



13th ANNUAL AMERICAN YACHT CLUB

High Performance Dinghy Open

Presented by Heineken

Rye, New York - October 7th - 9th, 2016

Celebrating over Twelve Years of High Performance Dinghy Racing
Incorporating the

2016 J/70 East Coast Championship

2016 International 505 Region One Championship

2016 Fireball North American Championship

Notice of Race



Organizing Authority – American Yacht Club, Rye, NY, USA

1. Rules

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The US Sailing Prescriptions to rule 60, 63.2, and 63.4 shall not apply.
- 1.3 RRS Appendix T Sections A, B, and D shall apply.

2. Advertising & Sponsors

Bow numbers and/or event advertising may be provided to all competitors. Instructions on how to attach the bow numbers/logo will be provided separately. Bow numbers, if used, will be mandatory. Heineken will be the only brand logo permitted on the bow area of the hull.

3. Eligibility & Entry

The regatta is open to all centerboard dinghy classes with a D-PN of 86.3 or less (see Portsmouth Number tables at <http://www.ussailing.org/racing/offshore-big-boats/portsmouth-yardstick/current-tables/centerboard-classes>) plus other invited classes that meet this criteria, as well as the J/70, Viper 640, and K6 classes. Six entries are required to establish a class. There will be a PY Fleet for boats unable to establish a class. The Race Committee will reserve the right to establish separate starts for classes with eight or more entries, or to start classes together.

Competitors shall register in advance by completing the online registration available on: <http://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=2830>.

Registration and payment received before 2400 on August 31, 2016 entitles entrants to the Early Entry Fee.

Class	Early Entry Fee	Entry Fee
Single-person boat	\$75	\$125
Two-person boat	\$125	\$175
Three-person boat	\$175	\$225
Four-person boat	\$225	\$275

The entry fee includes racing, catering per Schedule of Events, event shirt and a link to download event photos by PhotoBoat. Completed registration and fees must be received no later than 1800, Thursday October 6, 2016.





4. Venue

Race Headquarters will be located at the Main Clubhouse, American Yacht Club, 499 Stuyvesant Avenue, Rye, NY 10580.

5. Launching, Storage and Parking

Two hoists, dinghy docks, and a dinghy ramp are available. Every boat using a hoist must have its own internal sling. Each boat shall have its own trailer and/or launching dolly. Boats arriving prior to October 7, 2016 and/or leaving after October 10, 2016 must register at the AYC office identifying your boat, name and contact number. The club is normally closed on Mondays and Tuesdays. Competitors delivering boats when the club is closed should contact the AYC office to make arrangements for access. Do not park cars in the dry sail area (ie. adjacent to the hoists). Please drop your gear and park in the main club parking area or as directed by AYC staff.

6. Schedule of Events

Thursday, October 6

1800 to 2000 - Registration (J/70 and Fireball)

Friday, October 7

1000 - Registration Opens (J/70 and Fireball) - Coffee and Muffins Served

1115 - Registration Closes (J/70 and Fireball)

1130 - Competitors' Briefing (J/70 and Fireball)

1300 - First Warning Signal of the day (J/70 and Fireball)

1800 to 2000 - Registration (All Classes except J/70 and Fireball)

Saturday, October 8

0800 - Registration Opens (All Classes except J/70 and Fireball) - Coffee and Muffins Served

0900 - Registration Closes (All Classes except J/70 and Fireball)

0915 - Competitors' Briefing (All Classes)

1130 - First Warning Signal of the day (All Classes)

After sailing - Beer Kegs and Multi-Class Buffet Dinner (*included in entry fee*)

Additional dinner reservations may be made on the entry form or at registration at \$45.00 per person

Sunday, October 9

0800 - Coffee and Muffins Served

1000 - First Warning Signal of the day (All Classes)

No Warning Signal will occur after 1500 on Sunday, October 9

After sailing - Awards on the main club terrace

Optional - Buffet dinner Sunday evening in main clubhouse, not included in entry fee

The club bar and restaurant will be open to all competitors, subject to minimum age 21 years in the bar and dress code, collared shirt. Drink/food tickets or temporary Z-account will be available at the Club Reception Desk and/or Registration Desk.

Bagged lunch (sandwich, chips, fruit, cookie) will be available for \$10 each and must be pre-ordered online or at registration. Lunches for Saturday must be ordered at registration on Friday.

7. Liability

By participating in this event and any related activity sponsored or undertaken by American Yacht Club, the owner, helmsman and each crew member agree: that they understand that sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of serious bodily injury (including permanent disability, paralysis and death by drowning or otherwise), property damage and other economic loss; 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 at their own risk, see RRS 4 "Decision to Race"; that American Yacht Club and its officers, trustees, members, committees, employees, Sponsors, or agents will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property, or to any participant, including injury or death; and that each of them releases and 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, Sponsors, or agents, arising out of or in any way connected with participation in such race or activity.

8. Insurance

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$300,000 per event or the equivalent.

9. Measurements

Boats will not require measurement at the Regatta of hulls, or spars and sails, or equipment checks. However, boats must comply with individual class rules and a valid class measurement certificate may be requested for inspection. Sail royalty buttons must be displayed if required by Class Rules.

10. Sailing Instructions

Sailing Instructions will be available online after 0800 on Thursday, October 6, 2016 at <http://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=2830>, and will also be available during registration.

11. Safety

The Sailing Instructions will require all competitors to wear a United States Coast Guard approved PFD, and all boats to carry a floating towline, minimum 3/8" diameter x 30 feet long.

12. Racing Area

The racing area will be Western Long Island Sound off Milton Point, Rye, New York. Competitors are advised to look at the local chart available in the clubhouse and be aware of the foul grounds around Scotch Caps at the end of Milton Point. For details, see page 13 of the PDF at: http://www.charts.noaa.gov/BookletChart/12367_BookletChart.pdf.

13. Courses

Courses may be windward-leeward, Gold Cup, Olympic triangle, and/or trapezoid, and will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

14. Scoring

Low Point System, Appendix A shall be used. When fewer than 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When from 6 to 8 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. When 9 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

15. Penalty System

For all classes, the first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: "A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while racing. However, when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty."





16. Radio Communication

Except in an emergency, 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.

17. Prizes

Prizes will be awarded to the top 3 finishers in each established class and in the PY Fleet. There will also be awards for the top placed all woman's team and under 25 team. A prize for the top Corinthian team in the J/70 class will be awarded as well.

18. Accommodation

Accommodation will be available at Wainwright House, a French Chateau on five beautifully manicured and gardened acres overlooking Milton Harbor, just down the street from the Club. Reservations must be made direct with Wainwright House at pfern@wainwright.org and will be subject to proof of payment of entry fee to the HPDO 2016.

There will also be a limited amount of housing provided by club members. A request must be made on the online entry form and submitted *with payment in full of the required entry fee* before **2400 on August 31, 2016**.

19. Further Information

For further information please contact the Regatta Chairs by email at hpdo@americanyc.org.

Principal Race Officers – George Petrides and David Schwartz-Leeper
Protest Committee Chairs – Robert Fear and John Fryer
Race Committee Chairs – Sandy Weil and Donald M. Dowd III
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