2025 Scotch Bonnet Light Race – A Review.

Tony Gambacurta September 3, 2025 revised September 24.

Beautiful weather was in store for the 54th SBLR with no rain and excellent star viewing (new moon). Crew were counting the planets and late in the night could see the Pleiades. Winds were from the south the entire race.

This was our 4th year with **YB Tracking** thanks to **Bob Johnson Auto Group** and it once again was a huge hit for family and friends watching their people race. Some reported staying up all night. Tracker Link: https://yb.tl/Scotbl2025

Spinnaker boats had light air on the leg to Watoma, for example Taliesin rounded Watoma at 1:20 am. As spinnaker boats crossed the Lake, wind freshened and they reported excellent sailing on this leg. When the boats rounded the island, the wind that gave them such nice sailing was now in their face with the wind diminishing, but not the waves.

For the GO fleet, **Michelle Regan Danesi** wrote on Facebook:
"This weekend I participated in the annual Scotch Bonnet Light race put on by Genesee Yacht Club- and as usual, it was an amazing experience. This race will be remembered for the music, the meteors and brilliant stars, the Milky Way, lots of freighters in the shipping lanes, the comfortable ride to the island, and the long, bumpy, slow and frustrating ride home. Big waves stuck around after the wind died and the ETA on the GPS just got longer as the day went on.... but we made it! 21 hours sailing, 3rd boat in our fleet to finish, and corrected time to 2nd place. Thanks to Eric, Kate, and the fun crew of Splashdance for an awesome race, and to the GYC for facilitating what is always the best sailing of the year!"

So the SBLR brought the best sailing of the year along with a frustrating ride home. Many followed the advice "When the fun meter drops below zero, start the iron genny." We didn't hear a lot of complaints and most vowed to be back next year having enjoyed the beautiful weather and night crossing this year.

The top 3 finishers in each division are shown in scoring where most places are determined by boats finishing the entire race, we used island time for some.

Nicholas Lang won the **Founders Cup** for the third time on Siren, a Catalina 270.

Tim and Karen Sladden from RYC on Whirlaway a Tartan 3500 won the **Stewart Trophy** for winning the GO fleet as well as the **Warren Miller "New Issue" Trophy** for best new skipper.

Kathryn Angelidis from RYC on Unfinished Business a J 109 won the **Giambra Trophy,** line honors.

The **Allen Trophy** was won by Poledancer from RYC a J 35C with **Adam Allocco and Giles Ruck**. Poledancer's 3rd time winning.

The **Coleman Trophy** was won by **Rochester Yacht Club** who had 2 firsts and a second. RYC won 5 of our perpetual trophies. All an outside club can win. We love it when clubs steal all of our gold.

We had 27 boats including 7 new skippers. It is noteworthy that Mike Mahar raced Solo in the Spinnaker fleet.

The picnic was well attended with live music by Davey Allen, and catering by Joey's Pasta House which received many compliments.

GYC donated $910 dollars to the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children/New York Regional Office as a result of the SBLR.

The GYC volunteer spirit makes this event possible each year.

Please join us August 28, 2026 for the 55th Scotch Bonnet Light Race.

Scotch Bonnet Light Race 2025

Scotch Bonnet 2025 Division Scoring (* using island times as fallback)

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** Div. 1 B GO    -Start 18:35:00
  1 Merci          23           SBYC PEARSON 30       160 0.9155   18:24:13  23:49:13  21:48:27
  2 Wahoo          21567        NYCR STARWIND 27 IB   203 0.8632   22:02:30  27:27:30  23:42:07
* 3 Talisman       261          GYC  PEARSON 303      204 0.8621   05:56:21  11:21:21  09:47:24

** Div. 2 A GO    -Start 18:40:00
  1 Whirlaway      65           RYC  TARTAN 3500 SD   139 0.9434   15:40:59  21:00:59  19:49:37
  2 Splash Dance   32512        GYC  GOMAN EXP 30-2   137 0.9461   15:48:03  21:08:03  19:59:42
  3 Barrel of Monk 42207        FHYC J 35              77 1.0367   15:06:00  20:26:00  21:11:00

** Div. 3 B SP    -Start 18:45:00
  1 Taliesin       42459        GYC  C&C 33-2         118 0.9731   21:33:06  26:48:06  26:04:51
  2 Toole N Around 16           GYC  CATALINA 380 W   125 0.9630   24:05:00  29:20:00  28:14:53 TLE
* 3 Waahuu         4471         PYC  CS 30            137 0.9461   08:29:22  13:44:22  12:59:56

** Div. 4 A SP    -Start 18:50:00
  1 Pole Dancer    107          RYC  J 35              57 1.0708   15:22:48  20:32:48  22:00:05
  2 Unfinished Bus USA333       RYC  J 109             48 1.0870   15:10:38  20:20:38  22:06:50
* 3 Cygnus         35           GYC  SABRE 38-1       107 0.9893   09:37:54  14:47:54  14:38:24
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SBLR 2025 Entire course

*** note: boat names with * do not have valid PHRF certificates, scored RET or RAF**

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                    ---GYC Race Results---
Race:        Scotch Bonnet 2025   Wind spd: 2-15      Date:   08/22/25
Delegate:    Carr                 Wind dir: 240       Course: SBLR
Point-Point: Y                    Handicap: T         Length: 90.00

                          -- DIVISION SCORE --
Plc Boat Name      Sail #       Club Boat Type        ASP  Mult.   Finish    Elapsed   Corrected
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  8 *Dragon Phoeni none         VGR  Hunter 26 WK     197 0.8700   RET
  8 Harmony        460          NYCR BENETEAU 1ST 3   158 0.9181   RET
  8 Talisman       261          GYC  PEARSON 303      204 0.8621   RET
  8 *Griffin       19           GYC  Catalina 315     156 0.9200   RET
  8 Annie Jane     968               HUNTER 30 TM     173 0.8990   RET

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  8 Cora Sue       33           GYC  J 34C SD         121 0.9687   RET
  8 Traveller      US-10        RYC  BENETEAU 473      69 1.0501   RET
  8 *Changing Lane C38          GYC  Caliber 38       123 0.9658   RET
  8 Second Wind    752          GYC  HUNTER 35.5 LE   137 0.9461   RET
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  7 Siren          494          GYC  CATALINA 270 W    202 0.8644   RET
  7 Waahuu         4471         PYC  CS 30             137 0.9461   RET
  7 *Shoot the Bre 17                Freedom 29        145 0.9350   RET
  7 Stiletto       15176        GYC  WAVELENGTH 24     162 0.9129   RET

** Div. 4 A SP    -Start 18:50:00
  1 Pole Dancer    107          RYC  J 35               57 1.0708   15:22:48  20:32:48  22:00:05
  2 Unfinished Bus USA333       RYC  J 109              48 1.0870   15:10:38  20:20:38  22:06:50
  7 Cygnus         35           GYC  SABRE 38-1        107 0.9893   RET
  7 Dirty Thirty   23949        SBYC SOVEREL 30-4      108 0.9878   RET
  7 Gator Aid      73424        SBYC J 33              76 1.0383   RET
  7 Meltdown       136          RYC  MELGES 32 CF       0 1.1818   RET

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** Fleet GO
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 13 Dirty Thirty   23949        SBYC SOVEREL 30-4      108 0.9878   RET
 13 Gator Aid      73424        SBYC J 33              76 1.0383   RET
 13 Meltdown       136          RYC  MELGES 32 CF       0 1.1818   RET
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Island rounding times (from trackers)
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Race:         SBLR Island 2025     Wind spd: 2-15      Date:   08/22/25
Delegate:     Carr                 Wind dir: 240       Course: SBLR
Point-Point: Y                     Handicap: T         Length: 50.00

                         -- DIVISION SCORE --
Plc Boat Name      Sail #       Club Boat Type        ASP  Mult.   Finish    Elapsed   Corrected
___ _________      ______       ____ _________       ___  _____   ______    _______   _________

** Div. 1 B GO    -Start 18:35:00
  1 Wahoo          21567        NYCR STARWIND 27 IB   203 0.8632   05:25:30  10:50:30  09:21:31
  2 Merci          23           SBYC PEARSON 30       160 0.9155   05:06:20  10:31:20  09:37:59
  3 Talisman       261          GYC  PEARSON 303      204 0.8621   05:56:21  11:21:21  09:47:24
  4 Annie Jane     968               HUNTER 30 TM     173 0.8990   05:42:07  11:07:07  09:59:44
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5	Harmony	460	NYCR	BENETEAU 1ST 3	158	0.9181	05:30:57	10:55:57	10:02:14	
8	*Griffin	19	GYC	Catalina 315	156	0.9200	06:21:00	11:46:00	10:49:31	RAF
8	*Dragon Phoeni	none	VGR	Hunter 26 WK	197	0.8700	07:11:23	12:36:23	10:58:03	RAF

** Div. 2 A GO -Start 18:40:00

1	Splash Dance	32512	GYC	GOMAN EXP 30-2	137	0.9461	03:57:01	09:17:01	08:47:00	
2	Whirlaway	65	RYC	TARTAN 3500 SD	139	0.9434	04:35:43	09:55:43	09:22:00	
3	Barrel of Monk	42207	FHYC	J 35	77	1.0367	03:46:01	09:06:01	09:26:03	
4	Second Wind	752	GYC	HUNTER 35.5 LE	137	0.9461	05:37:00	10:57:00	10:21:35	
5	Cora Sue	33	GYC	J 34C SD	121	0.9687	05:50:12	11:10:12	10:49:13	
6	Traveller	US-10	RYC	BENETEAU 473	69	1.0501	06:33:52	11:53:52	12:29:38	
8	*Changing Lane	C38	GYC	Caliber 38	123	0.9658	06:21:22	11:41:22	11:17:23	RAF

** Div. 3 B SP -Start 18:45:00

1	Waahuu	4471	PYC	CS 30	137	0.9461	08:29:22	13:44:22	12:59:56	
2	Taliesin	42459	GYC	C&C 33-2	118	0.9731	08:10:46	13:25:46	13:04:05	
3	Siren	494	GYC	CATALINA 270 W	202	0.8644	10:15:11	15:30:11	13:24:03	
4	Toole N Around	16	GYC	CATALINA 380 W	125	0.9630	09:50:16	15:05:16	14:31:46	
7	*Shoot the Bre	17		Freedom 29	145	0.9350	14:11:27	19:26:27	18:10:38	RAF
7	Stiletto	15176	GYC	WAVELENGTH 24	162	0.9129	RET			

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2	Wahoo	21567	NYCR	STARWIND 27 IB	203	0.8632	05:25:30	10:50:30	09:21:31	
3	Whirlaway	65	RYC	TARTAN 3500 SD	139	0.9434	04:35:43	09:55:43	09:22:00	
4	Barrel of Monk	42207	FHYC	J 35	77	1.0367	03:46:01	09:06:01	09:26:03	
5	Merci	23	SBYC	PEARSON 30	160	0.9155	05:06:20	10:31:20	09:37:59	
6	Talisman	261	GYC	PEARSON 303	204	0.8621	05:56:21	11:21:21	09:47:24	
7	Annie Jane	968		HUNTER 30 TM	173	0.8990	05:42:07	11:07:07	09:59:44	
8	Harmony	460	NYCR	BENETEAU 1ST 3	158	0.9181	05:30:57	10:55:57	10:02:14	
9	Second Wind	752	GYC	HUNTER 35.5 LE	137	0.9461	05:37:00	10:57:00	10:21:35	
10	Cora Sue	33	GYC	J 34C SD	121	0.9687	05:50:12	11:10:12	10:49:13	
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Perpetual Trophy Winners

Founder's Cup
The first GYC yacht under 30' LOA to finish the regular course
Siren - Catalina 270 - Nicholas Lang

Stewart Trophy
The Best Corrected Time of the entire Non-Spinnaker Fleet:
WhirlAway - RYC - Tartan 3500 - Tim, Karen Sladden

Giambra Trophy (line honors)
The First Mono-Hull to Finish, Elapsed Time:
Unfinished Business - RYC – J 109 - Kathryn Angelidis

Allen Trophy
The Best Corrected Time of the entire Spinnaker Fleet
Poledancer - RYC - J 35C - Adam Allocco, Giles Ruck

Warren Miller "New Issue" Trophy
First new skipper to finish on corrected time, Genoa Only course
Whirlaway - RYC - Tartan 3500 - Tim, Karen Sladden

SBLR Ernie Coleman Memorial Trophy
The best performing yacht club in the Scotch Bonnet Light Race based on each club's top 3 finishing sailboats.
Rochester Yacht Club

2025 GYC Scotch Bonnet Light Race – Divisions

Boat Name	Sail #	First_name	Last_name	P2P-TCF		Make	Model	Club	1st
Spinnaker A Division 4									
Meltdown	232	Kris	Werner	1.1818		Melges	32	RYC	
Unfinished Business	USA 333	Kathryn	Angelidis	1.087		J Boats	J-109	RYC	
Poledancer	107	Michael	Mincher	1.0708		J Boats	J 35	RYC	
Gator aid	73424	John	Knapp	1.0383		J boat	J33	SBYC	Y
Cygnus	35	Doug	Beaudet	0.9893		Sabre	38	GYC	
Dirty Thirty	23949	Dave	Will	0.9878		Soverel	30	SBYC	
Spinnaker B Division 3									
Taliesin	42459	Todd	Schumacher	0.9731		C&C	33-2	GYC	Y
Toole'n Around	16	Christopher	Toole	0.963		Catalina	380	GYC	
Waahuu	4471	Alex	LaRue	0.9461		CS	CS 30	PYC	
Shoot The Breeze	17	Michael	Maher	0.935	*	Freedom	29		
Stiletto	15176	Christopher	Cotton	0.9129		Shock	Wavelength 24	GYC	
Siren	494	Nicholas	Lang	0.8644		Catalina	270	GYC	
Genoa Only A Division 2									
Traveller	US10	Peter	Lawrence	1.0501		Beneteau	473	RYC	
Barrel of Monkeys "xl"	42207	Phillip	MacArthur	1.0367		J	J/35	FHYC	
Cora Sue	33	John	Cake	0.9687		Jboats	J34C	GYC	
Changing Lanes	C38	Gregory	Carr	0.9658	*	Caliber	38	GYC	
Second Wind	752	David	Keller	0.9461		Hunter	Legend 35.5	PYC	
Splash Dance	32512	Eric	Leipold	0.9461		Goman	Express 30	GYC	
WhirlAway	65	Tim & Karen	Sladden	0.9434		Tartan	Tartan 3500	RYC	Y
Genoa Only B Division 1									
Griffin	19	Thomas	Ferrarone	0.92	*	Catalina	315	GYC	Y
Harmony	460	William	LaBine	0.9181		Beneteau	First 305	NYC	
Merci	23	Clay	Jackson	0.9155		Pearson	Pearson 30	SBYC	Y
Vita	11174	John	Liberatore	0.9142		CAL	3-30	GYC	
Annie Jane	2928	Ryan	Jermyn	0.899		Hunter	Cherubini 30		Y
Dragon Phoenix		Mark	Bohner	0.87	*	Hunter	26		Y
Wahoo	21567	Jeffrey	Heidman	0.8632		Starwind	27	NYC	Y
Talisman	261	Gary	Leary	0.8621		Pearson	Pearson 303	GYC	

* denotes boats sailing without a PHRF-LO certificate

Genesee Yacht Club	GYC	11
Rochester Yacht Club	RYC	5
Sodus Bay Yacht Club	SBYC	3
Pultneyville Yacht Club	PYC	2
Newport Yacht Club	NYC	2
Fair Haven Yacht Club	FHYC	1
No affiliation		3