



Notice of Race
American Yacht Club
42nd Annual Spring Regatta and
Melges IC37 East Coast Championship
April 24, 25, 30 & May 1, 2, 2021
Organizing Authority: American Yacht Club, Rye, NY

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2. US Sailing Special Equipment Requirement (USSER) for **Nearshore** races shall apply.
- 1.3. The IMS and ORC Rating Systems Rules apply to **ORC classes**.
- 1.4. The YRALIS PHRF Regulation **E Crew Weight Limits shall apply for boats racing in the PHRF Fleet class, and it shall not apply to the PHRF Coastal Racing class.**
- 1.5. The regatta is designated as **Level 2 under J/105** class rule 3.4, and **Level A under J/105** class rule 3.6. The J/105 **Fleet Six junior exemption** (Article 9.8) shall apply.
- 1.6. For **Doublehanded** classes only, RRS 52 is changed by adding: However, the rudder may be adjusted and operated by an autopilot using power that is not provided by the crew.
- 1.7. Boats shall keep clear of commercial shipping as required by the IRPCAS or other government right-of-way rules. The penalty for breaking this rule may be disqualification, which also may be non-excludable, from one or more races or from the series.
- 1.8. For the **Melges IC37 class only**: This regatta shall be designated as a **B Regatta** in accordance with IMIC37CR H.3.2 (b).

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1. The regatta is open to boats of the **ORC, YRALIS PHRF, Melges IC37, J/70, J/88, J/105, J/109, and J/44** classes. Other One Design classes may be accepted at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.
- 2.2. **Short Course Racing (Windward/Leeward)**: Boats may choose to race in one of the following classes:
 - a) **ORC Fleet**: Boats shall have a valid **ORCi or ORC Club certificate with a GPH rating of 660 or less.**
 - b) **PHRF Fleet**: Boats shall have a valid **YRALIS PHRF certificate with a rating of 120 or less.**
 - c) **One Design**
- 2.3. **Coastal Racing (Government Marks)**: Boats may choose to race in one of the following classes:
 - a) **PHRF Coastal Racing**: Boats shall have a valid **YRALIS PHRF certificate with a rating of 165 or less.**
 - o A sub-class **"PHRF Non-Spinnaker"** will be scored for boats racing without using a spinnaker.
 - o A sub-class **"PHRF Plus One"** will be scored for boats racing in compliance with the rule stated in NOR Appendix A.
 - b) **ORC Coastal Racing**: Boats shall have a valid **ORCi or ORC Club certificate.**
 - c) **ORC Doublehanded**: Boats shall have a valid **ORC DH certificate.**
 - o A sub-class **"ORC Mixed Doublehanded"** will be scored for boats racing with a crew comprised of one male and one female.
- 2.4. ORCi, ORC Club, ORC DH, and PHRF Rating Certificates must be available on the issuing Rating Authority's website no later than 1800 on Thursday, April 22, 2021.
- 2.5. Applications for ORC certificates can be found at <https://form.jotform.com/72144318847157> through US Sailing. As a special AYC Spring Regatta promotion, any ORC Fleet entry that has not had an ORC certificate issued in the past 5 years is eligible for a discounted ORC Club certificate available at the flat rate of \$100, valid for 2021 if the owner is a member of US Sailing and sail measurements are provided. Use promotion code 'AYCSpring' on the application form. Boats with recent IRC or ORR certificates will have sufficient data to receive an ORC Club certificate quickly from US Sailing. Boats that need an ORC DH or ORC Non-Spin certificate should may also apply through this process.

- 2.6. Online registration and electronic entry fee payment are available on the **regatta website** at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=14291>.
- 2.7. The entry form, entry fee and rating certificate (when applicable) shall be submitted online on or before **1800 on Saturday, April 17, 2021**. Late entries along with late fees may be accepted until 1800 on Thursday, April 22, with permission from the OA. **No entries will be accepted after 1800 on Thursday, April 22.**
- 2.8. All competitors shall complete and submit the online liability waiver prior to the close of entries.

3. FEES

- 3.1. The entry fee for **ORC Fleet, PHRF Fleet, and One Design** is \$250.
- 3.2. The entry fee for **PHRF Coastal Racing, ORC Coastal Racing, and ORC Doublehanded** is \$200.
- 3.3. The entry fee for the **Melges IC37 East Coast Championship** is \$250. This entry fee also includes optional racing for the Melges IC37 on the first weekend of the Spring Regatta, April 24 and 25.
- 3.4. **Late entry fee:** A late fee of \$50 will be charged for entries received after **1800 on Saturday, April 17**.
- 3.5. **Administration fee:** Boats withdrawing after 1800 on Saturday, April 17, and before 1800 on Thursday, April 22, will be refunded their entry fee minus a \$25 administration fee. Boats withdrawing after 1800 on Thursday, April 22, will not receive a refund.
- 3.6. **Late rating certificate fee:** A late certificate fee of \$50 will be charged for rating certificates filed after 1800 on Saturday, April 17. No certificates or changes to certificates will be accepted after 1800 on Thursday, April 22 without the permission of the OA.
- 3.7. Boats may also enter the American Yacht Club Fall Regatta (scheduled for September 25, 26 and October 2, 3, 2021) at the same time by so indicating on the online entry. The combined fee is \$400 for ORC Fleet, PHRF Fleet, and One Design or \$300 for PHRF Coastal Racing, ORC Coastal Racing, and ORC Doublehanded before 1800 on Saturday, April 17, 2021. The combined fee is \$450 for ORC Fleet, PHRF Fleet, and One Design or \$350 for PHRF Coastal Racing, ORC Coastal Racing, and ORC Doublehanded thereafter.

4. SCHEDULE

- 4.1. Racing for all classes is scheduled for **April 24, 25, and May 1, 2, 2021**.
- 4.2. Racing for the Melges IC37 East Coast Championship is scheduled for **April 30 and May 1, 2, 2021**.
- 4.3. The first warning signal on each day will be based on the weather forecast and will be at 1055 or 1255. The Race Committee will announce by text message and post on the regatta website the time of the first warning signal by 1900 on the day before each day of racing.
- 4.4. For the **Coastal Racing** classes, one race per day is scheduled.
- 4.5. **There will be no social events or awards presentations on shore at American Yacht Club after racing.**

5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available on the regatta website by 1200 on the day before the first race.

6. VENUE

Races will be conducted on two separate courses from starting areas located approximately mid-Sound, south or east of Milton Point, Rye, New York. The approximate positions of the starting areas will be announced approximately 40 minutes prior to the first warning signal each day for all classes on their respective VHF channels.

7. COURSES

- 7.1. **Short Course Racing** classes will sail windward-leeward courses with drop marks.
- 7.2. **Coastal Racing** classes shall sail daytime distance courses around government and drop marks.

8. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 8.1. RRS Appendix T shall apply.
- 8.2. For all classes except the Melges IC37: US Sailing Prescription Appendix V, Rule V1 shall apply.
- 8.3. For the Melges IC37 Class **ONLY**: RRS 44.1 is changed so the penalty shall be a one-turn penalty including one tack and one gybe.
- 8.4. Rule 61 will be changed to require boats to notify the Race Committee of their intent to protest.
- 8.5. The US Sailing Prescriptions to rule 63.2 shall **NOT** apply.

9. SCORING

- 9.1. One Race is required to constitute a series.
- 9.2. When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When 5 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. This changes RRS A2 and IMIC37CR H.3.1 (d) and (e).
- 9.3. Scoring for ORC Fleet will use Windward/Leeward ToT Triple Number ratings and scoring in the ORC Coastal Racing and ORC Doublehanded classes will use All Purpose ToT Triple Number ratings shown on their certificates.

10. CLASSES

Boats will be placed into classes (designated by numbers 1, 2, 3, etc.) at the discretion of the Race Committee. A listing of entrants by class and starting area (south or east of Milton Point) will be available on the regatta website by 1200 on the day before the first race and from the Race Committee support boats in the starting areas. **Each boat shall display the numeral pennant for its class on its permanent backstay or, in the absence of a permanent backstay, from its stern rail. [DP]**

11. RADIO COMMUNICATION

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. [DP]

12. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded during a virtual presentation after the final race and protest hearings on Sunday, May 2, 2021. Further details will be available on the regatta website. Series prizes for each class will be awarded as follows: first place prize for two or more entries; second place for four or more; and third place for six or more. The RAMPANT, 1888 and EDWARD RICHARDS TROPHIES will be awarded to the boats which, in the judgment of the Race Committee, have the best performance in the PHRF, One Design, and ORC divisions respectively. The ROGER SHERMAN MEMORIAL TROPHY will be awarded to the boat which, in the judgment of the Race Committee, has the best combined performance in the Spring Regatta and Fall Regatta.

13. RESPONSIBILITY FOR SAFETY, WAIVER & RELEASE

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. 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), 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. 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, 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.

14. OTHER DOCUMENTS

Additional documents are located at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=14291>.

15. CONTACT INFORMATION

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A limited number of guest moorings will be available. Reservations are required. Contact Bud Puterbaugh, AYC Harbor Captain by email (bputerbaugh@americanyc.org) for rates and availability.

Due to the current protocols in place to help curb the spread of COVID-19, only club members and their crew (Corinthian Guests) are permitted inside or around the vicinity of the Clubhouse.

Only non-members with a guest mooring reservation, along with their crew, are permitted on club property and must proceed directly between their vehicles and the Main Dock. Masks must be worn at all times by all participants while on club property, including the launches. Launches shall transport only one complete crew at a time. We appreciate your understanding.

Appendix A
PHRF Plus One Crew Limits

Boats racing in the PHRF Plus One class shall have no more crew on board while racing than specified in the table below based on their LOA as stated on their PHRF certificate:

LOA	Maximum Crew
Less than 30 Feet	3
30 Feet or longer and less than 40 Feet	4
40 Feet or longer and less than 50 Feet	5
50 Feet or longer and less than 60 Feet	6
60 Feet or longer and less than 70 Feet	7
70 Feet and longer	8