



Notice of Race

American Yacht Club

40th Annual Spring Series Regatta

April 27, 28 & May 4, 5, 2019

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. Minimum Equipment Recommendations of the **YRALIS (Category C)** shall apply.
- 1.3. 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 Performance Cruising class.**
- 1.4. 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.
- 1.5. IRC Rule 22.4.2 is changed to include the following: Boats racing in the IRC class may carry one additional crew member 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 one additional crew member less than 14 years of age must so indicate by email to aycrc@americanyc.org no later than 1800 on Friday, April 26, 2019.
- 1.6. Boats shall keep clear of commercial shipping as required by the IPCAS 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.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1. The regatta is open to boats of the **IRC, YRALIS PHRF, 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. Yachts racing under PHRF may choose to race in one of the following classes:
 - a) PHRF Fleet: Buoy racing. Boats shall have a **YRALIS PHRF rating of 120 or less.**
 - b) PHRF Performance Cruising: Government Marks racing. Boats shall have a **YRALIS PHRF rating of 165 or less.** A sub-class "**PHRF Plus One**" will be scored for boats racing in compliance with the rule stated in NOR Appendix A.
- 2.3. IRC and PHRF Rating Certificates shall be available on the issuing Rating Authority's website no later than 1800 on Wednesday, April 24, 2019.
- 2.4. Online entry is required. Completed entries must be received and entry fees paid no later than 1800 on Wednesday, April 24, 2019. Online registration and electronic entry fee payment are available on the regatta website at <https://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=6132>.

3. FEES

- 3.1. The entry fee for IRC, PHRF Fleet, and One Design classes is **\$250 if the fee is paid before 1800 on Friday, April 19, 2019 and \$300 thereafter.**
- 3.2. The entry fee for PHRF Performance Cruising is **\$200 if the fee is paid before 1800 on Friday, April 19, 2019 and \$250 thereafter.**
- 3.3. Boats may also enter the American Yacht Club Fall Series Regatta (scheduled for September 28, 29 and October 5, 6) at the same time by so indicating on the online entry for a combined fee of \$400 before 1800 on Friday, April 19, 2019 and \$450 thereafter.

4. SCHEDULE

- 4.1. Racing is scheduled for **April 27, 28, and May 4, 5, 2019.**
- 4.2. The first warning signal on all days is scheduled for 1055.
- 4.3. For the PHRF Performance Cruising class one race per day is scheduled.

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

7. COURSES

- 7.1. IRC, PHRF Fleet, and One Design classes will sail windward-leeward courses with drop marks.
- 7.2. PHRF Performance Cruising class shall sail distance courses around government and drop marks.

8. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 8.1. RRS Appendix T shall apply.
- 8.2. US Sailing Prescription Appendix V, Rule V1 shall apply.
- 8.3. Rule 61 will be changed to require boats to notify the Race Committee of their intent to protest.
- 8.4. 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.
- 9.3. 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.

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

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 IRC divisions respectively. Prizes will be awarded at American Yacht Club after the final race and protest hearings. 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 Series Regatta and Fall Series Regatta. The GERARD T. HANNON MEMORIAL TROPHY may be awarded at the discretion of the Race Committee to a boat or person demonstrating exceptional sportsmanship or fair play.

13. 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.

14. OTHER DOCUMENTS

Additional documents are located at <https://www.yachtscoring.com/emenue.cfm?eID=6132>.

15. CONTACT INFORMATION

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| Nick Everett | Principal Race Officer (South Course) |
| John L. Myles, Jr. | Principal Race Officer (East Course) |
| Rich Hult & Hilary Davidson | Race Committee Co-Chairs |
| Robert Fear & John Fryer | Protest Committee Co-Chairs |
| Mark Ploch | Technical Committee Chair |

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

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

Appendix A
PHRF Plus One Crew Limits

Yachts 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 |