



# COMMODORE'S CUP

For the  
**Drake H. Sparkman III Memorial Trophy**  
Saturday, September 9, 2023

Organizing Authority (OA):  
Yacht Racing Association of Long Island Sound (YRALIS)  
Hosted by Storm Trysail Club @ Larchmont Yacht Club

## NOTICE OF RACE

### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The current PHRF Regulations as administered by the Yacht Racing Association of Long Island Sound (YRALIS) will apply, except as any of these are changed by this notice of race or the sailing instructions.
- 1.3 Boats shall observe the US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements for nearshore races, which can be found on the US Sailing website: <https://www.ussailing.org/competition/offshore/safety-information/serworld-sailing-special-regulations/>

### 2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing instructions will be available on the YachtScoring website:  
[https://yachtscoring.com/event\\_documents.cfm?eid=16199](https://yachtscoring.com/event_documents.cfm?eid=16199) no later than 1800, Friday, Sept. 8, 2023.

### 3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board on YachtScoring at: [https://yachtscoring.com/notice\\_board.cfm?eid=16199](https://yachtscoring.com/notice_board.cfm?eid=16199) and may be posted on the notice board on the veranda of the Larchmont YC main clubhouse.
- 3.2 Each boat shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on VHF channel 73
- 3.3 On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio.
- 3.4 [DP] While racing, from the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

### 4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The event is open to clubs that are members of the YRALIS. Each club may enter one boat which must have a current YRALIS PHRF certificate verifiable on the YRALIS website: <https://www.yralis.org/phrf-racing/phrf-current-ratings>.
- 4.2 Boats shall be helmed by a current Commodore, Vice Commodore, or Rear Commodore (each a "Flag Officer") of the club it represents.
- 4.3 Eligible boats may enter by registering online at: [https://yachtscoring.com/event\\_registration\\_email.cfm?eID=16199](https://yachtscoring.com/event_registration_email.cfm?eID=16199)

4.4 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements by 1200 Thursday, Sept 7, 2023. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the host club.

## 5 FEES

There will be no entry fee.

## 6 SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 9, 2023: 1100 First Warning Signal  
1500 No warning signal after this time  
Reception and awards on the front lawn following the completion of racing

## 7 VENUE

The racing area will be the waters of Long Island Sound southerly of Larchmont and Mamaroneck Harbors.

## 8 FLAGS

Each boat shall fly on its backstay the burgee of the club it represents.

## 9 COURSES

The courses to be sailed will be windward-leeward courses as described in the sailing instructions.

## 10 SCORING

10.1 One race will constitute a series.

10.2 A boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores. This changes RRS A2.1

10.3 PHRF time allowances will be computed using Time on Time using W/L ratings.

## 11 PRIZES

The winning club will be awarded the Drake H. Sparkman III Memorial Trophy. The trophy shall remain on display in the YRA Trophy case at Larchmont YC. A keeper trophy will be present at the YRA Annual Meeting, on December 3, 2023, at Larchmont YC.

## 12 GUEST MOORINGS AND PRIVILEGES

12.1 Guest moorings are offered free of charge for the nights of September 8 and September 9, 2023. Please make reservations via [Dockwa](#)

12.2 Limited privileges of the Club will be offered to skippers and crews of boats participating in the Commodore's Cup.

## 11 RISK STATEMENT

By registering for this event, the person-in-charge of each boat agrees with the following:

- 1) My crew and I recognize that sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury, sickness and disease (including communicable diseases such as Covid-19) associated with it. We have read RRS 3, Decision to Race, and hereby acknowledge and agree that we are participating in this event entirely at our own risk.
- 2) I acknowledge and agree that neither the organizing authority, host venue, host club, nor the race committee, nor their members will be responsible for: a) any damage to the entered boat or my other property, or b) any injury, sickness or disease (including communicable diseases such as Covid-19) to my crew or me, including death, sustained as a result of our participation in this event.
- 3) I hereby waive any rights I may have to sue the race organizers (organizing authority, host club, race committee, protest committee, sponsors or any other organization or official) with respect to personal injury, sickness or disease (including communicable diseases such as Covid-19) or property damage suffered by my crew or me as a result of our participation in this event, whether on the water or on shore, and hereby release the race organizers from any liability for such injury, sickness or disease (including communicable diseases such as Covid-19) or damage to the fullest extent permitted by law.

4) I have taken all necessary steps to ensure that my crew and I and my entered boat are adequately prepared for all possible contingencies, including carrying and using appropriate safety equipment as may be required by law, racing rules and that a prudent seaman would consider advisable.

**I agree to be bound by all rules that govern this event.**

**I will inform all crewmembers of the conditions stated herein for their participation in such racing.**

*The Storm Trysail Club is grateful for the generosity of the Larchmont Yacht Club for hosting this event and providing on-water assets and assisting with race management. Thank you!*

**FURTHER INFORMATION**

For further information please contact:  
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