post Mail- if paying by check, make out to Laura Csatay, HCYC Treasurer, and mail the check and completed registration form to Laura Csatay, 610 Rivervale Road, Rivervale, NJ 07675. Registration must be received by 1800 on June 10th.
  - 3.4.3. Day of regatta first race, registration checks will be accepted until 9:00 a.m. at the registration regatta information table, but registration must be completed online. The regatta information table under the tent in front of the Safe Harbor office in the south parking lot.

**4. Communication**

- 4.1. The official noticeboard for posting the supplement to the HRYRA CSI is located next to the registration desk and tent. The tent is opposite 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 \$60 for USSA members (\$70 for USSA nonmembers) also includes a meal for captain. Breakfasts are complementary for captains and crew.
- 5.3 Crew and guest meals for both Saturday and Sunday are \$35 per person.

**6. Schedule**

- 6.1. Registration Saturday, 8:00-9:00 a.m.
- 6.2. Breakfasts for captain and crew Saturday and Sunday, 8:00-9:00 a.m.
- 6.3. The skipper's meeting will be held on Saturday at 9:00 a.m. near the registration desk.
- 6.4. At least two races will be scheduled on Saturday, first warning signal 11:00 a.m., and at least one race will be scheduled on Sunday, first warning signal 10:30 a.m. 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. No warning signal will be made after 2:00 p.m. on Saturday and 1:00 p.m. on Sunday.
- 6.6. 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.
- 6.7. 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.

## **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 Supplementary Sailing Instructions along with a chart 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 2025, 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in each class.

## **11. Berthing**

- 11.1. Slips will be made available by Safe Harbor for participants in the regatta. See the 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](mailto:gcohen30@gmail.com)

To The HRYRA ; June 15, 2023

As the Hudson River Representative of the YRALIS PHRF Committee, the YRALIS PHRF committee is allowing the HRYRA Regattas at HCYC and any other YC that is under the guidelines of the HRYRA to add in the NoR of any such Regatta the change to the YRALIS PHRF regulations regarding paragraph VII. part D: D. Windward/Leeward - Commonly abbreviated to W/L, this rating is ONLY for use in races where there are only two marks of the course (windward and leeward) 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.

Regards,  
Michael Colucci  
YRALIS PHRF Committee