

# ***Notice of Race***

## ***Lighthouse Races & Series***

The lighthouse races are the core events for the distance races at RYC.

The Lighthouse Series awards a trophy to the best overall performance in distance races; the Spring (Arch) Lighthouse Race; the Fall (Usiskin) Lighthouse Race; and the double-hand Lighthouse Race. A yacht may enter each race independently.

### **Spring Lighthouse**

On November 20, 1789, the New Jersey Assembly met in Perth Amboy, the first capital of New Jersey. At that meeting, New Jersey became the first state to vote to ratify the first ten amendments of the United States Constitution known as the Bill of Rights. The ratification occurred in what was then a courthouse and is now a portion of the historic Perth Amboy City Hall located on the High Street Circle. On November 20, 1989, Perth Amboy memorialized that great event in American History with the dedication of the Bill of Rights Commemorative Arch. Raritan Yacht Club is the keeper of the perpetual trophy, which is the exact replica of the "Arch." The entrants are encouraged to fly an ensign or American flag to show off our colors of freedom extolled in the Bill of Rights.

### **Double-Hand Lighthouse**

Double-handed events have become more popular in recent years as it has become more difficult crewing yachts for racing events. This race format is being included for double-handed teams looking for a longer racing events.

### **Fall Lighthouse**

The Mark Usiskin Lighthouse Race is the third jewel in RYC's distance Triple Crown. The race honors PC Mark Usiskin for his years of leadership and service to RYC. Mark was a dedicated sailor and avid racer who served RYC in many capacities including commodore in 1978. In deference to that service the Fall Lighthouse Race is dedicated to his memory.

#### **Principal Race Officers:**

- **Spring:** *TBD*
- **Double-Hand:** *TBD*
- **Fall:** *Steve Fronapfel*

## **1 Sailing Instructions**

- 1.1 These events shall be governed by the rules as defined in [RYC's General Sailing Instructions](#) unless altered by these NORs

## **2 Rules**

- 2.1 Spring Lighthouse Race - PHRF Crew limits apply.
- 2.2 Double-Hand Race Max Crew limit of 2.
- 2.3 Fall Lighthouse Race - PHRF Crew limits apply.
- 2.4 Boats failing to finish within 120 minutes after the first boat in their class, sails the course and finishes, will be scored Time Limit Exceeded (TLE) equal to the number of boats that started the race. This changes RRS Rule 35

## **3 Communications**

- 3.1 On the water, the Race Committee (RC) may make courtesy broadcast to competitors on VHF radio. The channel is stated in the Sis.
- 3.2 While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communications that is not available to all boats.

## **4 Eligible Entries**

- 4.1 Class 1 - PHRF A
- 4.2 Class 2 - PHRF B

## **5 Fees**

- 5.1 Lighthouse Races - \$65/race
- 5.2 Yachts entering 2 or more of the distance races will only be charged \$100, for the series.
- 5.3 This event is included in the Weekend Pass.

## **6 Schedule of Races**

- 6.1 Spring Lighthouse
  - June 29<sup>th</sup>
    - Class 1 - First Gun @ 14:00, followed by

- Class 2

## 6.2 Double-Hand

- August 31<sup>st</sup>
  - Class 1 - First Gun @ 10:00, followed by
  - Class 2

## 6.3 Fall Lighthouse (Pursuit)

- October 5<sup>th</sup>
- Starting times will be posted on the RYC website on October 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## 7 Format

### 7.1 Spring Lighthouse (Counter Clockwise)

- The course defined in section 12.1 will be sailed.

### 7.2 Double-Hand Counter Clockwise

- The course defined in section 12.1 will be sailed.

### 7.3 Fall Lighthouse (Clockwise)

- The course defined in section 12.2 will be sailed.
- This will be a pursuit race.

## 8 Starts

8.1 The start shall be as prescribed by Section 8 of the SIs.

## 9 Finishing

9.1 When finishing at the RYC cupola and no "RC" flag is flying from the cupola flag pole, racers should take their own finishing time (GPS or Cell) and email the information to the RC Chair and PRO for the event.

## 10 Scoring

10.1 Trophies will be presented for each event raced, as well as, the overall series.

## 11 Series Scoring

11.1 A boat's overall Lighthouse Series position will be determined by their best finishes in 2 out of the 3 distance races

## **12 Course**

### 12.1 Counter Clockwise

1. Start - RC established on the bay in the vicinity of Mark Z
2. A- Great Beds Lighthouse - Port
3. T- Can "3" - Port
4. H- Romer Shoals Lighthouse – Port
5. G- West Bank Lighthouse - Port
6. T- Can "3" - Starboard
7. A- Great Beds Lighthouse – Starboard
8. Z- Starboard
9. Finish- RYC

### 12.2 Clockwise

1. Start - RC established on the bay in the vicinity of Mark Z
2. A- Great Beds Lighthouse - Port
3. T- Can "3" - Port
4. G- West Bank Lighthouse - Starboard
5. H- Romer Shoals Lighthouse - Starboard
6. T- Can "3" - Starboard
7. A- Great Beds Lighthouse – Starboard
8. Z- Starboard
9. Finish- RYC

12.3 Rated Course Distance: **25.2941** nautical miles.