



Notice of Race
American Yacht Club
34th Annual Fall Regatta
J/109 East Coast Championship
September 28, 29 & October 5, 6, 2024
Organizing Authority (OA): American Yacht Club, Rye, NY

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

GENERAL FORMAT

The American Yacht Club (AYC) 34th Annual Fall Regatta:

- **Two weekends of racing scheduled for Saturday & Sunday, September 28-29 and Saturday & Sunday, October 5-6**
- **And offer two racing formats:**
 - **Windward/Leeward Racing** for the ORC and One Design Classes
 - **Coastal Racing** for the PHRF Classes (including Doublehanded & Non-Spinnaker) and the ORC Classes (based on sufficient entries).

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 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 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be available on the Regatta Website by 1200 on Friday, September 27, 2024.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The online official notice board is located at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenue.cfm?eID=16314>.

3.2 [DP] 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.

3.3 On the water, the race committee intends to make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel(s) will be stated in the SIs.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1 The regatta is open to boats of the ORC, PHRF, J/70, J/88, J/105, J/109, and J/44 classes. Other One Design or multihull classes may be accepted at the discretion of the OA.

4.2 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, and a GPH rating of 660 or less.
- b) One Design.

4.3 Coastal Racing (Government Marks): Boats may choose to race in one of the following classes:

- a) PHRF: Boats shall have a valid Yacht Racing Association of Long Island Sound (YRALIS) PHRF certificate with a Distance rating of 165 or less. This includes Doublehanded and Non-Spinnaker boats.
- b) PHRF Double-handed: Boats shall have a valid YRALIS PHRF Double-handed certificate.
- c) ORC: ORCi or ORC Club rating with a GPH of 660 or less, based on sufficient entries.

4.4 ORCi, ORC Club, YRALIS PHRF Double-handed, and YRALIS PHRF rating certificates must be available on the issuing rating authority's website no later than 1800 on Thursday, September 26, 2024.

4.5 Online registration and electronic entry fee payment are available on the Regatta Website at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=16314>.

4.6 The entry form, entry fee, and rating certificate (when applicable) shall be submitted online on or before 1800 on Saturday, September 21, 2024. Late entries along with late fees will be accepted until 1800 on Thursday, September 26. No entries will be accepted after 1800 on Thursday, September 26.

4.7 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.

4.8 All competitors shall complete and submit the online liability waiver prior to the close of entries.

5 FEES

5.1 The Fall Regatta entry fee is \$350 per boat.

5.2 Administration fee: Boats withdrawing after 1800 on Saturday, September 21, 2024, and before 1800 on Thursday, September 26, will be refunded their entry fee minus a \$100 administration fee. Boats withdrawing after 1800 on Thursday, September 26, will not receive a refund.

5.3 No certificates or changes to certificates will be accepted after 1800 on Thursday, September 26 without the permission of the OA.

6 SCHEDULE

6.1 Racing for all classes in the Fall Regatta is scheduled for September 28, 29 and October 5, 6, 2024.

6.2 The scheduled first warning signal on each day for each course will be based on the weather forecast and will be at 1055 or 1255. The race committee will announce by text message using the cellular phone number and wireless carrier provided with each entry, and post on the Regatta Website the time of the scheduled first warning signal by 1900 for each of the courses on the day before each day of racing. The race committee may have different scheduled first warning times for each course.

6.3 For the Windward/Leeward classes, multiple races per day are scheduled.

6.4 For the Coastal Racing classes, a maximum of two races per day are scheduled.

7 VENUE

7.1 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 30 minutes prior to the first warning signal each day for all classes on their respective VHF channels.

8 COURSES

8.1 Windward/Leeward classes will sail courses with drop marks.

8.2 Coastal Racing classes will sail daytime distance courses around government and drop marks.

9 PENALTY SYSTEM

9.1 Appendix T, Arbitration, will apply as changed. At the end of T4, Arbitration Meeting Outcomes, add:
(c) The first sentence of 63.3(a) is changed to "A representative of each party to the hearing and the Arbitrator, if arbitration has been conducted, have the right to be present throughout the hearing of all the evidence."

9.2 For all classes: US Sailing Prescription Appendix V, Rule V1 shall apply.

9.3 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 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

10.2 (a) When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

(b) 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.

10.3 Scoring for the ORC Fleet Windward/Leeward Racing will use the Triple Number Windward/Leeward ToT ratings shown on their certificates.

10.4 Scoring for PHRF will use ToD and the Distance rating shown on their certificates. Scoring for an ORC Fleet sailing Coastal Racing courses would use Triple Number All Purpose ToT ratings shown on their certificates.

11 RISK, RESPONSIBILITY FOR SAFETY, WAIVER & RELEASE

11.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' 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). 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, 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, 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 (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, 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, 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.

12 INSURANCE

12.1 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.

13 GREEN REGATTA

In an effort to promote sustainability and reduce the amount of waste in Long Island Sound, competitors are encouraged to utilize reusable water bottles and avoid the use of any single-use plastics.

14 PRIZES

14.1 Prizes for the Fall Regatta will be awarded at American Yacht Club on October 6, 2024. Series prizes for each class in the Fall Regatta 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 JOYETTE, ZILPH, and CYNOSURE 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.

15 OTHER DOCUMENTS

15.1 Additional documents are located at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=16314>.

16 EVENT MANAGEMENT AND CONTACT INFORMATION

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Regatta Website: <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=16314>

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Event Chairman: Erik Asgeirsson

A limited number of guest moorings will be available. Reservations are required. Contact Bud Puterbaugh, American Yacht Club Harbor Captain, by email at 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