



**AMERICAN YACHT CLUB
FALL REGATTA
September 20-21 and 27-28, 2008**

NOTICE OF REGATTA

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY - American Yacht Club, Milton Point, Rye, NY is the Organizing Authority.

RULES - The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*; the IRC Rules, Parts 1, 2, and 3; the current PHRF Regulations as administered by the YRA of Long Island Sound (YRALIS); ISAF Regulation 22 as it applies to class rules; and the Minimum Equipment Recommendations of the YRALIS (Category C); except as any of these are changed by this Notice of Race or by the Sailing Instructions. The number of crew on a boat shall not exceed by more than one person the limitation specified in the boat's IRC, PHRF or One Design certificate, as applicable, or applicable class rule, provided that crew under the age of 15 shall not be counted for purposes of the limitation on number of crew.

ELIGIBILITY - The regatta is open to offshore boats racing under IRC, PHRF (with handicaps of 90 and higher), Level, and One Design rules. Boats (except boats of foreign registry) must be enrolled in the YRALIS or another US SAILING association. Boats with a PHRF rating lower than 90 must race under IRC, Level or One Design rules except that this rating limit does not apply to boats racing in the Navigator's Class.

ENTRIES – Online registration and electronic entry fee payment are available at www.AmericanYC.org and www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=183 Online entry is required. Paper entries will not be accepted. The entry fee is \$175 (\$87.50 for the Navigator's Class). A boat's entry, a copy of its current, valid IRC, One Design or YRALIS PHRF certificate (as appropriate), and the entry fee must be received by American Yacht Club by Friday, September 12, 2008. After that time a \$50.00 surcharge shall apply. Absolutely no entries or changes to measurement certificates or to an IRC boat's TCC will be accepted after 1800 on Wednesday, September 17, 2008. ***Boats that were entered in both the American Yacht Club Spring and Fall Regattas for a reduced combined fee need not submit any further entry for the Fall Regatta unless the boat's rating certificate has changed.***

GULFSTREAM SERIES – The American Yacht Club Fall Regatta is a qualifying event for the IRC Gulfstream Series. IRC certificates for boats entered in the Gulfstream Series must be endorsed certificates.

SERIES - Races are scheduled for September 20-21 and September 27-28 for all divisions except the Navigator's Class. For all divisions except the Navigator's Class, more than one race may be held on any day at the sole discretion of the Race Committee.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS - Sailing Instructions will be posted on the American Yacht Club website, www.AmericanYC.org and at www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=183 and will be available at the Clubhouse and from the Race Committee support boats in the starting area.

NOTICES - Notices, including notices that may amend the Notice of Regatta or the Sailing Instructions, will be posted on the Race Committee Notice Board and will be broadcast on VHF channel 71 and 69 at 0930 on race days.

CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS - Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

RADIOS - Each boat shall carry a radio capable of transmitting and receiving VHF channels 71 and 69.

DIVISIONS - Boats will be placed in divisions (designated by numbers 1, 2, 3 etc.) at the discretion of the Race Committee. Separate divisions for Level and One Design classes may be established at the discretion of the Race Committee. A listing of entrants by division and race course (south or east of Milton Point) will be available at the Club front desk and the American Yacht Club and yachtscoring.com web sites at noon on the day before the first race and from the Race Committee support boats in the starting areas.

DIVISION FLAGS - Each boat shall display the numeral pennant for its division on its backstay or, in the absence of a backstay, from its stern rail.

RACING AREA - The racing will be run 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 divisions on VHF channels 71 and 69.

START TIME – The first warning signal is scheduled to be made at 1055 each day.

NAVIGATOR'S CLASS – On September 21 and 28, if at least five entries for each division are received, there will be a Navigator's Class open to boats racing under PHRF and wishing to sail a distance course around government marks. There will be only one race per day for Navigator's Class boats. Boats may enter in Spinnaker or Non-Spinnaker divisions. The starting area for the Navigator's Class will be the area south of Milton Point.

ARBITRATION — For protests involving a rule of Part 2, a short arbitration hearing will be held prior to a protest hearing. This changes Part 5, Section B, of the RRS.

SCORING- Multiple races are scheduled, of which one shall be completed to constitute a series. If fewer than five races are completed each boat's total score will be the sum of her scores for all races. If five or more races are completed, a boat's worst score shall be excluded, subject to rule 89.3(b). This amends Appendix A. IRC classes will be scored using Time on Time. PHRF classes will be scored using the handicaps provided by the YRALIS, and course distance.

PRIZES - Series prizes for each division 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 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, Level, and IRC fleets 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 American Yacht Club Spring and Fall Regattas. Prizes will be awarded on the front terrace at American Yacht Club after the final race and protest hearings.

MOORINGS - A limited number of moorings will be available. Reservations are essential. Contact the AYC Harbor Captain by mail or fax for rates and availability.

WEB PAGE - Selected information will be posted on the AYC website, www.AmericanYC.org. Competitors should obtain printed copies of all notices and instructions and check the Race Committee Notice Board daily.

RESPONSIBILITY FOR SAFETY - As a condition of the participation of any boat in any race or related activity sponsored or undertaken by American Yacht Club, the owner, helmsman and each crew member agree 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 each of them 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 or agents, arising out of or in any way connected with participation in such race or activity.

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

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