



NYYC Coastal Races

Newport, Rhode Island
July 18-19, 2025

NOTICE OF RACE incorporating AMENDMENTS 1 & 2

7.11.25

7.17.25

The Organizing Authority (OA) is the New York Yacht Club Regatta Association. The host yacht club is New York Yacht Club.

1 RULES

- 1.1 This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), including the current ORC rules and the current PHRF Regulations as administered by the PHRF of Narragansett Bay.
- 1.2 ~~Addendum 1— US Safety Equipment Requirements **Nearshore** (USSER) shall apply. **with the following additions or modifications:**~~
- ~~a) [NP] A harness and lifejacket shall be worn when on deck (at a minimum under the following conditions):~~
 - ~~1) between the hours of sunset and sunrise;~~
 - ~~2) when alone on deck;~~
 - ~~3) when reefed;~~
 - ~~4) when the true wind speed is 25 knots or above;~~
 - ~~5) when the visibility is less than one nautical mile.~~
 - ~~6) when the skipper, owner, or watch captain orders such safety equipment to be worn.~~
 - ~~b) Attention is drawn to RRS 56.3.~~
 - ~~e) RRS 56.2 will not be grounds for protests by boats. If there is a report from a government agency or from a disinterested vessel which was using the Traffic Separation Scheme that created an incident, the Race Committee (RC) may make a report to the jury, which may call a hearing.~~
 - ~~d) Violations of any currently restricted areas as described in the Local Notice to Mariners will not be grounds for protests by boats. If there is a report from a government agency or from a disinterested vessel that created an incident, the RC may make a report to the jury, which may call a hearing.~~
 - ~~e) The AIS transponder shall remain on at all times while racing.~~
 - ~~f) USSER 2.4.4 is amended to allow textile lifelines that meet all other lifeline requirements included in the USSER Coastal document.~~
- 1.3 The protest committee may impose suitable penalties, other than disqualification, for violations of the USSER or non-Part 2 rules. This changes RRS 60.5(c).
- ~~1.4 The navigation rules of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS) replace RRS Part 2 from sunset to sunrise.~~

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS AND CLASS ASSIGNMENTS

- 2.1 Sailing instructions will be available on the online Official Notice Board (ONB) no later than the start of registration on Thursday, July 17.

2.2 Scratch sheets will be available on the ONB.

3 ADVERTISING

The Organizing Authority may require all participating boats to display the event sponsor's advertising in accordance with World Sailing Appendix 1 – Advertising Code.

4 COMMUNICATION

4.1 Notices, including race documents, results and amendments shall be posted on the online ONB located on the event [website](#). Protest Committee information, including protest time limits and hearing schedules, shall be posted on the online Protest Committee Notice Board located on the event [website](#). All notices may also be posted on the unofficial notice boards which are located in the courtyard of the NYYC Sailing Center at Harbour Court.

4.2 Communication with competitors will be through the online ONB and/or WhatsApp. Each boat shall have at least one device connected to the internet with WhatsApp installed. On the water, the Race Committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio.

4.3 [DP] RRS 41, OUTSIDE HELP, RRS 41(c) is changed to read as follows: Help in the form of information freely available to all boats and any publicly offered internet or broadcast weather information from sources available to all competitors, whether on a subscription or free basis, is allowable. This shall include navigational, weather, tide or current information but shall not include any information gathered or the subject of interpretation by, or any advice received from, any human being not on board the boat and which is specific to the boat and its situation. By way of example and interpretation, downloading weather charts, weather and/or GRIB files from subscription services, or having such information passed to the boat in its pure form, is permitted, but receiving messages or information which is the result of human interpretation as it applies to the boat is not permitted. Competitors may use any means to retrieve the data. Accessing other information during the race will be considered a violation of RRS 41.

5 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

5.1 **ORC:** Entries are open to all boats with a valid, current ORCi or ORC Club certificate.

- a) One additional crew under the age of 16 is permitted and shall not count against the crew or weight limit.
- b) Weighing in is not required. However, the skipper of a boat that is later protested for exceeding the maximum crew weight cited on the boat's certificate shall make all crew weights available prior to the protest hearing and will be required to certify to the accuracy of that data.

5.2 **PHRF:** Open to boats with a valid, current PHRF of Narragansett Bay certificate. There is no crew number or weight limitation.

5.3 **PHRF Double-handed:** Entries are open boats with a valid, current PHRF of Narragansett Bay certificate. Boats shall be sailed by two crew.

5.4 Eligible boats may enter by completing and submitting the online entry form and the entry fee payment through the event [website](#). An entry is not considered complete until the entry form and payment have been received.

5.5 In accordance with RRS 76.1 the OA may reject the entry of any boat that may not fit the general parameters of the other boats entered with regard to size and/or design.

4 ENTRY FEES

4.1 The entry fee shall be paid with the online entry form. To determine the applicable entry fee, a boat's LOA is to be rounded downward to the nearest whole number. (e.g., 39.65' = 39')

LOA 30'-39'	\$400
LOA 40'-49'	\$525
LOA 50'-59'	\$650
LOA 60' and above	\$775
Doublehanded	\$350

4.2 A late fee of \$150 will be charged for entries received after Wednesday, July 9 through Sunday, July 13.

4.3 No entries will be accepted after Sunday, July 13 without written permission from the OA.

4.4 The entry fee includes the prize giving on Saturday evening.

5 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Date	Time	Event
Thursday, July 17	1600-1800	Registration at NYYC Sailing Center
Friday, July 18	0730-0830 1000	Late Registration (NYYC Sailing Center) First Warning Signal
Saturday, July 19	1100 Following Racing	First Warning Signal Prize Giving at Harbour Court

7 VENUE, RACING AREA AND COURSE

7.1 Racing will be held in the waters of Rhode Island Sound.

7.2 Regatta headquarters will be at New York Yacht Club, Harbour Court, in Newport, RI.

7.3 The races will be run on nearshore/coastal courses with a time range of approximately 4-6 hours.

8 PENALTIES

~~8.1 RRS 44.3, Scoring Penalty, shall apply.~~

~~8.2 The penalty under 44.3 (e) is changed to 10 minutes of elapsed time added to the total elapsed time for each incident. Thus changes 44.3(e). —~~

9 SCORING

9.1 Two coastal races are scheduled.

9.2 Race results for the ORC Division ~~will be determined by corrected times calculated by the single ToT calculated by the Weather Routing as provided by the ORC. List of ratings will be published not later than 3 hours before the start.~~ **will be calculated using 5-Band time-on-time.**

9.3 Race results for the PHRF divisions will be determined using time-on-time.

10 TEAM AND SPECTATOR VESSELS

10.1 The following limitations and restrictions apply to team and other spectator vessels.

- These vessels shall not approach closer than 100 meters to any vessel that is racing. In addition, these vessels shall stay at least 100 meters away laylines and marks of the course.
- If in the starting area, these vessels shall leave the racing and starting areas prior to the warning signal and may station themselves outside of the starboard end of the starting line, but no closer than 150 meters to the race committee signal vessel.

10.2 All team and spectator vessels must register with the OA prior to the first day of racing. These vessels shall display the identifying flag issued by the OA at all times while they are on the water.

11 PRIZES

11.1 Prizes for the top 1-3 finishing teams, dependent on number of entrants, in each class will be awarded.

11.2 Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the OA.

12 RADIO AND WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS

12.1 While racing, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions nor receive radio or wireless communications not available to all boats, except in an emergency.

12.2 The race committee intends to use VHF marine radio frequencies to broadcast courtesy information to competitors. The race committee's VHF channel will be provided at the Competitors' Briefing and posted on the Official Notice Board.

13 MEDIA WAIVER AND DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

13.1 As a condition of entry, each owner, skipper and individual participating crew member shall submit an online Waiver and Release of Liability Form. The fully executed Liability and Media Waiver form shall be submitted prior to racing. The link to the waiver can be found on the NYYC Coastal Races [website](#).

- 13.2** Media Waiver – Competitors and crew members on the competing boats grant, at no cost, the New York Yacht Club Regatta Association, Inc., New York Yacht Club, and any official sponsors of the regatta, the absolute right and permission to use their name, voice, image, likeness, biographical material as well as representations of the boats in any media worldwide (being television, print and internet media), including video footage, for the sole purposes of advertising, promoting, reporting and disseminating information regarding the NYYC Coastal Races and the participants in the NYYC Coastal Races.
- 13.3** Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. All skippers and crew should familiarize themselves with RRS 3, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority and all its Committee members will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

14 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be adequately insured with current, valid third-party liability insurance that is appropriate taking into account the value of the boats racing and the type of racing.

15 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact:

Regatta Website: <https://nyyc.org/2025-coastal-races>

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