



# American Yacht Club Friday Night Sunset Series May 20th to August 5th, 2022 NOTICE OF REGATTA

**RULES:** The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing, including the US Sailing Prescriptions; the current PHRF regulations, as administered by the YRA of Long Island Sound (YRALIS); and the US Sailing Special Equipment Requirement (USSER) for Nearshore races; except as any of these are changed by this Notice of Race and by the Sailing Instructions.

**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:** Sailing Instructions will be available on the regatta website at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=15236> and the American Yacht Club website at [www.americanyc.org](http://www.americanyc.org) after 1800 on Wednesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>.

**COMMUNICATION:** Notices, including notices that may amend the Notice of Regatta or the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the regatta website. Each boat shall carry a radio capable of transmitting and receiving VHF 71 as well as channel 16.

**ELIGIBILITY:** The regatta is open to yachts captained by members of American Yacht Club. Each owner must have a current PHRF certificate from the YRALIS. Weight and crew limits as pertaining to PHRF certificates will be waived for the series. No boat will receive a rating credit for sailing with less than its maximum crew weight. Any questions regarding updated PHRF certificates should be directed to AYC Measurer Mark Ploch: [markploch@doyleplochsails.com](mailto:markploch@doyleplochsails.com).

**ENTRIES:** The entry form and entry fee of \$100 must be received by the American Yacht Club by 1900 on Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. Late entries will be accepted with the entry form and an entry fee of \$150. Entries can be submitted electronically on the regatta website or be faxed to 914-967-5340. A copy of each yacht's PHRF certificate must also be submitted. Late entries received after the first scheduled race may not be eligible to be scored in the Series.

**SCHEDULE:** One race is scheduled for each Friday evening from May 20<sup>th</sup> to August 5<sup>th</sup>. The fleet will be divided into divisions at the discretion of the race committee.

The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first class is 1830.

A Distance Race is scheduled to be held on Sunday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>. Participation in this event will count toward qualification for the Sunset Series but will be scored as a separate event. Information concerning the Distance Race will be provided separately.

**EQUIPMENT:** Spinnakers shall not be used except on the July 3<sup>rd</sup> Distance Race. For Friday night Sunset Series racing, boats shall not perform sail changes except in the case of serious damage to the sail.

**VENUE:** The racing area will be in the vicinity of Bell 42. It is expected that the starting line will be located within one mile of Bell 42.

**COURSES:** The course to be sailed will be around government and inflatable marks.

**SCORING:** One race is required to be completed to constitute the Sunset Series. To be eligible for series prizes, a boat must start in at least 50% of the races that are completed. The Distance Race will count in both the numerator and denominator for determining eligibility. The Cox-Sprague Scoring System as published by the YRALIS will apply. Boats will be scored using the PHRF handicaps provided by the YRALIS and course distance. A boat racing in at least 90% of the Sunset Series races shall exclude its 2 worst scores if there are 8 or more races in the Sunset Series and shall exclude its worst score if there are 6 or more, but fewer than 8, races in the Series. A boat racing in 75% of the Sunset Series races shall exclude its worst score if there are at least 7 races in the Sunset Series. The number of races required for excluding a boat's worst score or scores will be rounded to the nearest whole number. The Distance Race will be included in both the numerator and denominator to determine whether a boat may exclude its worst score or scores.

**PRIZES:** Weekly prizes will be awarded at AYC after each race. *The Scotch Caps Trophy* will be awarded at the Club's annual awards dinner to the boat with the best series percentage score. *The Michael Duncan Memorial Trophy* will be given to the boat with best participation, improvement, and sportsmanship.

**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

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**FURTHER INFORMATION:** For further information please contact:

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