



2023 ORC East Coast Championship

Newport, Rhode Island
July 14-16, 2023

NOTICE OF RACE

The Organizing Authority (OA) is the New York Yacht Club Regatta Association. The host yacht club is New York Yacht Club.

1 RULES

- 1.1** This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), and the current ORC rules.
- 1.2** All competing boats shall carry a handheld VHF radio for safety purposes and race committee communication.
- 1.3** Addendum 1 – US Safety Equipment Requirements (USSER) shall apply.
- All boats shall minimally comply with the US Nearshore section of the USSER and shall comply with their class rules, where applicable.
 - USSER 2.4.2, 2.4.3, and USSER 2.4.4.1 through 2.4.9 regarding Hull and Structure: Lifelines shall apply, except that boats not normally rigged with lifelines are exempt from these requirements. Rule 40.1 shall apply to exempt boats and crew shall wear approved PFDs at all times while racing.
 - In the event of a conflict between these Requirements and applicable class rules, the class rules shall apply.
- 1.4** If there is a conflict between rules or regulations, other than RRS, the sailing instructions will prevail. This changes RRS 63.7.
- 1.5** The US Sailing prescription to rule 63.2 is deleted.
- 1.6** ORC Rule 200.1 is changes 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 weights cited on the boat's certificate shall make all crew weights available prior to the protest hearing and will be required to certify to the accuracy of the data.
- 1.7** 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.

2 ADVERTISING

The Organizing Authority may require all participating boats to display the event sponsor's advertising in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20.4.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1** Entries are open to all boats with a valid, current ORC certificate. Boats with a GPH of 560 or lower are required to have an ORC International certificate. Boats with a GPH higher than 560 may compete using either an ORC International Certificate or ORC Club Certificate. ORC certificates may be applied for from US Sailing at www.ussailing.org/competition/offshore/orc.

- 3.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing and submitting the online entry form and the entry fee payment through the event [website](#).
- 3.3 The entry form is available on the event [website](#). The official entry form, entry fee, valid ORC certificate shall be submitted online on or before 1700 on Friday, July 7. Late entries may be accepted until 1700 on Wednesday, July 12, with permission from the OA. Late fees will apply as described in NOR 4.1. No entries will be accepted after 1700 on Wednesday, July 12.

4 FEES

4.1 **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').

LOA 29' or less	\$475	LOA 45'-49'	\$975
LOA 30'-34'	\$600	LOA 50'-59'	\$1,125
LOA 35'-39'	\$725	LOA 60'' and above	\$1,325
LOA 40'-44'	\$850		

- 4.2 Late entry fee: A late fee of \$250 will be charged for entries received after 1700 on Friday, July 7.
- 4.3 Late rating certificate fee: A late certificate fee of \$250 will be charged for rating certificates filed after 1700 on Friday, July 7. No certificates or changes to certificates will be accepted after Monday, July 10, without the permission of the OA.

5 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- | 5.1 <u>Date</u> | <u>Time</u> | <u>Event</u> |
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| Thursday, July 13 | 1300-1800 | Registration |
| Friday, July 14 | 0700-0830 | Late Registration at NYYC Sailing Center |
| | 1100 | First Warning Signal – Course Racing |
| | 1800/1900 | Cocktails/Regatta Dinner |
| Saturday, July 15 | 1100 | First Warning Signal – Distance Race |
| Sunday, July 16 | 1100 | First Warning Signal – Course Racing |
| | After Racing | Prize Giving at NYYC |
- 5.2 On the final day of the regatta, the initial warning signal will not be made after 1500 hours. The warning signal for a start following one or more general recalls may be made after 1500 hours.

6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing instructions will be available at registration as well as on the regatta website and posted on the Official Notice Board at New York Yacht Club.

7 VENUE

- 7.1 Racing will be held in the waters of Rhode Island Sound and/or Narragansett Bay.
- 7.2 Regatta headquarters will be at New York Yacht Club, Harbour Court, in Newport, RI.

8 FORMAT

- 8.1 Racing on Friday and Sunday will be drop-mark racing. Multiple races per day are scheduled.
- 8.2 Racing on Saturday will be one short distance race. The approximate duration of the race will be 6-7 hours for the slowest boat.

9 PENALTY

- 9.1 A boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while racing may take either a turns penalty in accordance with RRS 44.1, or a scoring penalty in accordance with RRS 44.3, at the time of the incident. This changes RRS 44.1.
- 9.2 A boat that has taken a penalty shall complete an online penalty acknowledgement form.

10 SCORING

- 10.1 Results will be calculated using windward/leeward, 5-Band time-on-time for all drop mark courses, and single number time-on-time for the distance race.
- 10.2 A boat's series score will be the total of all of her race scores. No score will be excluded. This changes RRS A2.

11 SUPPORT PERSONS AND SPECTATOR VESSELS

- 11.1** The following limitations and restrictions apply to support persons and any coach/support vessels, including spectator vessels associated with a team.
- a) Except as directed by the OA, competitors shall have no communication with, be tied to or transfer provisions or equipment to and from any support person or vessel from the first warning signal of the day until racing has been concluded for the day for that team.
 - b) Support and spectator vessels shall not approach closer than 100 meters to any vessel that is racing. In addition, a support vessel shall stay at least 100 meters outside any racing boat, layline or mark.
 - c) If in the starting area, support vessels shall leave the racing and starting areas prior to the warning signal and may station themselves outside of the starboard end of the starting line, but no closer than 150 meters to the race committee signal vessel.

12 PRIZES

- 12.1** Prizes for the top three finishing teams will be awarded in each division.
- 12.2** Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the OA.

13 RADIO AND WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS

- 13.1** RRS 41, OUTSIDE HELP is changed by adding: (e) Help in the form of information freely available to all boats even if that information is only accessible at a cost. "At a cost" help shall not include private forecast or tactical advice, or information customized for a particular boat or group of boats and/or her/their situation.
- 13.2** The race committee intends to use VHF marine radio frequencies to broadcast courtesy information to competitors. The race committee's VHF channel will be provided at the Competitors' Briefing and posted on the Official Notice Board.

14 MEDIA WAIVER AND DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 14.1** As a condition of entry, each owner, skipper and individual participating crew member shall submit, prior to racing, an online liability waiver/media release. The waiver form link can be found on the event [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 ORC East Coast Championship and the participants in the ORC East Coast Championship.
- 14.3** Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. All skippers and crew should familiarize themselves with RRS 3, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority and all its Committee members 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.

15 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be adequately insured with current, valid third-party liability insurance that is appropriate taking into account the value of the boats racing and the type of racing.

16 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact:

Regatta Website: <https://nyyc.org/2023-orc-east-coast-championship>

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