



# Notice of Race

## American Yacht Club

### 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Regatta

#### May 5-7, 2023

Organizing Authority (OA): American Yacht Club, Rye, NY  
Includes Amendments #1 and #2

## GENERAL FORMAT

The 44<sup>th</sup> American Yacht Club (AYC) Annual Spring Regatta will consist of:

- **The Friday Coastal Race on May 5.** Scoring for the Friday Coastal Race will be using PHRF. This race will be scored separately and will not be included in the Spring Series score.
- **The Spring Series on Saturday and Sunday, May 6-7,** will offer two racing formats:
  - **Windward/Leeward Racing** for the ORC and One Design Classes
  - **Coastal Racing** for the PHRF Classes (including Doublehanded & Non-Spinnaker)

### 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 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 For the **Doublehanded** class 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.
- 1.6 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.

### 2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 The **Friday Coastal Race** is open to boats with a **YRALIS PHRF** rating of **165 or less**; this includes Doublehanded and Non-Spinnaker boats.
- 2.2 The **Spring Series Windward/Leeward Racing** is open to boats with a **ORCi or ORC Club** rating with a **GPH of 660 or less** and the **J/88, J/105, J/109, and J/44** One Design classes. Other One Design classes may be accepted at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.
- 2.3 The **Spring Series Coastal Racing** is open to boats with a **YRALIS PHRF** rating of **165 or less**; this includes Doublehanded and Non-Spinnaker boats.
- 2.4 Rating certificates must be available on the issuing rating authority's website no later than 1800 on Wednesday, May 3, 2023. No certificates or changes to certificates will be accepted after 1800 on Wednesday, May 3, without the permission of the OA.
- 2.5 Online registration and electronic entry fee payment are available on the **Regatta Website** at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenue.cfm?eid=15669>.
- 2.6 The entry form, entry fee, and rating certificate (when applicable) shall be submitted through the Regatta Website on or before 1800 on Saturday, April 15, 2023. Late entries, along with late fees, may be accepted until 1800 on Wednesday, May 3, with permission from the OA. **No entries will be accepted after 1800 on Wednesday, May 3.**
- 2.7 All competitors shall complete and submit the online liability waiver prior to the close of entries.

### 3. FEES

- 3.1 The entry fee for the Spring Regatta is \$300 per boat, which includes an entry in the Friday Coastal Race. Only boats entered in the Spring Regatta may sail in the Friday Coastal Race.
- 3.2 **Late entry fee:** A late fee of \$50 will be charged for entries received after **1800 on Saturday, April 15.**
- 3.3 **Administration fee:** Boats withdrawing before 1800 on Saturday, April 15, will be refunded their entry fee, less a \$100 administration fee. Boats withdrawing at any time thereafter will not receive a refund.
- 3.4 **Late rating certificate fee:** A late certificate fee of \$50 will be charged for rating certificates filed after 1800 on Saturday, April 15. No certificates or changes to certificates will be accepted after 1800 on Wednesday, May 3, without the permission of the OA.
- 3.5 Boats may also enter the American Yacht Club Fall Regatta (scheduled for September 23, 24, 30 and October 1, 2023) at the same time by indicating on the online entry. The combined fee is \$500 for all classes before 1800 on Saturday, April 15, 2023.

### 4. SCHEDULE

- 4.1 One race is scheduled for the **Friday Coastal Race**, with the first warning signal at **1355 on May 5, 2023.**
- 4.2 Racing for all classes in the **Spring Series** is scheduled for **May 6 and 7, 2023.**
- 4.3 The first warning signal for the **Spring Series** on Saturday, May 6 and Sunday, May 7 will be based on the weather forecast and other factors and will be at **1055** or **1255**. The Race Committee will announce by text message using the cellular phone number provided with each entry and also 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 **Spring Series Windward/Leeward Racing** classes, multiple races per day are scheduled.
- 4.5 For the **Spring Series Coastal Racing** classes, a maximum of two races per day are scheduled.

### 5. COMMUNICATION

- 5.1 The online official notice board is located on the Regatta Website at:  
<https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=15669>.
- 5.2 On the water, the Race Committee intends to make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs.
- 5.3 From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency or to report a protest or withdrawal, a boat shall neither make voice nor data transmissions and shall neither receive voice nor data communication that is not available to all boats. [DP]

### 6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available on the Regatta Website on or before Wednesday, May 3, 2023.

### 7. VENUE

Races will be conducted on two separate courses from starting areas located approximately mid-Long Island Sound, south, southeast, or east of Milton Point, Rye, New York. The approximate positions of the starting areas will be announced approximately 30 minutes prior to the first warning signal each day for all classes on their respective VHF channels.

### 8. COURSES

- 8.1 The **Friday Coastal Race** shall be a daytime distance course around government marks and drop marks.
- 8.2 **Spring Series Windward/Leeward Racing** shall be a windward-leeward course around drop marks.
- 8.3 **Spring Series Coastal Racing** shall be a daytime distance course around government and drop marks.

### 9. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 9.1 RRS Appendix T shall apply and will be changed in the SIs.
- 9.2 For all classes: US Sailing Prescription Appendix V, Rule V1 shall apply.

- 9.3 Rule 61 will be changed to require boats to notify the Race Committee of their intent to file a protest.
- 9.4 The notation '[DP]' in a rule means that the penalty for a breach of the rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

## 10. SCORING

- 10.1 The Friday Coastal Race will be a single race and shall be scored separately using PHRF Time on Distance (ToD) and the Distance rating shown on each boat's YRALIS PHRF certificate. The Friday Coastal Race will not be included in the Spring Series score.
- 10.2 Multiple races are scheduled for the Spring Series. One race is required to constitute a series.
- 10.3 When fewer than five (5) races have been completed in Spring Series, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When five (5) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 10.4 ORC class scoring for the Spring Series Windward/Leeward Racing will use ToT Triple Number ratings.
- 10.5 PHRF class scoring for the Spring Series Coastal Racing will use PHRF ToD and the Distance rating shown on each boat's YRALIS PHRF certificate.
- 10.6 The series score for the **Spring Series** shall be based on class race scores from May 6 & 7, 2023.
- 10.7 The OA may provide **Optional Alternate Rating Scoring** for boats in the ORC and PHRF classes (ORC classes scored with their YRALIS W/L PHRF rating, and PHRF classes scored with their ORCi or ORC Club rating.) Boats **NOT** wishing to participate in Optional Alternate Rating Scoring shall email the OA at [aycrc@americanyc.org](mailto:aycrc@americanyc.org) no later than 1800 on 3 May 2023. This scoring is for informational purposes only, and the alternate rating rule's Class Rules **shall not apply**.
- 10.8 Any action or omission related to NOR 10.7 shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

## 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, southeast, 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 her class on a permanent backstay or, in the absence of a permanent backstay, from her stern rail. [DP]**

## 12. RADIO COMMUNICATION

Each boat shall carry a radio capable of transmitting and receiving VHF channels 16, 68, 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]

## 13. PRIZES

- 13.1 AYC Friday Coastal Race prizes for each class will be awarded to the top placing boats in each class (how many in class will be determined by number of entries). An overall prize will be awarded to the top finisher. All awards will be presented at the awards ceremony after racing on Friday, May 5, at American Yacht Club.
- 13.2 AYC Spring Series prizes for each class will be awarded to the top placing boats in each class (how many in class will be determined by number of entries).
- 13.3 The AYC Spring Series 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 scored Windward/Leeward and Coastal Racing 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.

#### **14. 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 (“Releasers”) 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, injury, sickness and disease (including communicable diseases such as Covid-19). Releasers 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, sickness and disease (including communicable diseases), 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, Releasers 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 Releasers 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 Releasers’ participation in such sailing events (including contracting communicable diseases such as Covid-19). 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, Releasers 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, sickness and disease (including communicable diseases such as Covid-19), 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.

#### **15. OTHER DOCUMENTS**

Additional documents are located at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=15669>

#### **16. EVENT MANAGEMENT & CONTACT INFORMATION**

American Yacht Club, 499 Stuyvesant Avenue, Rye, NY 10580

AYC Website: [www.americanyc.org](http://www.americanyc.org) Phone: (914) 967-4800

Regatta Website: <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=15669>

Email: [aycrc@americanyc.org](mailto:aycrc@americanyc.org) Fax: (914) 967-5340

**Event Co-Chairs: Erik Asgeirsson and Andrew Giglia**

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

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