



**AMERICAN YACHT CLUB
SPRING REGATTA
April 25-26, May 2-3, 2009**

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 Rule, Parts 1, 2, and 3
- The current PHRF Regulations as administered by the YRA of Long Island Sound (YRALIS)
- ISAF Regulation 22 as applied by class rules
- The Minimum Equipment Recommendations of the YRALIS (Category C), except as any of these are changed by this Notice of Race and by the Sailing Instructions.

The crew number or crew weight limitation specified in a boat's IRC, PHRF or One Design certificate or applicable class rule shall not be exceeded, except that one additional crew member less than age 14 shall not be counted against the crew number or weight limitation.

Entrants who intend to carry an additional crew member less than age 14 shall so indicate on their entry form.

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.

ENTRY— Online registration and electronic entry fee payment are available at www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=256. Online entry is required; paper entries will not be accepted. Each boat must have a current, valid IRC, One Design or YRALIS PHRF certificate (as appropriate). The certificate must be available on the US Sailing or YRA website, or faxed to American Yacht Club at (914) 967-5340 no later than 1800, Wednesday, April 22, 2009.

Absolutely no entries or changes to measurement certificates or to an IRC boat's TCC will be accepted after 1800, Wednesday, April 22, 2009.

FEES – The entry fee is \$175. Completed entries must be received no later than Friday, April 17, 2009. 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 \$300*** (plus \$50.00 late fee if received later than April 17) ***by so indicating in the online entry.***

GULFSTREAM SERIES – The American Yacht Club Spring and Fall Regattas are qualifying events for the IRC Gulfstream Series. IRC certificates for boats entered in the Gulfstream Series must be endorsed certificates.

SCHEDULE – Races will be run on April 25 and 26 and May 2 and 3. 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.

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 divisions on VHF channels 71 and 69.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS - Sailing Instructions will be available at the Club front desk and on the American Yacht Club web site by noon on the day before the first race and from the Race Committee support boats in the starting areas.

NOTICES - Notices, including notices that may amend the Notice of Regatta or the Sailing Instructions, will be posted on the American Yacht Club website at www.americanyc.org and 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 on the American Yacht Club website and notice board before 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION - Each boat shall carry a radio capable of transmitting and receiving VHF channels 71 and 69. Except in an emergency or to report a protest or withdrawal, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones and data communication.

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 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 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.

ARBITRATION — For protests involving a rule of Part 2, a brief 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. 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 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 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 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 YachtScoring at www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=256 and 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.

FALL REGATTA - The American Yacht Club Fall Regatta will be held September 19-20 and September 26-27, 2009.

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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