



NEW YORK YACHT CLUB QUEEN'S CUP

August 3, 2026

NOTICE OF RACE

The Organizing Authority (OA) is the New York Yacht Club (NYYC). The Queen's Cup website is on the NYYC website at <https://nyyc.org/2026-queen-s-cup>.

1 RULES AND CLASSES

- 1.1** The Queen's Cup will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2** The Conditions for the Queen's Cup, as listed in *Notice of Race Addendum 1 – Queen's Cup Conditions*, shall apply.
- 1.3** The current ORC rules shall apply.
- 1.4** All boats shall minimally comply with the US Nearshore section of the USSER.
- 1.5** 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).
- 1.6** Two-Minute Starting Window – The starting system will be described in the sailing instructions. The actual time of the start of any boat starting within two minutes after the starting signal will be taken. All boats starting after that will be timed as starting at the expiration of two minutes from the starting signal. This changes rules 26 and A3.

2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1** ORC Class: Entry is open to boats with a valid, current ORC certificate with a CDL of 10.5 or greater.
 - a) ORC Rule 200.1 is changed as follows:
 - i) The combined weight of all crew members, weighed in wearing at least shorts and a shirt, who are on board while racing shall not be greater than the maximum crew weight as defined in ORC 102.1 and 102.2.
 - ii) Children under age 16 do not count against the weight limit.
 - iii) Crews are not required to weigh in; however, if a boat is later protested for exceeding her maximum crew weight, the person in charge shall make all crew available to be weighed in prior to any protest hearing.
- 2.2** Any boat, the owner of which is a member of a club recognized by US Sailing, shall be eligible to enter provided it meets the rating requirement in NOR 2.1.
- 2.3** Except in the case of emergency or by specific permission of the Race Committee, the helmsperson shall be a Group 1 competitor as defined in World Sailing Sailor Categorization Code.
- 3** Entries may be made using the online entry form on the [regatta website](#) or submitted in writing to the NYYC Sailing Office until 1005 EDT on Saturday, August 1.

4 FEES

There is no entry fee.

5 SCHEDULE

5.1 Registration – There is no onsite registration for boats competing in the Queen’s Cup.

5.2	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
	Saturday, August 1	1005	Entry deadline
	Monday, August 3	0955	Course Signals
		1000	Warning Signal

6 MEASUREMENTS

Each boat shall provide valid, current rating certificates to the NYYC Sailing Office no later than Saturday, August 1, at 1005 EDT.

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing instructions will be posted on the Queen’s Cup website and copies will be available in the Sailing Office.

8 SAILING AREA

Racing will take place in the waters east of Job Island, ME or west of Stonington, ME. The rendezvous areas will be described in the sailing instructions.

9 COURSES

Courses will be described in the sailing instructions.

10 PENALTY SYSTEM

10.1 The Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3 will apply. The penalty will be two places.

10.2 A boat that has taken a penalty shall complete an online penalty acknowledgement form available on the Queen’s Cup website and file it before the protest time limit.

11 TIME LIMIT

There is no time limit.

12 SCORING

12.1 Results will be calculated using time-on-time.

12.2 Any decisions on wind range selection or and course classification will be at the sole discretion of the Race Committee and shall not be grounds for a request for redress by a boat. This changes RRS 61.4(b).

13 PRIZES

13.1 The Queen’s Cup will be awarded to the winning boat at the Annual Awards Dinner in New York on Thursday, November 12, 2026.

13.2 NYYC 170th Annual Cruise Participants: Results from the Queen’s Cup will be applied to points trophies per the 170th Annual Cruise NOR 10.1(c). Finishing positions will be adjusted to remove any non-Cruise participants. Please note that your finish position for the Queen’s Cup may differ from the finish position used to generate your applicable Annual Cruise points.

14 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

14.1 As a condition of entry, each owner, skipper and individual participating crew member shall submit an online Liability and Media Waiver Form. The fully executed Liability and Media Waiver form shall be submitted prior to racing. The waiver form link can be found on the Queen’s Cup [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 the Queen’s Cup Regatta and the participants in the Queen’s Cup Regatta.

14.3 Competitors and guests participate in the Queen's Cup 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 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please visit the Queen's Cup website or contact the Sailing Office at:

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