



American Yacht Club Friday Night Sunset Series May 17th to August 2nd, 2024 NOTICE OF RACE

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 Yacht Racing Association 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 (<https://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=16602>) and the American Yacht Club (AYC) website at www.americanyac.org after 1800 on Wednesday, May 15th.

COMMUNICATION: Notices, including amendments to the Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the regatta website at <https://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=16602>. Each boat shall carry a VHF radio capable of transmitting and receiving channel 71 as well as channel 16.

ELIGIBILITY: The regatta is open to yachts captained by members of AYC and Larchmont Yacht Club (LYC). Each owner must have a current PHRF certificate from the YRALIS. 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)

ENTRIES: The entry and fee of \$100 must be received by AYC by 1900 on Thursday, May 16th. Late entries will be accepted with an entry and fee of \$150. Entries can be submitted electronically on the regatta website <https://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=16602>. A copy of each yacht's PHRF certificate must also be available on the YRALIS website.

SCHEDULE: One race is scheduled for each Friday evening from May 17th to August 2nd. The fleet will be divided into divisions at the discretion of the AYC race committee. The Annual Sunset Series Distance Race is scheduled to be held on Saturday, July 6th, for which there will be separate race documents and a regatta website. Participation in this event will count toward qualification for the Sunset Series but will be scored as a separate event. On Friday, July 19th, there may not be Sunset Series racing. Competitors are encouraged to enter the LYC Execution Rocks Race scheduled for that evening. Participating in the Execution Rocks Race on July 19th will also count towards qualification for the Sunset Series if a boat started the race and will also be scored as a separate event by LYC. The regatta website for entry for this race will be on yachtscoring.com as part of Larchmont Race Week and requires payment of a separate entry fee.

START TIME: The scheduled warning signal for the first division is 1845.

EQUIPMENT: Spinnakers shall not be used except on the July 6th Distance Race and the

July 19th Execution Rocks 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 and will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

SCORING: Scoring will use PHRF ToT and the non-spinnaker W/L PHRF rating as shown on each boat's YRALIS PHRF certificate. 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 Annual Sunset Series Distance Race will count in both the numerator and denominator for determining series qualification. The Execution Rocks Race will only count in both the numerator and denominator for series qualification if a boat started in that race. 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 her two (2) worst scores if there are eight (8) or more races in the Sunset Series and shall exclude her worst score if there are six (6) or more, but fewer than eight (8), races in the Series. A boat racing in 75% of the Sunset Series races shall exclude her worst score if there are at least seven (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 her worst score or scores.

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

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.

FURTHER INFORMATION: for further information please contact:

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