



**New York Athletic Club Yacht Club
116th Annual Henry E. Abbott Memorial Race
Saturday - August 22, 2026
For PHRF Boats
Including Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker Classes**

NOTICE OF RACE

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The current PHRF Regulations as administered by the YRA of LIS will apply.
- 1.3 Boats shall observe the US Sailing Special Equipment Requirements for Nearshore races.
- 1.4 The US SAILING Prescriptions APPENDIX V - Alternative Penalties shall apply.
- 1.5 Each boat shall carry a GPS.
- 1.6 All boats shall carry VHF radio able to send and receive on Channel 16, 22A and 71.

2 ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 2.1 The race is open to:
 - a. Boats holding current YRA of LIS PHRF certificates. Spinnaker, Double Handed, Non-Spinnaker and one-design class (e.g. J/109, J/105, J/100 or J/88). Classes will be established if five or more entries are received or the class may race at the discretion of the Race Committee (RC). For PHRF boats, the rating shall be their distance rating. For double-handed PHRF boats, the rating shall be from their double-handed certificate. The owner / person in charge of each boat shall assure the rating on Yacht Scoring.com is valid prior to 1200 Thursday, June 6, 2025.
 - b. These boats will be assigned a PHRF rating by the RC; this rating will be valid only for this race. Please email the RC if you need a rating assigned to your boat.
- 2.2 Eligible boats shall enter via Yacht Scoring by registering online at:
<https://yachtscoring.com/emenu/50880> by Friday, August 14, 2026. Late entries will be accepted until 1600 Friday, August 21, 2026.
- 2.3 The regular entry fee is \$75.00. For entries received after the Friday, August 14 deadline the late entry fee is \$90.00.
- 2.4 Race Qualifiers: The NYAC Memorial race is a qualifier for the following end of season Trophies:
 - Kings Point (PHRF Non-Spin < 139) (Season Qualifier Non-Spin Distance race)
 - Mertz (PHRF Non-Spin >138) (Season Qualifier Non-Spin Distance race)
 - WINDIGO (PHRF Distance < 84) (SD Short Distance Qualifier)
 - ASAGOLA (PHRF Distance > 83) (SD Short Distance Qualifier)
 - DU MOULIN CUP (SD Short Distance Qualifier)
 - YOUTH CHALLENGE CUP (SD Short Distance Qualifier)
 - CAN ONE DISTANCE RACE TROPHY
 - Note: This race is not a qualifier for the Henry Abbott HI-Q II Memorial Trophy

3 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Saturday, June 14

There will be no competitors meeting.

1055 - Foxtrot will be raised

1100 - First Warning Signal

1105 - Start of Division 1

If required, additional Divisions' starts will follow on a 5-minute rolling basis.

Awards Presentation immediately after the race at the NYAC YC

4 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 Sailing instructions will be available on Yacht Scoring at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu/50880> no later than 1800 Thursday, August 20, 2026.
- 4.2 Scratch sheets will be available on Yacht Scoring at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu/50880> no later than 1800 Friday, August 21, 2026.

5 START AND FINISH

- 5.1 The starting mark shall be Can 1 (40° 53.479N/ 073° 44.151W). The starting line shall be between CAN 1 and a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat.
- 5.2 Classe starts will be at the discretion of the RC and confirmed by announcement over Channel 71 prior to raising Foxtrot flag.
- 5.3 The finish line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the signal boat and the course side of the finish mark. The finish mark shall be the starting mark unless the course is shortened, or an alternate finish mark is identified in the Sailing Instructions.

6 COURSES

- 6.1 Courses will use government marks. Non-spinnaker classes will sail a shorter course to be described in the Sailing Instructions. Shorter courses may be set for any division if the race committee decides conditions call for one.
- 6.2 Courses will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

7 SCORING

- 7.1 Boats will be scored using the YRA of LIS Performance Handicap Racing Fleet Regulations. For PHRF-rated boats, time allowances will be computed using time on time.
- 7.2 The time limit for the first boat in its division to sail the course and finish in each division will be 5 hours from the starting time of that division. Boats failing to finish within 1 hour after the first boat finished in its division will be scored TLE without a hearing.

8 PRIZES

8.1 Prizes for first, second and third place in each division.

9 RADIO COMMUNICATION

9.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on Yacht Scoring:

<https://yachtscoring.com/emenu/50880>.

9.2 Each boat shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on the official VHF channel 71.

9.3 On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF channel 71.

10 GUEST MOORING AND PRIVILEGES

Guest dock space will be available on a first-come basis at no charge. Please contact NYAC YC Office at 914-738-2700 Ext 1262.

11 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

By registering for this event, the owner and person in charge of the boat agree with the following:

My crew and I recognize that sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury, sickness and disease (including communicable diseases such as Covid-19) associated with it. We have read RRS 3, Decision to Race, and hereby acknowledge and agree that we are participating in this event entirely at our own risk.

I acknowledge and agree that neither the organizing authority, host club nor the race committee, nor their members will be responsible for: a) any damage to the entered boat or my other property, or b) any injury, sickness or disease (including communicable diseases such as Covid-19) to my crew or me, including death, sustained as a result of our participation in this event.

I hereby waive any rights I may have to sue the race organizers (organizing authority, host club, race committee, protest committee, sponsors or any other organization or official) with respect to personal injury, sickness or disease (including communicable diseases such as Covid-19) or property damage suffered by my crew or me as a result of our participation in this event, whether or on the water or on shore, and hereby release the race organizers from any liability for such injury, sickness or disease (including communicable diseases such as Covid-19) or damage to the full extent permitted by law.

I have taken all necessary steps to ensure that my crew and I and my entered boat are adequately prepared for all possible contingencies, including carrying and using appropriate safety equipment as may be required by law, racing rules and that a prudent seaman would consider advisable.

I agree to be bound by all rules that govern this event. I will inform all crew members of the conditions stated herein for their participation in such racing.

12 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact:

E-mail: NYAC.Racing@gmail.com Mobile: (585) 410-4711 . Or 914-738-2700 ext. 1262

Or Mail to:

Race Committee Chairman

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