



Notice of Race

American Yacht Club

2016 Spring Series Regatta

April 23, 24, 30 & May 1, 2016

Organizing Authority

American Yacht Club

1 RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. The US Sailing Prescriptions to rule 60 and 63.2 shall not apply.
- 1.3. RRS Appendix T Sections A, B, and D shall apply.
- 1.4. For the IRC class IRC Rule Parts A, B and C shall apply.
- 1.5. ISAF Regulation 22 as it applies to class rules.
- 1.6. Minimum Equipment Recommendations of the YRALIS (Category C).
- 1.7. For the PHRF division, the current PHRF Regulations, as administered by the YRA of Long Island Sound (YRALIS).
- 1.8. IRC Rule 22.4.2 will be changed to include the following: Yachts may carry one additional crewmember less than 14 years of age, and such additional crew member shall not be counted against the Crew Number or crew weight limitations. Entrants who intend to carry an additional crewmember less than 14 years of age must so indicate by email to raceamericanyc@gmail.com no later than 1800 on Friday, April 22, 2016.
- 1.6. Rule 51 will be changed to allow the use of a canting keel and Rule 52 will be changed to allow the use of stored power for the mechanism to cant the keel.
- 1.7. Rule 61 will be changed to require boats to notify the Race Committee immediately after finishing of their intent to protest.

2 ELIGIBILITY

The regatta is open to offshore boats racing under IRC, YRALIS PHRF, and One Design rules. Boats (except boats of foreign registry) must be enrolled in the YRALIS or another US SAILING association. The Organizing Authority may reject the entry of any yacht that does not in its sole discretion meet the general parameters of the other yachts entered with regard to size or design.

3 ENTRY

Online entry is required. Completed entries must be received no later than 1800 on Wednesday, April 20, 2016. Paper entries will not be accepted. Online registration and electronic entry fee payment are available at <http://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=1644>.

Each boat must have a current, valid IRC (Endorsed or Non-Endorsed), YRALIS PHRF, or One Design certificate, as appropriate. PHRF certificates must be available on the YRA website, faxed to American Yacht Club at (914) 967-5340, or emailed to raceamericanyc@gmail.com no later than 1800 on Wednesday, April 20, 2016. IRC certificate rating information must be available on the IRC website at <http://www.ircrating.org/racing/on-line-tcc-listings>, or the certificate must be faxed to American Yacht Club at (914) 967-5340 or emailed to raceamericanyc@gmail.com no later than 1800 on Wednesday, April 20, 2016. Absolutely no ratings or rating changes will be accepted after 1800 on Wednesday, April 20, 2016.

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4 FEES

The entry fee is \$225. Completed entries must be received no later than 1800 on Wednesday, April 20, 2016. Entries received after this date will be accepted if they include a \$50.00 late fee. **Boats may also enter the American Yacht Club Fall Regatta at this time for a reduced combined fee of \$350 (plus \$50.00 late fee if received later than 1800 April 20) by so indicating in the online entry.**

5 SCHEDULE

Races for all classes are scheduled for April 23, 24, 30 & May 1, 2016. More than one race may be held on any day at the sole discretion of the Race Committee. The first warning signal is scheduled to be made at 1055 each day.

6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available by 1200 on the day before the first race at the American Yacht Club front desk and at <http://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=1644>. Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on <http://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=1644> and the Race Committee notice board before 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

7 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 at 1015 each day for all classes on their respective VHF channels.

8 COURSES

The courses to be sailed will be windward-leeward, Gold Cup, or a course set around government marks.

9 NOTICES

Notices, including notices that may amend the Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions, will be posted on <http://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=1644> and on the Race Committee notice board and will be broadcast on VHF channel 69 and 71 at 0930 on race days.

10 ELECTRONIC 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.

11 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 at the club front desk and on the American Yacht Club web site 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.

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12 SCORING

Multiple races are scheduled, where one race is required to be completed to constitute a series. If fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. If 5 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. IRC classes will be scored using Time on Time. PHRF classes will be scored using the handicaps provided by the YRALIS, and course distance.

13 PRIZES

Series prizes for each class will be awarded as follows: a 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, Level, and IRC divisions respectively. Prizes will be awarded at American Yacht Club after the final race and protest hearings.

14 MOORINGS

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

15 NAVIGATION RULES

All boats are cautioned to observe the Navigation Rules of the Road and to yield right of way to vessels restricted in their ability to maneuver, especially to tugs and barges. Any boat observed to impede such traffic may be protested by the Race Committee.

16 WEBSITE

The Race Committee will post the Notice of Regatta, Sailing Instructions, Scratch Sheet, and results on <http://www.yachtscoring.com/emenue.cfm?eID=1644>. Competitors should consult the official Race Committee Notice Board for final information.

17 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY/RESPONSIBILITY FOR SAFETY

By participating in this event and any related activity sponsored or undertaken by American Yacht Club, the owner, helmsman and each crew member agree: that they understand that sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of serious bodily injury (including permanent disability, paralysis and death by drowning or otherwise), property damage and other economic loss; that the safety of the boat and her crew and the decision whether or not to start or continue to race is solely their responsibility and at their own risk, see RRS 4 "Decision to Race"; that American Yacht Club and its officers, trustees, members, committees, employees, agents and sponsors will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property, or to any participant, including injury or death; and that each of them releases and waives all claims which he or she, or any heir, representative, successor or assignee, may have against American Yacht Club and its officers, trustees, members, committees, employees, agents and/or sponsors, arising out of or in any way connected with participation in such race or activity. Assistance, if any, from the race committee or other American Yacht Club vessels, or patrol boats, from any personnel manning them, is at the risk of the participant.

18 OTHER DOCUMENTS

Forms and documents related to this event are located on <http://www.yachtscoring.com/emenue.cfm?eID=1644>.

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19 CONTACT INFORMATION

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Nick Everett Principal Race Officer (South Course)

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Robert Fear & John Fryer Protest Committee Co-Chairs

**American Yacht Club cordially extends the privileges of the Clubhouse and harbor
to participants before and after the race**