

New Haven Lighthouse Battle Fun Race



To commemorate the 235th anniversary of the Battle of New Haven, the starting gun for this race will symbolize when Thomas Painter standing watch on July 4, 1779 sounded the alarm cannon and sent a drummer to sound the call to arms on that quiet Sunday night.

Brigadier General Garth and his invading party met a resistance force of only twenty-five young Colonials as he landed in West Haven and burned houses along the way to the West Haven Green. Simultaneously, General Tyron had landed at Lighthouse Point near Black Rock Fort that was manned with only nineteen local militia commanded by Lieutenant Pierpont. This small force fired at the British on the beach until the fort ran out of ammunition.

General Tyron sent out two patrols, one to capture the militia at Black Point Fort and the other to disperse the forces gathering at Beacon Hill, closer to New Haven. As he and his troops marched to the city, they burned buildings, killed patriot citizens, and became drunk on plentiful local rum. By nightfall, the British troops, drunk and demoralized by the constant sniper fire and



ungentlemanly harassment of the militia, welcomed the opportunity to return to their ships, but not before taking about 40 prisoners and setting fire to the barracks at Black Point Fort.

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Registration: 10:00 – 11:30 – Area B

Sign waiver
Sign up for your category

Numbered bibs handed out with Registration

- Recreational kayaks < 13' – Fleet A
- Recreational kayaks > 13' – Fleet B
- Stand Up Paddleboards – Fleet A
- Open Class (other paddle craft not listed above) - TBD

Pre-Race Skippers Meeting – 11:30 – Area I

At this meeting the 2.1 NM race course will be discussed

- Start/Finish at Jetty near Lighthouse
- 1st turn at Marker at far end of Breakwater
- 2nd turn at far side of Rock near Morgan Point
- Head along beach to Finish line
- Safety information and race course safety
- Boats not past the halfway mark by 1:00 will be escorted off the water.

Race Start – 12:00 and 12:10 (Incoming tide near high tide ~ 1:00PM)

- Fleet A – 12:00
- Fleet B – 12:10

Race Course – 2.1 NM

- Review chart of triangular course



1st leg SSW ~ 220°

2nd leg ENE ~ 75°

3rd leg WNW ~ 315°

Finish line is between marker and jetty

Call out number as you pass – do not cross course to get back to beach –return bib

Post Race – Area H

- Land on west side of jetty or take out a boat ramp

Award Ceremony – 2:00 (sooner if results tally quickly)

- Prizes for top three finishers in each category

