

New Start in New York Harbor at the foot of Lady Liberty

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Indian Harbor Yacht Club Commodore Karin O. Nye 710 Steamboat Road Greenwich, CT, 6830

Dear Commodore Karin O. Nye,

I am very happy to announce that the Sea Cliff Yacht Club will be hosting the 41st Annual Around Long Island Regatta this year. Started in 1977 by the Sea Cliff Yacht Club and Frank Braynard, the creator of Op Sail for the Bicentennial in New York Harbor, this has been a labor of love for us for the past four decades.

I am writing to you to encourage your Skippers and fellow members to help us celebrate this milestone by participating in this year's Regatta. The race takes place July 27th and this year to make the start visible to more spectators, the Sea Cliff Yacht Club has for the first time in the 41 year history of this celebrated race moved the start to New York Harbor at the foot of Lady Liberty, Freedom Tower and the Battery. It is sure to be our most spectacular race ever.

This is Long Island's premier distance race. It is the only NY ocean going race, and, with 10 divisions, ample opportunity for boats 24 feet or larger to sail well and come home with some hardware. There is even a Juniors' Trophy, and the Around Long Island Regatta is a qualifier for the Junior's Trophy of the YRA of LIS. We are proud to say that we have commitments to participate from the United States Naval Academy, The United States Merchant Maine Academy at King Point and SUNY Maritime. As always, there is a terrific Awards Ceremony and Party on Sunday, July 30th after the boats finish at Sea Cliff Yacht Club in Hempstead Harbor.

For additional information, please visit our website, ALIR.org, or Facebook.com/aroundlongislandregatta. Registration is through Yachtscoring.com, and there is a link on our Facebook page.

We hope to make this a memorable regatta befitting 41 years of outstanding sailing competition. Your support will be greatly appreciated. I want to thank you for sharing this with your membership. We look forward to seeing Indian Harbor Yacht Club well represented in the 2017 ALIR.

Sincerely,

Bradford Dickson Commodore