



NEW YORK YACHT CLUB

172nd NYYC ANNUAL REGATTA

June 12-14, 2026

Newport, Rhode Island

GENERAL FORMAT

- The 172nd NYYC Annual Regatta will consist of:
 - The Around-the-Island Race or middle-distance race (scored separately) on Friday, June 12. Shields will sail a different distance course than the rest of the fleets.
 - The traditional Two-Day Series on Saturday and Sunday, June 13-14, for boats racing in ORC, One-Design classes, Classics (Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker), Multihulls and PHRF Navigators (Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker).
 - Racing formats may include:
 - Drop mark races on Rhode Island Sound or Narragansett Bay.
 - Navigator-style races using marks designated on the South Bay Race Chart or in the sailing instructions.
 - It is anticipated that if conditions are suitable, fleets may race to or from their respective race circles.
 - For racing on Saturday and Sunday, the intended format of racing and circle assignment for each fleet will be communicated no later than 2000 the evening before it will take effect. The rendezvous location for each circle will be announced during the 0900 VHF broadcast on the day it will take effect.
 - The Race Committee will endeavor to choose circle assignments that both minimize transit times to the race area and provide the best sailing.
 - The Race Committee will monitor sailing conditions and per NOR 7.3 communicate any schedule change no later than 2000 the evening before it will take effect.
- Rolex Cup – Two-boat teams in the Around-the-Island Race on Friday, June 12.
- Great Corinthian Trophy – Yacht club teams (other than NYYC) of three or more boats competing in the ORC and/or One-Design fleets in the Two-Day Series.
- The Annual Regatta is the first event in the 2026 NYYC Classic Yacht Series. More information can be found in the Series NOR on the event website.
- The Annual Regatta website can be found at <https://nyyc.org/172nd-annual-regatta>.

NOTICE OF RACE

The Organizing Authority (OA) is the New York Yacht Club Regatta Association, Inc. The host is the New York Yacht Club (NYYC).

1 RULES

- 1.1** The event will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), including the current ORC rules, the current NEMA, the current NYYC Classics Rules incorporating CRF, the current PHRF Regulations as administered by the PHRF of Narragansett Bay, and the current Class Rules for any one-design classes.
- 1.2** The following documents shall apply and will be posted as addenda on the Annual Regatta website:
- a) Addendum 1 – US Safety Equipment Requirements (USSER)
 - All boats shall minimally comply with the US Nearshore section of the USSER and shall comply with their class rules, where applicable.
 - Rule 40.1 shall apply to boats not rigged with lifelines and crew shall wear a personal flotation device at all times while racing.
 - In the event of a conflict between these Requirements and applicable class rules, the class rules shall apply.
 - b) Addendum 2 – The NYYC Classics Rules:
 - Shall apply to all boats racing in the Classics division.
- 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 prescription to RRS 63.1(a) is deleted. However, when redress under RRS 61.4(b) has been requested by one or more boats in the same class, the protest committee may invite all boats in that class to attend and be made parties to the hearing.
- 1.5** RRS 60.4(a)(2) is changed as follows: “(2) if it alleges a breach of a rule of Part 2 or RRS 31 and is from a boat that was not involved in, and did not see, the incident, or”.

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, June 11.
- 2.2** Scratch sheets will be available on the ONB.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1** 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.
- 3.2** Each boat shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating with the Race Committee on fleet channels.
- 3.3** On the water, the Race Committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel(s) will be stated in the SIs.

4 ELIGIBILITY

- 4.1** Entry is open to boats with a minimum LOA of 25 feet that satisfy one or more of the entry requirements in NOR 4.2 to 4.9 or to a class invited by the OA. The OA reserves the right to limit the number of entries in any class. In addition, 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.

- 4.2 ORC:** Entries are open to all boats with a valid, current ORC International or ORC Club Certificate.
- a) ORC Rule 200.1 is changed as follows:
 - i. One additional crew under the age of 16 is permitted and shall not count against the crew or weight limit.
 - ii. 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.
 - b) ORC Rule 206 is changed as follows: During the regatta, the sails carried (including mainsails and spinnakers) may vary from day to day but shall remain the same for each individual race day, including days with multiple races, even in the case of damage to sails. The race day begins when the boat leaves the dock or its mooring for the race course.
- 4.3 PHRF Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker:** Entries are open to all boats with a valid, current PHRF of Narragansett Bay certificate with a rating of 0 to 165. Boats with a rating lower than 0, or a rating higher than 165, will be permitted to enter at the discretion of the OA. There is no crew number or weight limitation. PHRF boats will sail navigator-style races.
- 4.4 Multihull:** Entries are open to any offshore Multihull (as determined by the OA) that meets the LOA minimum in NOR 4.1. The rating system for the Multihull class will be NEMA. Multihulls will sail navigator-style races.
- 4.5 Classic:** Entries are open to all boats that meet the design, construction and equipment parameters described in NOR Addendum 2 – NYYC Classics Rules. All boats must hold a valid, current CRF certificate. Classics will sail navigator-style races.
- 4.6 12 Metre:** Entries are open to any 12 Metre boat holding a valid Certificate of Measurement that is current with the 12 Metre Class. Annual dues and any certificate filing fees must have been paid. Depending on the number of entries, the 12 Metres may start as a single class. Trophies will be awarded in the Traditional and Modern/Grand Prix divisions if there are three or more entries in a division. The OA will use handicap ratings if provided by the ITMA.
- a) Class Rule 40 is amended as follows: All Divisions will be allowed to carry one Rider, in addition to the crew numbers allowed in Rule 40 as modified by Appendix E. The Rider may not participate, either physically or verbally, in any sailing-related activities while the boat is racing, unless the action is required for the safety of the vessel or its crew. In the event that the Rider does engage in such activities while racing for any reason, the boat shall retire immediately from that race.
- 4.7 IC37 Class:** Entries are open to boats of the IC37 class.
- 4.8 Shields Class:** Entries are open to boats of the Shields class. The Shields will sail a different distance course on Friday than the classes participating in the Around-the-Island Race.
- 4.9 M32 Class:** Entries are open to boats of the M32 class.
- 5.0 One-Design:** Entries are open to all classes with a minimum LOA of 25 feet and a minimum of eight entries unless otherwise approved by the OA, and to any classes invited by the OA. Entrants must meet all ownership, class membership (including crew eligibility requirements), sail measurement and crew weigh-in requirements as required by their respective classes.

5 ENTRY

- 5.1** The entry form is available on the Annual Regatta [website](#). The official entry form, entry fee and rating certificate (when applicable) shall be submitted online on or before 1700 on Friday, June 5, 2026. Late entries may be accepted until 1700 on Wednesday, June 10, with permission from the OA. Late fees will apply as described in NOR 6.3. No entries will be accepted after 1700 on Wednesday, June 10.
- 5.2** For all boats, entry includes racing in the Around-the-Island Race, or for a distance race for the Shields class, on Friday, June 12. Boats that elect not to race in the Around-the-Island Race, or the Shields distance race, should check the appropriate box on the entry form as well as inform the Sailing Office directly.
- 5.3** All boats shall pick up their regatta packets during the registration times listed in NOR 7.2. Registration will take place in the NYYC Sailing Center, Harbour Court, 5 Halidon Avenue, Newport, RI 02840.
- 5.4** The Rolex Cup will be presented to the best two-boat team in the ORC division in the Around-the-Island Race. Entries may be made online on the Annual Regatta website and must be submitted on or before 1800 on Thursday, June 11, 2026.

- 5.5** The Great Corinthian Trophy will be presented to the yacht club team, other than New York Yacht Club, represented by three or more boats competing in ORC and/or One-Design classes with the best score in the Annual Regatta Two-Day Series. All helmspersons shall be Group 1 as defined in [World Sailing Sailor Categorization Code](#). Entries may be made online on the Annual Regatta website and must be submitted on or before 1800 on Friday, June 12, 2026.
- 5.6** All competitors shall submit a completed Crew Liability and Media Waiver form before racing. This form will be available on the Annual Regatta [website](#).
- 5.7** An entry is not considered complete, and a boat will not be scored, if the following items have not been received:
- Completed online registration
 - Entry fee payment
 - Current, valid rating certificate submitted (if applicable)
 - Waivers for all crew submitted

6 FEES

- 6.1 Entry fees:** 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., 49.65' = 49')

PHRF

Navigator Course – LOA 40' or less	\$475
Navigator Course – LOA 41' or more	\$675

ONE-DESIGN

IC37	\$950
Shields	\$475
M32	\$250

ORC, CLASSICS, MULTIHULL

LOA 29' or less	\$475
LOA 30'-34'	\$600
LOA 35'-39'	\$725
LOA 40'-44'	\$850
LOA 45'-49'	\$975
LOA 50'-59'	\$1,125
LOA 60' and above	\$1,325

- 6.2 Team entry:** There is no additional fee for a team to enter either the Rolex Cup or the Great Corinthian Trophy.
- 6.3 Late entry fee:** A late fee of \$250 will be charged for entries received after 1700 on Friday, June 5.
- 6.4 Administration fee:** Boats withdrawing after 1700 on Friday, June 5, and before 1700 on Wednesday, June 10, will be refunded their entry fee minus a \$100 administration fee. Boats withdrawing after 1700 on Wednesday, June 10, will not receive a refund.
- 6.5 Late rating certificate fee:** A late certificate fee of \$250 will be charged for rating certificates filed after 1700 on Friday, June 5, as required in NOR 9.1. No certificates or changes to certificates will be accepted after Monday, June 8, without the permission of the OA.
- 6.6 Dinner tickets:** Tickets to the Annual Regatta Dinner are not included in the entry fee. Tickets will be available for purchase through the online social reservations form through Monday, June 8. After this date, depending on availability, tickets can be purchased through the NYYC Special Events office or at registration.

7 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 7.1** A representative from each boat shall report to registration to obtain class assignments and scratch sheets, event signage and flags (if applicable), and to confirm all Crew Liability and Media Waivers have been completed. All shore events will take place at Harbour Court.
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| Thursday, June 11 | 1600-1800 | Registration |
| Friday, June 12 | 0800-0930 | Registration |
| | 1100 | First Warning Signal for the Around-the-Island Race |
| | 1600-1800 | Registration and weigh-ins (<i>if applicable</i>) |
| | After Racing | Cocktails and Around-the-Island Race Awards party |
| Saturday, June 13 | 1100 | First Warning Signal for all courses |
| | 1800 | Annual Regatta cocktails |
| | 1900 | Annual Regatta Dinner (smart casual dress) |
| Sunday, June 14 | 1100 | First Warning Signal for all courses |
| | After Racing | Awards Ceremony (after racing) |

- 7.3 Any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.
7.4 No warning signal shall be made after 1500 on Sunday, June 14.

8 CREW WEIGH-INS

Crew weigh-ins will be conducted only if required by applicable Class Rules.

9 MEASUREMENT

- 9.1 Each boat shall submit a valid certificate to the NYYC Sailing Office before 1700 on Friday, June 5, as follows. No certificates or changes to certificates will be accepted after Monday, June 8, without the permission of the OA.
- a) 12 Metres shall submit a copy of the cover page of their valid Certificate of Measurement signed by the ITMA Technical Director.
 - b) One-design boats shall submit a copy of their valid, current class measurement certificate when one is required by their class rules.
 - c) PHRF boats shall submit a copy of their valid, current PHRF-NB certificate.
 - d) ORC boats shall submit a copy of their valid, current ORC certificate.
 - e) Classic boats shall submit a copy of their valid, current CRF certificate.
 - g) Multihulls shall submit a copy of their valid, current NEMA certificate.
- 9.2 Boats, including all qualifying equipment and sails, may be subject to random inspection by the OA at any time during this event.

10 VENUE

Races will be held off Newport, RI, on Rhode Island Sound or Narragansett Bay.

11 COURSES

- 11.1 Courses for all classes will be defined in the sailing instructions.
- 11.2 South Bay Race Chart marks, as shown on the current South Bay Race Chart, or other special marks may be used for races held in Narragansett Bay or on Rhode Island Sound and will be described in the sailing instructions.

12 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 12.1 If class rules request that the OA change the penalty in RRS 44.1 for a breach of one or more rules of Part 2 in an incident while racing, this change will be stated in the sailing instructions, otherwise US Sailing prescription Appendix V rule V1 shall apply.
- 12.2 For any class with 10 or more entrants, US Sailing prescription Appendix V rule V2 shall apply.

13 SCORING

- 13.1 The Around-the-Island Race on Friday, June 12, shall be scored separately and will not count in the Two-Day Series score.
- 13.2 Multiple races are planned in the Two-Day Series. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series. A boat's series score will be the total of all of her race scores. No score will be excluded. This changes RRS A2 and IC37CR H.3.1(e).
- 13.3 Multihull classes will be scored using time-on-time.
- 13.4 ORC classes will be scored using either 5-Band time-on-time or PCS for the Two-Day Series Score depending on the course configuration. The Around-the-Island Race on Friday will be scored using 5-Band time-on-time. The selection of the scoring type or band is at the discretion of the Race Committee and is shall not be grounds for a boat to request redress. This changes RRS 61.4(b).
- 13.5 PHRF classes will be scored using time-on-distance.
- 13.6 The Around-the-Island Race Team Trophy for the Rolex Cup will be scored using Appendix A, Low Point System, combining the overall finish points (among all ORC entries) of both boats on the team. The overall finish for each boat is the corrected seconds per mile in ORC. The trophy will be awarded to the team with the lowest total score.
- 13.7 The Great Corinthian Trophy will be scored by using each boat's average percentage score (finish points divided by the number of starters for each race) within its respective class for all her races during the Two-Day

Series. The team score is an average of all boats' average percentage scores. The trophy will be awarded to the team with the lowest average percentage points.

14 PRIZES

- 14.1** Prizes for the Around-the-Island Race will be awarded to the top boats in each class based on class size. Overall prizes will be awarded to the top finisher in ORC. All awards will be presented at the Awards Ceremony after the race on Friday, June 12, at Harbour Court.
- 14.2** The Rolex Cup will be presented at the Around-the-Island Race Awards Ceremony on Friday, June 12, at Harbour Court.
- 14.3** Prizes for the Two-Day Series will be awarded to the top placing boats in each class based on class size. An overall prize will be awarded to the top finisher in ORC. All awards will be presented at the Awards Ceremony on Sunday, June 14, at Harbour Court.
- 14.4** The Great Corinthian Trophy will be presented at the Awards Ceremony on Sunday, June 14, at Harbour Court.
- 14.5** The IC37 Corinthian Trophy will be awarded to the top finishing all Corinthian boat.
- 14.5** The Solution Trophy may be awarded at the NYYC Annual Awards Dinner on November 12 to the enrolled New York Yacht Club entry in the Annual Regatta which, in the opinion of the Race Committee, makes the best overall performance in the Two-Day Series.

15 LIABILITY AND MEDIA WAIVER

- 15.1** As a condition of entry, each owner, skipper and participating crew member shall submit, prior to racing, an online liability waiver/media release. The links to this form can be found on the Annual Regatta [website](#).
- 15.2** 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 Annual Regatta and the participants in the Annual Regatta.
- 15.3** Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority, New York Yacht Club and any official sponsors 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. Attention is also drawn to RRS 46 and USSER 1.2, Responsibility.

16 ADVERTISING

- 16.1** A boat and her crew shall comply with the [World Sailing Advertising Code](#).
- 16.2** Each boat may be required to display a backstay flag, or other signage provided at registration, while racing.

17 INSURANCE

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

18 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please visit the Annual Regatta website at <https://nyyc.org/172nd-annual-regatta> or contact the Sailing Office. New York Yacht Club, Harbour Court; 5 Halidon Avenue; Newport, RI 02840
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