



COMMODORE'S CUP

For the

Drake H. Sparkman III Memorial Trophy

Sunday, August 30, 2026

Organizing Authority (OA):
Yacht Racing Association of Long Island Sound (YRALIS)
Hosted by American Yacht Club (AYC)

NOTICE OF RACE

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.

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2. The current PHRF Regulations as administered by the Yacht Racing Association of Long Island Sound (YRALIS) will apply, except as any of these are changed by this notice of race or the sailing instructions.
- 1.3. Boats shall observe the US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements for nearshore races, which can be found on the US Sailing website.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. Sailing instructions (SIs) will be available on the Yacht Scoring website <https://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu/50795> no later than 1800, Friday, August 28, 2026.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located online at https://www.yachtscoring.com/notice_board_summary/50795.
- 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. 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 event is open to clubs that are members of the YRALIS. Each club may enter one boat which must have a current YRALIS PHRF certificate verifiable on the [YRALIS website](https://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu/50795).
- 4.2. Boats shall be helmed by a current Commodore, Vice Commodore, or Rear Commodore (each a "Flag Officer") of the club it represents.
- 4.3. Eligible boats may enter by registering online on the regatta website: https://www.yachtscoring.com/event_registration_email/50795

4.4. To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements by 1200 Friday, August 28, 2026. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the host club.

5. FEES

5.1. There will be no entry fee.

6. SCHEDULE

1100 First Warning Signal

1600 No warning signal after this time

Reception at AYC following the completion of racing

7. VENUE

7.1. The racing area will be the waters off Milton Point, Rye, New York.

8. FLAGS

8.1. Each boat shall fly on its backstay the burgee of the club it represents.

9. COURSES

9.1. The courses are intended to be windward-leeward courses around drop marks and will be described in the SIs.

10. SCORING

10.1. One race will constitute a series.

10.2. A boat series score shall be the total of her race scores without exclusion.

10.3. PHRF time allowances will be computed using Time on Distance for W/L Spinnaker ratings

11. PRIZES

11.1. The winning club will be awarded the Drake H. Sparkman III Memorial Trophy. The trophy shall remain on display in the YRALIS trophy case at Larchmont Yacht Club. A “keeper” trophy will be presented at the YRA Annual Meeting.

12. GUEST MOORINGS

12.1. Guest moorings are offered free of charge for the nights of August 29 & 30 subject to availability. Fees may apply for longer stays. All vessels requesting a mooring are asked to contact Bud Puterbaugh, AYC Harbor Captain, by email at bputerbaugh@americanyc.org for rates and availability.

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

13. RISK STATEMENT

13.1. 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.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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Technical Committee: YRALIS

Protest Committee Co-Chairs: Giff Constable and Lisl Dunlop