

DRAFT Rules for Using HYC Club-Owned Boats

(updated 31 May 2023)

Eligibility and Work Obligation

1. *Eligibility.* Intermediate and Active Harlem Yacht Club members are eligible to use Club Boats after they have qualified.
2. *Qualification.* Before using a club-owned boat, an eligible member must pass a boat-specific written test and a practical (i.e. on-the-water) test. Tests will be administered by approved check instructors. The approved check instructors are Jeep Califano, Bob Fleno, Bruce Lages, Charlie Schneider, Philip Swanton, and other HYC Active members or ASA-certified sailing instructors who may be designated by the Club Boat chair.
 - a. Qualification Process
 - i. When the user is ready to the qualification test, he or she should e-mail clubboats@hyc.org, being sure to include:
 1. Name,
 2. E-mail address,
 3. Phone number (mobile is best),
 4. Type(s) of boat to test on, and
 5. a selection of times the member will be available to test.
 - ii. The club boat chair will contact examiners with the member's information.
 - iii. An available examiner will contact the member directly, copying clubboats@hyc.org. The member and examiner will schedule the test, and the examiner will reserve a boat.
 - iv. After the member has successfully completed the test, the examiner will report the results to the Club Secretary, who will give the member access to the relevant Club Boat Calendars, allowing the member to reserve boat time directly.
 - b. Note that New York State has added a new safety certificate requirement that amounts to a license to operate a power-equipped boat—including sailboats with outboards. As of May 2023, all operators born on or after Jan. 1, 1983 must already have a certificate. Skippers born in 1978 or earlier will have to have a certificate by the time they're on the water in 2024. And all boat operators will need to have certificates to sail in 2025. See boater-safety post in the [HYC Member Forum](https://www.hyc.org/forum/resources/how-to-get-your-mandatory-boater-safety-certificate) (<https://www.hyc.org/forum/resources/how-to-get-your-mandatory-boater-safety-certificate>).
3. All Club Boat skippers should be comfortable with the basic nautical rules of the road. (The full regulations can be downloaded free from <https://nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/publications/coast-pilot/docs/NavigationRulesStandardSize.pdf>)

4. Club Boat users will be charged for any equipment lost or damaged due to negligence *up to the limit of the costs not covered by the Club's insurance, including deductibles.*
5. Discharging biological waste into Long Island Sound is prohibited. According to the U.S. Coast Guard (as of May 2023), "Effluent discharged from a vessel that does not meet EPA's published standard subjects the vessel owner or operator to civil penalty of up to \$2,000 for each violation...." The club boat skipper will be responsible for observing these regulations and liable for any penalties.

Scheduling

6. Members must sign up for the Club Boat program on a per-season basis. Signing up for the program obligates the member to contribute 2 full days of work per year maintaining the boats and/or administering the program. Please notify the Club Boat chairs and the Club Secretary (clubboats@hyc.org and secretary@hyc.org) at the start of the season, or when the member qualifies to use the club boats.
7. Each use of a boat must be scheduled in advance. Scheduling is done via a Google calendar, with a separate calendar for each boat. There are currently two Catalina 25s, Summer Wind and Zydeco, and a keel-less Capri 14.2, Over Easy. (The Club also owns a other boats that may be commissioned in the future.)
Eligible members will gain access to the scheduling calendars after they complete their qualification tests.
The calendars can be accessed through the Members Only page of the club website, hyc.org/members-only.
8. There are currently no limitations on the number of hours/week that a member may use the club boats, but limits may be set in the future if needed to ensure access to all.

Check-In/Check-Out, and Fuel

9. Boats will be checked out and checked in by the skipper, using an online form.
10. Club-owned boats may only be used during daylight hours and when HYC launch personnel are on duty. An exception may be made for racing, as mentioned elsewhere.
11. Club-boat users are responsible for assuring that they leave sufficient, properly mixed fuel for the next user. Outboard fuel tanks ashore should be kept fuel cage near the winch house. The proper gas/oil ratio should be written on the fuel tank for each boat with an outboard.

Members to Personal Equipment

12. *VHF and PFDs.* Members are responsible for providing their own VHF radios and are encouraged to procure and use their own personal flotation devices. Members must provide their own life jackets for children. (As a courtesy, the Club may provide a locker of children's PFDs at the entrance of the dock

ramp, but cannot guarantee that a suitable life jacket will be available.) The Catalina 25s have Coast Guard-mandated flotation devices aboard.

13. *Other equipment.* It is recommended that members wear footgear with soft, light-colored soles to avoid slipping or marking the deck. Also recommended are: water, a hat, sunscreen, and a knife or multi-tool (preferably with a locking blade).

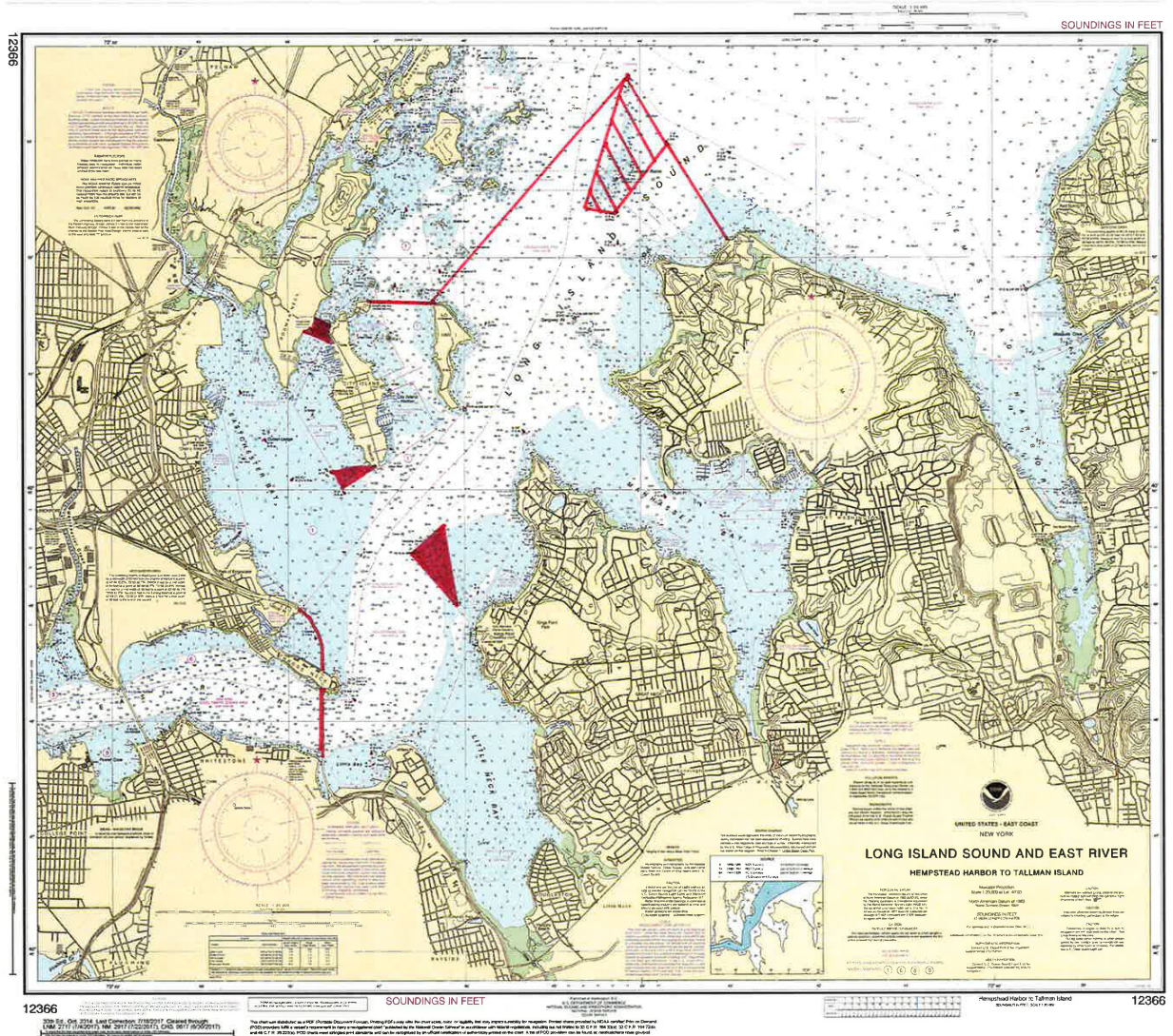
Designated Sailing Areas

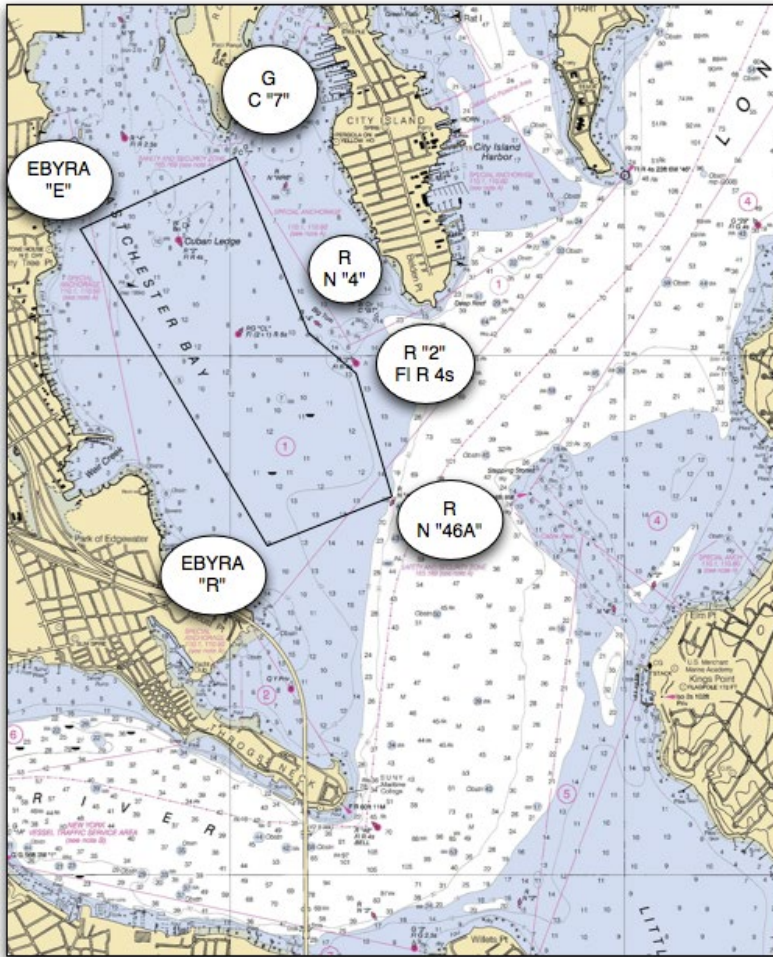
14. Each type of boat has a designated sailing area (see charts on website)
 - a. Keelboats:
 - i. Eastchester Bay, south of Cuban Ledge R"2", and C "7", except as necessary to maneuver into and out of the mooring field.
 - ii. Long Island Sound, east of the Throgg's Neck Bridge and west of G "29"
 - iii. Little Neck Bay, north of EBYRA "J"
 - iv. City Island Harbor, south of the NYPD ferry dock
 - b. Daysailers (Capri, etc.):
 - i. Eastchester Bay, south of C "7" and EBYRA "E", and north of a line connecting EBYRA "R" and N "46A".

Racing Club Boats

15. Club Boat users may race in Club Boats with prior approval from the Club Boat chairman. Approval will be contingent on the skipper's experience, the make-up of the crew, and expected weather conditions, among other factors.
 - a. Spinnakers may not be used on Club Boats.

Club Keelboat Sailing Area





Permitted Sailing Area (dinghies)