

78th SCYC Annual Regatta
and
Lightning Manahawkin Bay Cup

Surf City Yacht Club

September 19 & 20, 2026

NOTICE OF RACE

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY & HOST CLUB:

Surf City Yacht Club (SCYC)

CLASSES:

Saturday, September 19, 2026 - Lightning, Mariner

Sunday, September 20, 2026 - Catboats (Portsmouth Handicap)

RULES:

The current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of US Sailing, applicable class rules, this Notice of Race, and the Sailing Instructions shall be in effect. In case of conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

For Lightnings, Rule 42.3(c) shall be altered to allow certain types of pumping in accordance with ILCA Rule VIII 12.

Rule 44.2 will be amended so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty (including one tack and one jibe).

Use of handheld VHF radios will be permitted for communication from the Race Committee to competitors on a channel to be identified at the Skippers' Meeting. The Race Committee intends to use VHF radio to identify OCS (On Course Side of the line) boats after starts and otherwise communicate with the fleet on the water. Failure to receive a hail, for a hail to be made, the order of hails made, or receive other communications to the fleet shall not be cause for redress. Other use of any communication device is prohibited, and such use shall require withdrawal from the race unless determined by the Race Committee to have been for emergency purposes.

ELIGIBILITY:

The Lightning and Mariner classes are open to any sailor who has met the registration requirements. The Catboat division is open to any catboat with a Portsmouth Handicap which has met the registration requirements.

REGISTRATION & ENTRY FEE:

All competitors are required to register online through SCYC's Clubspot ([click here](#)). The registration link can also be accessed through the SCYC website – www.scyc-nj.org. All competitors must still check-in at the onsite Registration Desk to complete their entry. Check-in will take place at the times noted in the "Schedule" below.

The Entry Fee will be \$50 for Lightnings and \$30 for Mariners and Catboats if received by 11:59 PM, September 16, 2026. Entries received after this date will be subject to a \$20 late fee.

The Entry Fee will include trophies; breakfast Sat/Sun and post-race snacks and beverages. **Lunch will not be provided.**

SCHEDULE:

Saturday, September 19, 2026 (Lightnings & Mariners)

8:00 – 9:30 AM	Check-in & Breakfast
9:30 AM	Competitors' Meeting
10:30 AM	Warning Signal, first race of the day No Warning Signal after 3:00 PM Lunches will be not provided
TBD	Refreshments & snacks at haul-out
TBD	Awards

Sunday, September 20, 2026 (Catboats)

9:30 – 10:30 AM	Check-in & Breakfast
10:30 AM	Competitors' Meeting
11:30 AM	Warning Signal, first race of the day No Warning Signal after 3:00 PM Lunches will be not provided
TBD	Refreshments & snacks at haul-out
TBD	Awards

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:

The Sailing Instructions (SI) will be available on the SCYC website no later than September 18, 2026. Hardcopies will not be distributed onsite. An official copy of the SIs will be posted on the Regatta Notice Board in the Clubhouse.

COURSES:

Courses for the Lightning and Mariner classes will be Windward/Leeward as described in the Sailing Instructions. Courses may be shortened at the discretion of the Race Committee. Courses for the Catboat division will be as described at the Competitors' Meeting.

PROTESTS:

Protests shall be filed in accordance with RRS 60. Competitors will have one hour from the time the RC boat docks to file a protest.

SCORING:

Scoring will be in accordance with RRS 90.3 and the Low Point System of RRS Appendix A.

A total of four (4) races are planned for the Lightning and Mariner classes. One race is required to constitute a series. When three (3) or fewer races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. If four (4) races are completed the competitor's worst score will be eliminated.

A total of three (3) races are planned for the Catboats. One race is required to constitute a series. A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. Scoring will be in accordance with the Portsmouth Handicap system.

RISK STATEMENT:

RRS 3 states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue a race is hers alone." By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

PRIZES:

Trophies will be awarded to the top three skippers and crews in each class.

The overall winner of the Lightning class will receive the Frank W. Temme Perpetual Trophy as the winner of the Manahawkin Bay Cup.

The highest placing SCYC skipper in the largest fleet will receive the Paul Haskell Perpetual Trophy.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR SUBSEQUENT EVENTS:

This is not a qualifying regatta for any subsequent events.

REGATTA COMMITTEE CONTACT:

RC Chair Rich Warren 609-709-0195 (Call/Text) or warrens25@comcast.net

DIRECTIONS:

Garden State Parkway to Exit 63
Follow Rt. 72 East over 4 bridges onto Long Beach Island
Make a left turn at first traffic light (Barnegat Ave.)
Proceed approximately one mile to 9th Street
Turn left on 9th Street. SCYC is on the end of street on bayfront.

LODGING:

SCYC is located on Long Beach Island which is a popular summer resort. Arrangements for accommodations should be made well in advance. Please see regatta website for a listing of area hotels/motels. For additional information, please contact Regatta Chairman Rich Warren.

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