

2026 Rick Burgess Tomahawk Regatta

Lake Hopatcong Yacht Club

30-31 May, 2026

NOTICE OF RACE

1. Authority

- 1.1. The organizing authority is the Lake Hopatcong Yacht Club in conjunction with the International Star Class Yacht Racing Association, hosted by the Lake Hopatcong Star Fleet.

2. Rules

- 2.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the International Star Class Yacht Racing Association Rules (STCR).
- 2.2. Rule 35 and STCR 34.3.9, Format B will be changed. The time limit for the first boat to finish a race will be two (2) hours.
- 2.3. Rule 35 and STCR 34.6.3 will be changed. Boats not finishing within 30 minutes after the first boat to finish will be scored as Did Not Finish (DNF) and will be awarded 1 point more than the last boat to finish.
- 2.4. A boat that does not start within 10 minutes of the starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing.

3. Eligibility and Entry

- 3.1. The Regatta shall be open.

4. Entry Fee

- 4.1. The entry fee of \$95 includes boat and trailer storage, launching, hauling and breakfast on Saturday and Sunday and lunch on Sunday at the Lake Hopatcong Yacht Club for skipper and crew. Also included are really nice shirts for visiting skipper and crew. Entry fees are due at time of entry.
- 4.2. All U-30 entries will be free
- 4.3. Dinner will be available at LHYC on Friday and Saturday (Live music on Saturday). Bar and restaurant will be charged separately.

5. Schedule

5.1. Registration:

Friday May 29: 5-7pm at LHYC

Saturday May 30: 8-9am at LHYC

- 5.2. Complementary keg beer (in memory of Terry Comerford) will be available at 5pm Friday, May 29 until drained.

- 5.3. LH Fleet members will be available to assist with launching.

5.4. Schedule of Races and Events:

Saturday May 30:

9am - Skipper's Meeting

10:00am - First Warning Signal - Up to 4 races may be sailed

Sunday May 31:

10:10am - First Warning Signal

Up to 2 races will be sailed

Series is scheduled for 5 races with no throw-outs

No warning signal after 1:30 pm on May 31

6. Sailing Instructions

- 6.1. The sailing instructions will be available at the Lake Hopatcong Yacht Club on to May 29, 2026.

7. Venue and Course

- 7.1. Racing will be conducted on Lake Hopatcong.
- 7.2. Courses will be as described in the sailing instructions.

8. Risk Statement

8.1. The organizing authority, their members, employees, officers and/or agents shall not be responsible for any loss, damage, or injury that may occur to person or property whether ashore or at sea as a consequence of participation of any boat.

9. Liability Waiver

9.1. As RRS 3 states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is her's 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.** Entry and participation in this regatta is at the sailors' own risk. By participating in the event, each sailor absolves the organizing authorities of all liability of injury, death and damage and waives any and all claims for same.

10. Insurance

10.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000.00 per incident or the equivalent.

11. Housing Inquiries:

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