



# NEW YORK YACHT CLUB RACE WEEK AT NEWPORT

July 16-19, 2026  
Newport, Rhode Island

## GENERAL FORMAT

- NYYC Race Week at Newport:
  - Racing on Thursday-Sunday, July 16-19, for boats racing in ORC, some One-Design classes, 12 Metres, Multihulls and PHRF Navigators (Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker).
    - The IC37 Class will score Thursday as a stand-alone race day. Friday-Sunday will comprise the 2026 IC37 National Championship.
  - Racing on Friday-Sunday, July 17-19 for boats racing in the Classics, Shields and VX One classes.
  - 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.
    - Fleet racing to or from their respective race circles if conditions are suitable.
  - 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 monitor sailing conditions and per NOR 7.3 communicate any schedule change no later than 2000 the evening before it will take effect.
- Race Week Team Trophy – Yacht Club teams of three boats with the best combined score.
- Race Week at Newport is the second event in the 2026 NYYC Classic Yacht Series. More information can be found in the Series NOR on the event website.
- Race Week at Newport website can be found at [www.nyyc.org/2026-race-week-at-newport](http://www.nyyc.org/2026-race-week-at-newport).

## **NOTICE OF RACE**

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

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1.

### **1 RULES**

- 1.1** The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), including the current ORC rules, the current PHRF Regulations as administered by the PHRF of Narragansett Bay, the current NYYC Classics Rules incorporating CRF and current Class Rules for any one-design classes.
- 1.2** The following documents shall apply and will be posted as addenda on the Race Week at Newport 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.
    - [NP] 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 (SIs) will be available online no later than the start of registration.
- 2.2** Scratch sheets will be available on the Race Week [website](#).

### **3 COMMUNICATION**

- 3.1** Notices, including race documents, results and amendments shall be posted on the online Official Notice Board 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:** Entry is 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 available to be weighed in prior to any protest hearing and will be required to certify to the accuracy of the 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.

ORC boats may sail a mix of drop-mark races and middle-distance races. **Races will be run on July 16-19.**

- 4.3 **PHRF Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker:** Entries are open to all boats with a valid, current PHRF of Narragansett Bay certificate rating of 0 to 165. Boats with a rating lower than 0 or 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. **Races will be run on July 16-19.**

- 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 may sail a mix of navigator-style races and drop mark races. **Races will be run on July 16-19.**

- 4.5 **Classics:** 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. Classic boats may sail a mix of drop mark races and middle-distance races. **Races will be run on July 17-19.**

- 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. If there are three or more entries in a Traditional, Modern or Grand Prix division, they will be scored separately even if they are started together. The OA will use handicap ratings if provided by the ITMA. 12 Metre boats may sail a mix of drop mark races and middle-distance races. **Races will be run on July 16-19.**

- 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 immediately retire from that race.

- 4.7 **IC37 Class:** Entries are open to boats of the IC37 class. A stand-alone race day will take place on July 16. The IC37 Class National Championship will be held July 17-19 and those days are designated a type "A Regatta" per IC37 CR H.3.2(a). The single entry fee covers all days of racing.

- 4.8 **VX One Class:** Entries are open to boats of the VX One class. **Races will be run July 17-19.**

- 4.9 **Shields Class:** Entries are open to boats of the Shields class. **Races will be run July 17-19.**

- 4.10 **One-Design:** Entry is open to all classes with a minimum of eight entries. Entrants must meet all ownership, class membership (including crew eligibility requirements), sail measurement and crew weigh-in requirements as may be required by their class. One-design classes may sail a mix of drop mark races and middle-distance races. **Races will be run on July 16-19.** At the discretion of the OA, one-design classes may arrange a different schedule by contacting the NYYC Sailing Director at [sailingoffice@nyyc.org](mailto:sailingoffice@nyyc.org).

## 5 ENTRY

- 5.1 The entry form will be available online on the Race Week [website](#). The official entry form, entry fee and rating certificate (when applicable) shall be submitted online on or before 1700 on Wednesday, July 8, 2026. Late entries will be accepted until 1700 on Tuesday, July 14. Late fees will apply as described in NOR 6.2. No entries will be accepted after 1700 on Tuesday, July 14.

- 5.2 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.

**5.3** The Race Week Team Trophy will be presented to the yacht club team, represented by three boats, with the best score in Race Week. The skipper of each boat on a team shall be a current member of the yacht club the team represents. Yacht clubs may enter one or more teams. Entries may be made online on the Race Week website and submitted on or before 1700 on Wednesday, July 15, 2026.

**5.4** All competitors shall submit a completed Crew Liability Waiver form before racing. This form will be available on the Race Week [website](#).

## 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')

<b>PHRF</b>		<b>ORC, 12 METRE, MULTIHULL</b>	
LOA 40' or less	\$550	LOA 29' or less	\$625
LOA 41' or more	\$800	LOA 30' to 34'	\$800
		LOA 35' to 39'	\$1,000
		LOA 40' to 44'	\$1,125
		LOA 45 to 49'	\$1,300
		LOA 50' to 59'	\$1,425
		LOA 60' or more	\$1,600
<b>CLASSICS</b>			
LOA 40' or less (Fri-Sun)	\$475		
LOA 41' or more (Fri-Sun)	\$625		

**6.2 Late entry fee:** A late fee of \$250 will be charged to entries received after 1700 on Wednesday, July 8.

**6.3 Administration fee:** Boats withdrawing after 1700 on Wednesday, July 8, and before 1700 on Tuesday, July 14, will be refunded their entry fee minus a \$100 administration fee. Boats withdrawing after 1700 on Tuesday, July 14, will not receive a refund.

**6.4 Late rating certificate fee:** A late certificate fee of \$250 will be charged for rating certificates filed after 1700 on Wednesday, July 8 as required in NOR 8.1. No certificates or changes to certificates will be accepted after Tuesday, July 14, without the permission of the OA.

**6.5 RWAN Party:** Tickets to the RWAN Party are not included in the entry fee. Tickets will be available for purchase through the online social reservations form located on the [website](#).

## 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 Waivers have been completed. Registration will take place in the NYYC Sailing Center, Harbour Court, 5 Halidon Avenue, Newport, RI 02840.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
Wednesday, July 15	1600-1800	Registration – NYYC Sailing Center
Thursday, July 16	0800-0900	Registration – NYYC Sailing Center
	1100	First Warning Signal
	Following Racing	Post-Race Social
Friday, July 17	0800-0900	Registration - NYYC Sailing Center
	1100	Registration – NYYC Sailing Center
	1100	First Warning Signal
	1800	RWAN Party
Saturday, July 18	1100	First Warning Signal
	Following Racing	Post-Race Social
Sunday, July 19	1100	First Warning Signal
	Following Racing	Awards Ceremony

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, July 19.

## 8 MEASUREMENT

8.1 Each boat shall submit a valid certificate to the NYYC Sailing Office on or before Wednesday, July 8, at 1700 as follows. No certificates or changes to certificates will be accepted after Tuesday, July 14, without 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 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 the 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;
- f) Multihulls shall submit a copy of their valid, current NEMA certificate.

8.2 Boats, including all qualifying equipment and sails, may be subject to random inspection by the OA at any time during this event.

8.3 Crew weigh-ins will be conducted as needed during the registration times.

## 9 VENUE

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

## 10 COURSES

10.1 Courses for all classes will be defined in the sailing instructions and may include drop mark races, races using government marks and a middle-distance race. Conditions permitting, a middle-distance race or around the island race may be scheduled for some classes as part of the series and will be announced no later than 2000 on the day prior to the scheduled race.

10.2 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.

## 11 PENALTY SYSTEM

11.1 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.

11.2 For the 12 Metre class and any other class with 10 or more entrants, US Sailing prescription Appendix V rule V2 shall apply.

## 12 SCORING

12.1 Multiple races are scheduled. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series. Except for the IC37 and 12 Metre classes, a boat's series score will be the total of all of her race scores. No score will be excluded.

12.2 IC37 Class: Thursday's races will be scored as a stand-alone series. No score will be excluded. Friday-Sunday will be scored as the IC37 National Championship according to IC37CR.H.3.1(e).

12.3 12 Metre Class: When fewer than 7 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When 7 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

12.4 Multihull classes will be scored using time-on-time.

12.5 ORC classes will be scored using either 5-Band time-on-time or PCS depending on course configuration. The selection of the scoring type or band is at the discretion of the Race Committee and shall not be grounds for a boat to request redress. This changes RRS 61.4(b).

12.6 PHRF classes will be scored using time-on-distance.

**12.7** The Race Week Team Trophy will be scored by using each team member boat's average percentage points (finish points divided by the number of starters) within its respective class. The trophy will be awarded to the team with the lowest average score.

### **13 PRIZES**

**13.1** All awards will be presented at the Race Week at Newport Awards Ceremony following racing on Sunday, July 19.

**13.2** Prizes will be awarded to the top boats in each class based on class size.

**13.3** Overall prizes will be awarded to the top finisher in ORC.

**13.4** A prize will be awarded to the winning entry in the Race Week Team Trophy.

**13.5** In addition, the New York Yacht Club may award the following prizes:

- a) The Carronade Trophy may be awarded to the boat that, in the collective opinions of the Race Committee Chair and Flag Officers, has the best overall performance in Race Week at Newport. All boats entered are eligible. This Trophy will be handed out during the Annual Awards at 44th Street on November 12.
- b) Other trophies may be awarded as determined by the OA and will be described in the sailing instructions.

### **14 LIABILITY AND MEDIA WAIVER**

**14.1** 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 Race Week [website](#).

**14.2** 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 Race Week at Newport and the participants in Race Week at Newport.

**14.3** 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.

### **15 ADVERTISING**

**15.1** A boat and her crew shall comply with the [World Sailing Advertising Code](#).

**15.2** Each boat may be required to display a backstay flag, or other signage provided at registration, while racing.

### **16 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.

### **17 FURTHER INFORMATION**

For further information, please visit the Race Week website: <https://nyyc.org/2026-race-week-at-newport>, or contact the Sailing Office.

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