



Notice of Race

American Yacht Club

47th Annual Spring Regatta

May 1-3, 2026

Organizing Authority (OA): American Yacht Club (AYC), Rye, NY

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1. The notation '[DP]' in a rule means that the penalty for a breach of the rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

GENERAL FORMAT

The 47th American Yacht Club Annual Spring Regatta will consist of:

- **The Friday Coastal Race on May 1.** Scoring for the Friday Coastal Race will be using PHRF (including Doublehanded & Non-Spinnaker), ORC, and One Design (based on sufficient entries at the discretion of the OA). If there are sufficient multihull entries, they may be scored using a current New England Multihull Association (NEMA) rating certificate at the discretion of the OA. The Friday Coastal Race will be scored separately and will not be included in the Spring Series score.
- **The Spring Series on Saturday and Sunday, May 2-3** will offer two racing formats:
 - **Windward/Leeward Racing** for the ORC, PHRF, and One Design Classes
 - **Coastal Racing** for the PHRF Classes (including Doublehanded & Non-Spinnaker), the ORC Classes, and multihull boats (if sufficient entries at the discretion of the OA and the boat has a current NEMA rating certificate).

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 US Sailing Special Equipment Requirement (USSER) for Nearshore races shall apply.
- 1.3 The IMS and ORC Rating Systems Rules apply to ORC classes.
- 1.4 The regatta is designated as Level 2 under J/105 class rule 3.4, and Level A under J/105 class rule 3.6. The J/105 Fleet Six junior exemption (Article 9.8) shall apply.
- 1.5 For the Doublehanded class only, RRS 52 is changed by adding: However, the rudder may be adjusted and operated by an autopilot using power that is not provided by the crew.
- 1.6 [DP][NP] Boats shall keep clear of commercial shipping as required by the IRCAS or other government right-of-way rules. The penalty for breaking this rule may be disqualification, which also may be non-excludable, from one or more races or from the series.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be available on the [Regatta Website](#) at or before 1200 on April 30.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The online official notice board is located at <https://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu/50596>.
- 3.2 [DP] Each boat shall carry a radio capable of transmitting and receiving VHF channels 16, 69, and 71. Except in an emergency or to report a protest or withdrawal, a boat shall neither make nor receive any type of electronic communication while racing that is not freely available to all boats.
- 3.3 On the water, the race committee intends to make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel(s) will be stated in the SIs.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The Friday Coastal Race is open to boats with a Yacht Racing Association of Long Island Sound (YRALIS) PHRF rating of 165 or less or boats with a ORCi or ORC Club rating with a GPH of 660 or less; this includes Doublehanded and Non-Spinnaker boats.
- 4.2 The Spring Series Windward/Leeward Racing is open to boats with a ORCi or ORC Club rating with a GPH of 660, with a YRALIS PHRF rating of 100 or less, and the J/70, J/88, J/105, J/109, and J/44 One Design classes. Other One Design classes may be accepted at the discretion of the OA.
- 4.3 The Spring Series Coastal Racing is open to boats with a YRALIS PHRF rating of 165 or less or boats with a ORCi or ORC Club rating with a GPH of 660 or less; this includes Doublehanded and Non-Spinnaker boats.
- 4.4 Rating certificates must be available on the issuing rating authority's website no later than 1800 on Wednesday, April 29, 2026. No certificates or changes to certificates will be accepted after 1800 on Wednesday, April 29, without the permission of the OA.
- 4.5 Online registration and electronic entry fee payment are available on the Regatta Website at https://www.yachtscoring.com/event_registration_email/50596.
- 4.6 The entry form, entry fee, and rating certificate (when applicable) shall be submitted through the Regatta Website on or before 1800 on Saturday, April 18, 2026. Late entries may be accepted until 1800 on Thursday, April 30.
- 4.7 All competitors shall complete and submit the online liability waiver prior to the close of entries.

5 FEES

- 5.1 The entry fee to participate is as follows:

<u>Early Entry Fee</u>	<u>Entry Fee after 4/18/26</u>
\$375	\$450

The entry fee for the Spring Regatta includes an entry in the Friday Coastal Race and the Spring Series on Saturday and Sunday. Competitors who wish to sail only the Friday Coastal Race will need to enter the Spring Regatta and pay the full entry fee.

Post-racing complimentary food, sponsored beverages and daily entertainment at American Yacht Club are included and open to sailors, members, and guests.

- 5.2 Entry Fee Refund Policy: Boats withdrawing after 1800 on Saturday, April 18, 2026 and before 1800 on Wednesday, April 29, will be refunded their entry fee minus a \$100 administration fee. Boats withdrawing after 1800 on Wednesday, April 29, will not receive a refund.
- 5.3 Boats may also enter the American Yacht Club Fall Regatta (scheduled for September 26, 27, and October 3, 4, 2026) at the same time by indicating on the online entry and paying the appropriate fee. The combined fee is \$600 if paid before 1800 on Saturday, April 18, 2026.

6 SCHEDULE

- 6.1 One race is scheduled for the Friday Coastal Race, with the first warning signal at 1255 on May 1, 2026.
- 6.2 Racing for all classes in the Spring Series is scheduled for May 2 and 3, 2026.
- 6.3 The first warning signal for the Spring Series on Saturday, May 2 and Sunday, May 3 will be based on the weather forecast and other factors and will be at 1055 or 1255. The race committee will announce by text message using the cellular phone number provided with each entry, and post on the Regatta Website the time of the scheduled first warning signal by 1900 for each of the courses on the day before each day of racing. The race committee may have different scheduled first warning times for each course.
- 6.4 For the Spring Series Windward/Leeward Racing classes, multiple races per day are scheduled.
- 6.5 For the Spring Series Coastal Racing classes, a maximum of two races per day are scheduled.

7 VENUE

- 7.1 Races will be conducted on two separate courses from starting areas located approximately mid-Sound, south or east of Milton Point, Rye, New York. The approximate positions of the starting areas will be announced approximately 30 minutes prior to the first warning signal each day for all classes on their respective VHF channels.

8 COURSES

- 8.1 The Friday Coastal Race shall be a daytime distance course around government marks and drop marks.
- 8.2 Spring Series Windward/Leeward Racing shall be a windward-leeward course around drop marks.
- 8.3 Spring Series Coastal Racing shall be a daytime distance course around government and drop marks.

9 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 9.1 Appendix T, Arbitration, will apply as changed. At the end of T4, Arbitration Meeting Outcomes, add:
(c) The following sentence is added to RRS 63.1(a)(4) "If arbitration has been conducted, a representative of each party to the hearing and the Arbitrator have the right to be present throughout the hearing of all the evidence."
- 9.2 For all classes: US Sailing Prescription Appendix V, Rule V1 shall apply.

10 SCORING

- 10.1 The Friday Coastal Race will be a single race and shall be scored separately using PHRF Time on Distance (ToD) and the Distance rating shown on each boat's YRALIS PHRF certificate, or ORC Triple Number All Purpose Time on Time (ToT) ratings shown on their certificates. The Friday Coastal Race will not be included in the Spring Series score.
- 10.2 The series score for the Spring Series shall be based on class race scores from May 2 & 3, 2026. One race is required to constitute a series.
- 10.3 When fewer than five (5) races have been completed in the Spring Series, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When five (5) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 10.4 ORC class scoring for the Spring Series Windward/Leeward Racing will use Triple Number Windward/Leeward ToT ratings shown on their certificates.
- 10.5 PHRF class scoring for the Spring Series Windward/Leeward Racing will use PHRF ToD and the W/L rating shown on each boat's YRALIS PHRF certificate.

- 10.6 PHRF class scoring for the Spring Series Coastal Racing will use PHRF ToD and the Distance rating shown on each boat's YRALIS PHRF certificate. ORC class scoring for the Spring Series Coastal Racing will use Triple Number All Purpose ToT ratings shown on their certificates.

11 RISK, RESPONSIBILITY FOR SAFETY, WAIVER & RELEASE

- 11.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event and any related activity sponsored, undertaken, administered, managed, or allowed to be conducted by American Yacht Club, the owner, helmsman and each crew member agree, understand and accept, for themselves and their respective successors, assigns, representatives, administrators, executors, agents, heirs or any person acting or purporting to act on their behalf ("Releasors") that sailing is an inherently dangerous and unpredictable activity due to multiple factors that cannot be anticipated or predicted with certainty, including but not limited to weather, equipment failure or malfunction, and the actions of others on or off the water, injury, sickness and disease (including communicable diseases such as Covid-19). Releasors also agree, understand and accept that sailing presents inherent risks of serious bodily injury (including permanent disability, paralysis, and death, whether by drowning or otherwise, sickness and disease (including communicable diseases), property damage and other economic loss. Accordingly, and in consideration for being permitted to enter into and participate in this or any other sailing event sponsored, undertaken, administered, managed or allowed to be conducted by American Yacht Club, Releasors forever release and waive, to the fullest extent allowed by law, any and all claims, actions, accounts, causes of action and choses in action, whether in law, equity or admiralty, that Releasors now have, may have had or may come to have, against American Yacht Club, including its officers, directors, trustees, members, employees, agents, volunteers, staff, committees, and anyone acting on its behalf ("Releasees"), for anything arising out of or relating to Releasors' participation in such sailing events (including contracting communicable diseases such as Covid-19). Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, and without in any way limiting or lessening the effect or breadth of the foregoing release and waiver, and solely for the avoidance of doubt and clarification, Releasors agree, acknowledge and understand that this release and waiver applies to any and all claims of any kind at all against Releasees arising out of or relating to injuries, deaths, sickness and disease (including communicable diseases such as Covid-19), damage to vessels or damage to personal property sustained during or as a result of any and all sailing events sponsored, undertaken, administered, managed or allowed to be conducted by American Yacht Club.

12 INSURANCE

- 12.1 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.

13 GREEN REGATTA

- 13.1 [DP][NP] In an effort to promote sustainability and reduce the amount of waste in Long Island Sound, competitors are encouraged to utilize reusable water bottles and avoid the use of any single-use plastics.

14 PRIZES

- 14.1 Prizes for the Spring Regatta will be awarded at American Yacht Club on May 3, 2026.
- 14.2 AYC Friday Coastal Race prizes for each class will be awarded to the top placing boats in each class (how many in class will be determined by number of entries). An overall prize will be awarded to the top finisher, in the judgement of the race committee.
- 14.3 AYC Spring Series prizes for each class will be awarded to the top placing boats as follows: first place prize for two or more entries; second place for four or more; and third place for six or more. The AYC Spring Series RAMPANT, 1888 and EDWARD RICHARDS TROPHIES will be awarded to the boats which, in the judgment of the race committee, have the best performance in Coastal Racing, One Design and W/L classes, respectively. The ROGER SHERMAN MEMORIAL TROPHY will be awarded after the 2026 AYC Fall Regatta to the boat which, in the judgment of the race committee, has the best-combined performance in the 2026 Spring Regatta and Fall Regatta.

15 OTHER DOCUMENTS

15.1 Additional documents are located at <https://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu/50596>

16 EVENT MANAGEMENT & CONTACT INFORMATION

16.1 American Yacht Club, 499 Stuyvesant Avenue, Rye, NY 10580

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Regatta Website: <https://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu/50596>

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Event Chairs: Erik Asgeirsson and Mark Ploch

A limited number of guest moorings will be available. Reservations are required. Contact Bud Puterbaugh, AYC Harbor Captain, by email at bputerbaugh@americanyc.org for rates and availability.

**American Yacht Club cordially extends the privileges of the Clubhouse and harbor
to participants before and after racing.**