



Notice of Race

American Yacht Club

41st Annual Spring Regatta

April 25, 26 & May 2, 3, 2020

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 B)** shall apply to all **Overnight Distance Racing** boats, and Equipment Recommendations of the **YRALIS (Category C)** shall apply to all other boats.
- 1.3. The IMS and ORC Rating Systems Rules apply to **ORC classes**.
- 1.4. 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 Coastal Racing class**.
- 1.5. 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.
- 1.6. For **Doublehanded** classes 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.
- 1.7. 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 regatta is open to boats of the **ORC, 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. **Short Course Racing:** Yachts may choose to race in one of the following classes:
 - a) **ORC Fleet:** Buoy racing. Boats shall have a valid **ORCi or ORC Club certificate with a GPH rating of 660 or less**.
 - b) **PHRF Fleet:** Buoy racing. Boats shall have a valid **YRALIS PHRF certificate with a rating of 120 or less**.
 - c) **One Design:** Buoy racing.
- 2.3. **Coastal Racing:** Yachts may choose to race in one of the following classes:
 - a) **PHRF Coastal Racing:** Government Marks racing. Boats shall have a valid **YRALIS PHRF certificate with a rating of 165 or less**.
 - b) A sub-class "**PHRF Plus One**" will be scored for boats racing in compliance with the rule stated in NOR Appendix A.
- 2.4. **Overnight Distance Racing:** Yachts may choose to race in one of the following classes:
 - a) **ORC Distance Racing:** Government Marks racing. Boats shall have a valid **ORCi or ORC Club certificate**.
 - b) **ORC Doublehanded:** Government Marks overnight distance racing. Boats shall have a valid **ORC DH certificate**.
 - c) A sub-class "**ORC Mixed Doublehanded**" will be scored for boats racing with a crew comprised of one male and one female.
- 2.5. ORCi, ORC Club, ORC DH, and PHRF Rating Certificates must be available on the issuing Rating Authority's website no later than 1800 on Wednesday, April 22, 2020.
- 2.6. Applications for ORC certificates can be found at <https://form.jotform.com/72144318847157> through US Sailing. As a special AYC Spring Regatta promotion, any ORC Fleet entry that has not had an ORC certificate issued in the past 5 years is eligible for a free ORC Club certificate valid for 2020 if the owner is a member of US Sailing and sail measurements are provided. Use promotion code 'AYCSpring' on the application form. Boats with recent IRC or ORR certificates will have sufficient data to receive an ORC Club certificate quickly from US Sailing. Boats that need an ORC DH certificate should first apply to get an ORC Club certificate (without the promotion code) and then request US Sailing to also issue a valid ORC DH certificate at no additional fee.

- 2.7. Online entry is required. Completed entries must be received and entry fees paid no later than 1800 on Wednesday, April 22, 2020. Online registration and electronic entry fee payment are available on the regatta website at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=11812>.
- 2.8. All competitors shall complete and submit the online liability waiver prior to the close of entries.

3. FEES

- 3.1. The entry fee for ORC Fleet, PHRF Fleet, and One Design is **\$250 if the fee is paid before 1800 on Friday, April 17, 2020 and \$300 thereafter.**
- 3.2. The entry fee for PHRF Coastal Racing, ORC Distance Racing, ORC Doublehanded is **\$200 if the fee is paid before 1800 on Friday, April 17, 2020 and \$250 thereafter.**
- 3.3. Boats may also enter the American Yacht Club Fall Regatta (scheduled for September 26, 27 and October 3, 4) at the same time by so indicating on the online entry for a combined fee of \$400 before 1800 on Friday, April 17, 2020 and \$450 thereafter.

4. SCHEDULE

- 4.1. Racing is scheduled for **April 25, 26, and May 2, 3, 2020.**
- 4.2. The first warning signal on each day will be based on the weather forecast and will be at 1055 or 1255. The Race Committee will announce by text message and post on the regatta website the time of the first warning signal by 1900 on the day before each day of racing.
- 4.3. For the **PHRF Coastal Racing** classes, one race per day is scheduled.
- 4.4. For the **ORC Distance Racing** and **ORC Doublehanded** classes, one overnight race per weekend 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 approximately 40 minutes prior to the first warning signal each day for all classes on their respective VHF channels.

7. COURSES

- 7.1. **ORC Fleet, PHRF Fleet, and One Design** classes will sail windward-leeward courses with drop marks.
- 7.2. **PHRF Coastal Racing** classes shall sail daytime distance courses around government and drop marks.
- 7.3. **ORC Distance Racing** and **ORC Doublehanded** classes shall sail overnight distance courses around government and drop marks wholly within Long Island Sound and will be designed to take approximately 20 hours to complete.

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.
- 9.4. Scoring for ORC Fleet will use Windward/Leeward ToT Triple Number ratings and scoring in the ORC Distance Racing and ORC Doublehanded classes will use ToT ratings shown on their certificates.

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 ORC 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 Regatta and Fall 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. 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. 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), 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. 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, 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.

14. OTHER DOCUMENTS

Additional documents are located at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenue.cfm?eid=11812>.

15. CONTACT INFORMATION

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**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