

# Scotch Bonnet 2009

38th Scotch Bonnet Light Race – Genesee Yacht Club – Lake Ontario –  
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## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### Rules and Scoring

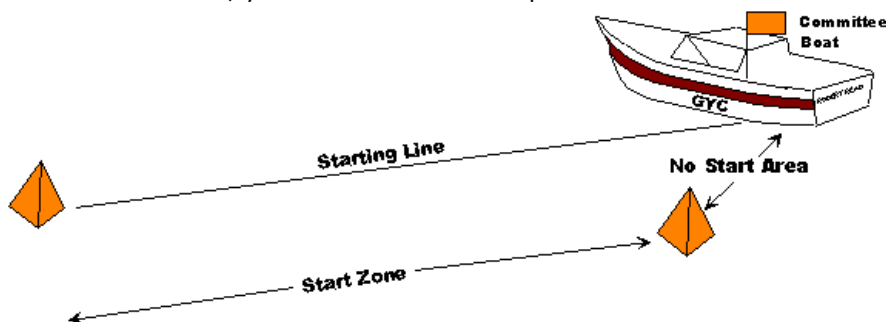
The Scotch Bonnet Light Race will be governed by *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012* and the prescriptions of US Sailing, except as modified herein or announced at the skippers meeting. Inland Rules of the Road apply between sunset and sunrise. Scoring for PHRF divisions will be based on the PHRF-LO handicap rating system with time-on-time correction.

### Race Course

The spinnaker divisions including Multi-hull, will sail northwest from the starting line to the Wautoma Shoals buoy, then north to Scotch Bonnet Island and back to Rochester, totaling approximately 82 nautical miles. The genoa-only divisions - White Sails 1 and White Sails 2 - will sail directly to Scotch Bonnet Island and back to Rochester, a total distance of approximately 74 nautical miles. (*All distances and bearings are approximate. The responsibility for navigating to Scotch Bonnet Island and back to Rochester rests solely with each boat and its captain.*)

### Starting Line

The starting line will be located approximately 1/2 nautical mile north of the west pier off Rochester harbor. The port end of the starting line is an inflatable orange tetrahedron, and the starboard end is a rectangular orange starting flag on the race committee boat, "ROBERT READ." A guard buoy may be in place near the committee boat. You may not start between the guard buoy and the committee boat. If you are forced into the area between the guard buoy and the committee boat, you must return to the pre-start side of the line and start correctly.



### Starting Area

The starting area is a square area centered about the starting line. The length of each side of the square is equal to the length of the starting line. All yachts must keep clear of the starting area during the 4-minute preparatory periods of other division starts. Yachts failing to do so will be subject to a 10-minute penalty on their corrected time.

### Starting Signals & Times

Races will be started using the RRS-2005 Rule 26, with fleets starting at 5-minute intervals. Code flags "1" through "8" corresponding to the division numbers will be used as the class flags in the starting sequence. The starting signal for each division shall be the warning signal for the next.

As a courtesy to the fleet, an attention sound signal may be given approximately six minutes before the first start. A gun or horn will accompany the visual signals if possible, but the visual signals are the official starting signals. The starting sequence is detailed in the following section.

### Start Sequence

The start sequence begins with an attention signal at approximately 1929 hours. One minute later, the Warning flag for Division 1 is hoisted, accompanied by a sound. One minute after each Warning signal, the Preparatory flag is hoisted, accompanied by a sound. Three minutes later, the Preparatory flag is lowered, accompanied by a sound. One minute later, the Division 1 flag is lowered and the Division 2 flag is hoisted. This constitutes the start for Division 1 and the Warning for Division 2. The pattern repeats for a total of 8 starts.

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For simplification, the following chart does not include the P flag signals.

Time	Action	Flag	Sound
- 6 minutes	Attention signal	RC flag dipped	Horn
-5 minutes	Warning for Division 1	Code flag "1" hoisted	Gun
0 minutes	Division 1 starts	Code flag "1" lowered, "2" raised	Gun
+5 minutes	Division 2 starts	Code flag "2" lowered, "3" raised	Gun
+10 minutes	Division 3 starts	Code flag "3" lowered, "4" raised	Gun
+15 minutes	Division 4 starts	Code flag "4" lowered, "5" raised	Gun
+20 minutes	Division 5 starts	Code flag "5" lowered, "6" raised	Gun
+25 minutes	Division 6 starts	Code flag "6" lowered, "7" raised	Gun
+30 minutes	Division 7 starts	Code flag "7" lowered, "8" raised	Gun
+35 minutes	Division 8 starts	Code flag "8" lowered	Gun
+40 minutes	Warning for first recalled division	Code flag for division raised	Gun
+45 minutes	First recalled division starts	Code flag for division lowered	Gun

## Postponement

If it is necessary to postpone the start, the race committee will hoist Code Flag AP accompanied by two sounds, and announce by VHF Channel 71 when it intends to reconsider the conditions and/or resume the starting sequence. If it is necessary to postpone the race until Saturday morning, the start sequence will be resumed with an attention sound signal at 0659 hours. There will be no skippers' meeting on Saturday.

## Recalls

If one or more boats are on the course side (OCS) of the starting line at the start, the Race Committee will signal a recall by hoisting a flag as quickly as possible along with a sound signal. The committee MAY also attempt to announce the sail numbers of OCS boats. However, it is the sole responsibility of each boat to determine whether she has started properly.

**Individual Recalls:** If one or more identifiable boats, but not the entire division, are OCS at the start, *Code Flag X will be accompanied by a single sound*. Individual boats that are OCS at the start will immediately return to the pre-start side of the starting line and re-start.

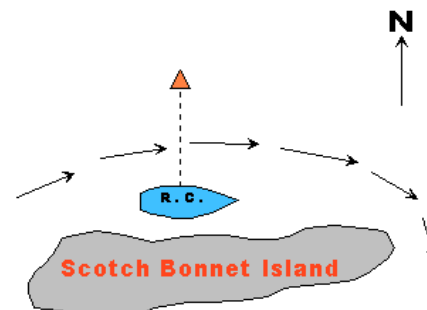
**General Recalls:** If one or more unidentifiable boats or the entire division is OCS at the start, the Race Committee will signal a General Recall with the *First Substitute Flag accompanied by two sound signals*. In the event of a General Recall, the entire division will be re-started after the last scheduled start. If more than one division is recalled, the last division recalled will be the last to re-start.

## Marks

Marks of the course will be left to starboard. The first mark for spinnaker divisions will be the government buoy at Wautoma Shoals, approximately 10 nm west of Rochester. The second mark will be Scotch Bonnet Island. The white sails divisions will sail directly to Scotch Bonnet Island without rounding Wautoma Shoals.

## Island Times

In the event of boats not being able to complete the race within the time limit, Scotch Bonnet Island times may be used to score some or all of the fleets. All boats shall take their own island times when they are due north (magnetic) of the *metal light tower*. In the event that the mark boat is absent or unable to see you round the island, these times may be needed for scoring.



In addition, a Mark boat will be set up north of the island along with a tetrahedron forming a gate. Boats should attempt to pass through the gate so the mark boat can take island times. Each boat must hail the race committee boat and identify herself. If rounding the island in darkness, each boat should illuminate her

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sail numbers. **NOTE: This gate is NOT a mark of the course.** In the event a boat would have to significantly alter course to pass through the gate, then attempts should be made to contact the Scotch Bonnet Race Committee on Channel 71 to help the Mark Boat establish an Island time.

## Shortening Course

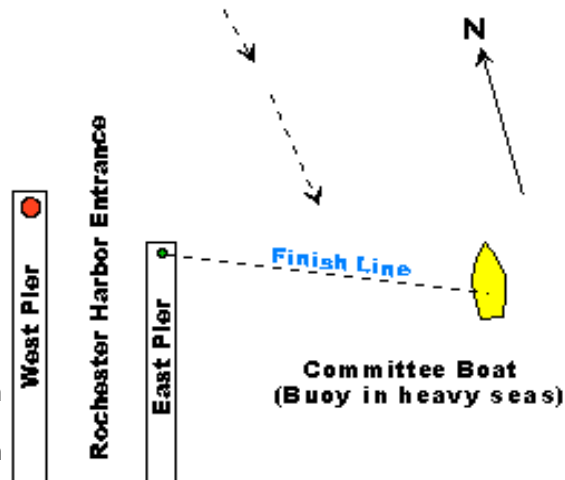
If some or all of the boats in a division fail to complete the entire course within the time limit, the remaining positions will be determined by the intermediate times taken at Scotch Bonnet Island. In this event, preference will be given to boats completing the entire course within the time limit, regardless of times taken at the island.

## Time Limit

The time limit for the race is 2400 hours Saturday, June 20, 2009. In the event of a Saturday morning start, the time limit will be 1200 hours Sunday, June 21, 2009.

## Finishing

The finish line for all divisions will extend between the Rochester East Pier Light and a committee boat (or buoy in heavy seas) anchored approximately 150 yards east of the East Pier Light. There will be a race committee boat on station at the finish line from 0600 hours Saturday, until the expiration of the race time limit, weather permitting. If a committee boat is not on station, record your own finish time from GPS standard time when your boat passes abeam the East Pier Light. Report this time to the Scotch Bonnet race committee at GYC by telephone (585) 266-9796. Even if the committee boat is in place, it is good practice to make a note of your exact finish time and notice which other boats are finishing.



## Autopilots

While racing the use of wind-powered self-steering devices or electronic autopilots is not allowed. An exception is made for single handed sailors.

## Single Handed Sailing

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 re-boarding the boat in case of fall-over. Autohelms will be permitted only for single-handed sailors.

## Border Security Clearance

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 2009 Scotch Bonnet Light Race provided that the boat and crew: 1) did not stop in Canada for any reason, or 2) 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. For 2009, the acceptable types of identification are: 1) passport, 2) Nexus Card, 3) active I-68 registration, or 4) an 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 using the Rochester Harbor videophone.

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## Radio Communication

During the starting sequence, the race committee will communicate and announcements will be made on VHF channel 71. After all boats have started, the race committee will monitor channel 16. Hail "Scotch Bonnet race committee" on channel 16 and be prepared to switch and answer channel 71 for conversation. Do not conduct conversation on channel 16.

## Retirement

You must notify the Scotch Bonnet race committee as soon as possible if you elect to retire from the race. Yachts not accounted for will be reported as missing to the U.S. Coast Guard. Failure to notify the committee of your withdrawal from the race may make you ineligible for future Scotch Bonnet races, and you could be held liable for the cost of an unnecessary coast guard search. Call the Genesee Yacht Club at (585) 266-9796. There may not be anyone at the club at the early am hours prior to 7am. If there is no answer, try again after 7am. REMEMBER, IF YOU CROSSED INTO CANADIAN WATERS YOU NEED TO BE CLEARED BY A CUSTOMS OFFICER OR VIA VIDEO PHONE.

## Collisions

Exoneration by the "720 rule" will not be automatically granted in protests involving collisions. If, in the opinion of the protest committee, the collision could have resulted in personal injury or serious damage, one or more of the yachts involved may be disqualified. Remember, even the right-of-way boat is obliged by the rules to "avoid contact with another boat if reasonably possible."

## Protests

Any competitor wishing to lodge a protest must display a protest flag and notify the yacht being protested immediately, and advise the race committee as soon as possible. In addition, the protesting skipper must submit a written protest to the race committee representative at GYC within two hours after finishing the race.

## Safety

The safety of each yacht and the persons on board is the responsibility of the owner, skipper, and crew. The owner and skipper are solely responsible for their decisions to race, to continue to race, or to withdraw from the race.

## Saturday Sailors' Reception

A complimentary Sailors' Reception will be held at the GYC clubhouse on Saturday, June 20. All skippers and crews are invited to come by for food, beverages, story telling, and to review any finish times.

## Awards

Trophies will be awarded for first, second, and third-place corrected finishes in each division. Five perpetual trophies will be presented:

- Stewart Trophy for the best corrected time of the entire white sails fleet
- Allen Trophy for the best corrected time of the entire spinnaker fleet
- Founders' Trophy for the first GYC boat under 30 feet to finish, elapsed time
- Giambra Trophy for the first mono-hull to finish, elapsed time
- The Genesee Rochester Trophy for the RYC boat with the best corrected time on the spinnaker course.
- Warren Miller Trophy for (First new skipper to finish on corrected time, Genoa Only course. )

Awards will be presented on the lawn at GYC on Sunday, June 21, at 3:00 pm. Be sure to join us for the Scotch Bonnet Father's Day Picnic on Sunday, bring the family. Tickets will be available at the club. Live music, food and beverages will begin around noon.