



NEW YORK YACHT CLUB 156th ANNUAL CRUISE

August 3-11, 2012

NOTICE OF RACE

The Organizing Authority (OA) is the New York Yacht Club (NYYC). The Annual Cruise website is on the member side of the NYYC website at <http://nyyc.org/156thannual-cruise-aug3-11/>.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The Annual Cruise will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*. In addition, the NYYC Bylaws, Yacht Routine and Racing Rules will apply.
- 1.2 **Cruising Rule** - The 2012 NYYC Cruising Rule (NYYC CR) shall apply to yachts racing under NYYC CR. More information can be found at <http://nyyc.org/cruisingrule/>. The following requirements of the 2012 NYYC CR should be noted:
 - a) The NYYC CR is a simple rating rule for **cruising yachts** characterized by *vintage design* or a *substantial bias toward cruising*. The Technical Committee has established screening values of sail-area-to-displacement and displacement-length ratios that assist in determining whether a yacht is eligible for the Cruising Rule. If a yacht is considered to be more racing oriented than intended for the Cruising Rule, it may be requested to consider entering the IRC non-spinnaker division.
 - b) Only one sail may be flown forward of the foremost mast at any time and the luff of that sail shall be affixed to a stay, except that yachts with bona fide double headsail rigs may carry a staysail attached to the inner forestay. If changing headsails, it is required to drop one headsail before setting the new headsail.
 - c) A yacht shall not use any sail, including a mizzen staysail, which would qualify as a spinnaker in accordance with the description in rule 50.4. No mizzen staysails are permitted on yawls, but they are permitted on ketches.
 - d) Crew must be stationed fully inside the lifelines except as required for sail handling.
 - e) The NYYC CR rule “Crew is limited to the number of berths” is changed to “The number of crew age 16 or older is limited to the number of berths. Children under age 16 do not count against the crew limit.”
- 1.3 **IRC Spinnaker and Non-spinnaker** - The 2012 IRC Rules and Regulations shall apply to yachts racing under IRC and IRC non-spinnaker. More information can be found at <http://nyyc.org/memirc/>.
 - a. **IRC Spinnaker** - IRC Rule 22.4 is changed to limit the crew number to the number printed on the IRC certificate. Children under age 16 do not count against the crew limit. There is no weight limit.
 - b. **IRC non-spinnaker** - The following changes shall apply to yachts competing in IRC non-spinnaker classes:
 - i. IRC Rule 22.4 is changed to limit the crew number to the number of berths. Children under age 16 do not count against the crew limit. There is no weight limit.
 - ii. Only one sail may be flown forward of the foremost mast at any time and the luff of that sail shall be affixed to a stay, except that yachts with bona fide double headsail rigs may carry a staysail attached to the inner forestay.

- iii. A yacht shall not use any sail, including a mizzen staysail, which would qualify as a spinnaker in accordance with the description in rule 50.4. This changes the definition ‘*spinnaker*’ in the IRC Rule 2012.
 - iv. No spinnaker pole or outrigger shall be carried to leeward.
- 1.4 **Classics** - If there is a designated Classics division, they will be scored using the CRF rating system. Notice of Race Addendum 2 – NYYC Classics Rules shall apply. More information can be found at <http://nyyc.org/classicsrule/>.
 - 1.5 **Winches** – Except as noted in Race Addendum 2 for the Classics division, yachts in non-spinnaker divisions will be permitted to use electric and hydraulic winches. This changes rule 52.
 - 1.6 The 2012-2013 ISAF Offshore Special Regulations, Category 4, shall apply including prescriptions of US SAILING except as noted in NOR 1.7 and 1.9 below.
 - 1.7 A yacht that is not normally rigged with lifelines that comply with Offshore Special Regulation 3.14 shall only be permitted to compete with the permission of the Commodore and the Race Committee. In addition, all crew members shall wear a personal flotation device at all times while on deck.
 - 1.8 Advertising will be restricted in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20.
 - 1.9 Identification numbers must be clearly visible on either the mainsail, overlapping headsail, or on a special weather cloth attached to the lifelines. These numbers must be registered with the Race Committee by the entry deadline. This changes rule 77 and Appendix G.
 - 1.10 A yacht's name shall be clearly marked on miscellaneous buoyant equipment, such as lifejackets, cushions, lifebuoys, life slings, grab bags, etc.
 - 1.11 Yachts shall race each Squadron Run with the same sail inventory on board. Removal or addition of sails may only be made with the permission of the Race Committee.
 - 1.12 Special conditions apply for the Queen’s Cup. See Notice of Race Addendum 1 – Conditions for the Queen’s Cup.

2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 Yachts shall be enrolled yachts in accordance with NYYC By-Law Chapter XIII Section 1 or be determined to be eligible by the Commodore.
- 2.2 While racing, a New York Yacht Club member must be on board all yachts except those invited by the Commodore.
- 2.3 Paid hands may not be at the helm of a yacht at any time while racing unless specific permission is received through the Race Committee.
- 2.4 Entry shall be made online on the regatta website. The entry deadline is Tuesday, July 24.

3 FEES

- 3.1 The entry fee for a racing yacht is \$900. This includes one tender.
- 3.2 The entry fee for a non-racing yacht is \$650.
- 3.3 The entry fee for the Queen’s Cup Race Day only is \$150.

4 SCHEDULE

- 4.1 **Registration** – Yachts will rendezvous at the New York Yacht Club, Harbour Court in Newport, RI. Registration will be open from 1400-1800 on Friday, August 3. Cruise Books, class assignments, scratch sheets and social tickets will be distributed at registration. Yachts joining the Cruise after August 3 shall register with the Race Committee aboard the signal boat *Georgiana*.
- 4.2 **Captains’ Meeting & Opening Reception** - A Captains’ meeting will be held at 1800 on Friday, August 3 in the Arcadia Room at the Sailing Center. Attendance is limited to the captain or designee, plus one crewmember. A cocktail reception, open to all, will follow. RSVPs required.

4.3 Daily Schedule

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time/Event</u>	<u>Event location</u>
Fri	Aug 3	1400-1800 - Registration 1800 - Captains' Meeting & Opening Reception	Harbour Court Harbour Court
Sat	Aug 4	Queen's Cup Race Day Non-spinnaker classes Queen's Cup and other spinnaker classes 1800 - Cocktails & Dinner at NYYC	Rhode Island Sound or Narragansett Bay Harbour Court
Sun	Aug 5	Harbor start and Parade Squadron Run #1 Racing for the Commodore's Trophies	 Newport – Great Hill
Mon	Aug 6	Squadron Run #2 Racing for the Vice Commodore's Trophies	 Great Hill - Duxbury
Tue	Aug 7	Squadron Run #3 Racing for the Rear Commodore's Trophies	 Duxbury - Marblehead
Wed	Aug 8	0800 - Lay day in Marblehead– Dress Ship 1730 - Flag Officers' Cocktail Party	Marblehead Eastern YC
Thu	Aug 9	Harbor start and Parade Squadron Run #4 Racing for the NYYC Race Committee Trophies	 Marblehead-Rockport
Fri	Aug 10	Squadron Run #5 Racing for the U.S. Navy Challenge Cups 1800 - Annual Cruise Final Social Event	Rockport-Boston Constitution Museum
Sat	Aug 11	Astor Cup Race Day	Massachusetts Bay

4.4 The times for the first warning signal on each day of racing will be described in the sailing instructions.

4.5 If conditions do not allow the race for the Queen's, Una and Corsair Cups to be held as scheduled on Saturday, August 4, the alternate day for the race will be Saturday, August 11. Should this be necessary, the race for the Astor Cup scheduled for Saturday, August 11 would then be cancelled.

5 MEASUREMENTS

Each yacht shall provide a valid 2012 rating certificate to the NYYC Sailing Office no later than Friday, July 27.

6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Draft sailing instructions will be posted on the Annual Cruise website. Final sailing instructions will be available at registration.

7 COURSES

Courses will be described in the sailing instructions. Drop mark races may be used on Queen's Cup Race Day and Astor Cup Race Day.

8 PENALTY SYSTEM

8.1 The Scoring Penalty, rule 44.3 will apply. The penalty will be two places.

8.2 A yacht that has taken a penalty shall complete a penalty acknowledgement form (a copy is provided in the Cruise packet) and file it with the Race Committee not later than 2000 on the day of the incident.

9 SCORING

9.1 Appendix A, Low Point System, will be used.

- 9.2 Yachts that start, but fail to finish within the time limit for any reason shall, without a hearing, be scored by the Race Committee with points equal to the number of yachts in her class that have sailed the course and finished within the time limit, plus two. In no case shall a yacht receive a score worse than one point more than the number of starters in her class on that day. This changes rules A4.1, A4.2 and A5.
- 9.3 Five Squadron Runs are scheduled and form a series. A yacht's series score will be the total of all her race scores in the Squadron Runs. There is no discard. Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 9.4 Races run on Queen's Cup Race Day (Saturday, August 4) and Astor Cup Race Day (Saturday, August 11) will each be scored separately and will not count toward the Squadron Run series.

10 PRIZES

10.1 Prizes will be awarded as described below:

- a. Queen's Cup Race Day:
- i. The Queen's, Una, Corsair and Dickerson Cups will be awarded to the winning yachts in their respective class.
 - ii. A first place trophy will awarded to the winning yacht in non Cup classes if two or more yachts start in a class.
- b. Astor Cup Race Day:
- i. The Astor Cup will be awarded to the winning yacht in the IRC Class I.
 - ii. A first place trophy will awarded to the winning yacht in non Cup classes if two or more yachts start in a class.
- c. Points Trophies - Overall Points Trophies, commensurate with the number of points earned, will be awarded to each yacht earning points during the Cruise.
- i. Yachts finishing first in a class in a Squadron Run will earn four points;
 - ii. Yachts finishing second in a class in a Squadron Run or on a Cup Day will earn two points;
 - iii. Yachts finishing third in a class in a Squadron Run or on a Cup Day will earn one point.

10.2 All prizes, cups and trophies will be awarded at the Annual Awards Dinner in New York on Thursday, November 8, 2012, to which all members and their guests are invited.

10.3 The Herreshoff Medal will be awarded to the yacht which makes the best overall performance in the season's races which may include results on the 156th Annual Cruise including the Queen's Cup, Astor Cup, and Squadron Runs.

10.4 The CYGNET CUP may be awarded to the enrolled yacht, which in the opinion of the Race Committee makes an outstanding performance during the Cruise, including the Squadron Runs and Cup Races.

10.5 The CRUISING RULE CUP may be awarded at the discretion of the Flag Officers to a yacht in the New York Yacht Club Cruising Rule division, owned and sailed by a NYYC member, which best exemplifies the traditions of yachting by her upkeep and appearance and performs admirably on the Cruise.

10.6 The EDWARD WELCH CLUCAS MEMORIAL TROPHY will be awarded to the yacht having the fastest elapsed time on the longest run of the Cruise.

10.7 The following Cups and Trophies may be awarded to the yachts with the best cumulative scores in their class for the Squadron Runs series:

- a) Royal Yacht Squadron Cup
- b) H. Irving Pratt Memorial Trophy
- c) Cumberland Cup
- d) Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron Bowl
- e) Navy Members Cup
- f) Venona Cup 1913
- g) Royal Bermuda Yacht Club Trophy

- h) Royal Perth Yacht Club Trophy
- i) Titania Cup
- j) Venona Cup 1912
- k) Commodore's Cup
- l) Reliance Cup

11 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 11.1 Crew Waiver Form - As a condition of entry, each owner, skipper and individual participating crew member shall sign a liability waiver/media release prior to racing. A parent or guardian must sign for a child under age 18. The form can be found on the Annual Cruise website.
- 11.2 Competitors and guests participate in the Annual Cruise entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta. Attention is also drawn to ISAF Offshore Special Regulation 1.02, Responsibility of the Person in Charge, as well as the "Waiver and Release of Liability" as stated on the entry form.

12 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please visit the Annual Cruise website on the NYYC member side at <http://nyyc.org/156thannual-cruise-aug3-11/> or contact the Sailing Office at:

Sailing Office
New York Yacht Club, Harbour Court
5 Halidon Avenue
Newport, RI 02840
401 845-9633
401 846-3303 fax
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ADDENDUM 1 – CONDITIONS FOR THE QUEEN’S CUP

Presented to the New York Yacht Club by H.M. Queen Elizabeth II

1. This Cup is to be known as “The Queen’s Cup”.
2. The cup shall be forever held by the New York Yacht Club, to be sailed for annually, the name of each yacht winning it and the name of her owner shall be suitably inscribed thereon, and each winner shall be presented with a suitable trophy to commemorate the victory.
3. Races for this cup shall be sailed under the then current Racing Rules of Sailing as published by US SAILING including prescriptions, except as otherwise provided in these terms and conditions.
4. Any yacht, the owner of which is a member of a club recognized by US SAILING, shall be eligible to enter in these races provided that her valid rating shall be within the limits set by the Board of Trustees upon recommendation of the Technical and Race Committees for this event. These limitations of dimensions may be from time to time altered by the unanimous action of the Flag Officers of the New York Yacht Club.
5. The course and dates and any other conditions of the races not inconsistent with these conditions or with the then current Racing Rules of Sailing as published by US SAILING including prescriptions, shall be determined from time to time by the Flag Officers of the Club: but unless circumstances shall arise which in the judgment of the Flag Officers make it expedient to do so, the races shall preferably take place over one of the courses off Newport during the Annual Squadron Cruise of the Club.
6. All races for this cup shall be sailed without time limit, and the helmsperson shall be a Group 1 competitor as defined in ISAF Regulation 22, ISAF Sailor Classification Code.
7. Entries for these races must be in writing and must be lodged with the Race Committee of the New York Yacht Club not later than forty-eight hours before the time of starting.

NOTES:

- a) As published in the *2012 Race Committee Memorandum*, yachts with an endorsed IRC rating of 1.07 or higher are eligible to compete for the Queen’s Cup.
- b) Entries in writing will be received by the Race Committee until 1205 on Thursday, August 2. Eligible yachts whose Captains have declared they will race on Saturday, August 4 on the Annual Cruise entry form are considered entered and are not required to submit another written entry.
- c) Yachts entered and owned by members of other clubs, and not enrolled in the New York Yacht Club, shall have a member of the Club or of a recognized yacht club on board, such member to be in charge of the yacht as owner or as representative of the owner.
- d) **TWO-MINUTE STARTING WINDOW** - The actual time of the start of any yacht starting within two minutes after the starting signal will be taken. All yachts starting after that will be timed as starting at the expiration of two minutes from the starting signal.

ADDENDUM 2 – NYYC CLASSICS RULES

These rules are in effect for all yachts competing in classes using CRF rating certificates in the following NYYC events: Annual Regatta, Annual Cruise, Race Week, Robert H. Tiedemann (RHT) Regatta, or other NYYC sponsored special events for classics.

1 GENERAL

- 1.1 All yachts must present a current CRF Certificate.
- 1.2 Yachts may only have one valid CRF Certificate at a time, and may only submit one rating certificate per season. Other limitations on obtaining certificates may apply in the CRF rules.
- 1.3 These NYYC Classics Rules do not pertain to yachts racing as a one-design or metre rule class. The class rules take precedence.

2 RULES CHANGES

For the purposes of rules 10, 13, 14, 15 and 16, the definition of *keep clear* is changed to:

Keep Clear: One boat *keeps clear* of another if, when she is more than one of her hull lengths away from the other boat, the other can sail her course with no need to take avoiding action and, when the boats are *overlapped* on the same *tack*, if the *leeward* boat can change course in both directions without immediately making contact with the *windward* boat.

3 SCORING

- 3.1 CRF Ratings are to be used for all scoring.
- 3.2 Scoring calculations are to be based on a scratch boat with a CRF rating of 81.0. The seconds/mile between any two boats are calculated using the CRF seconds/mile table on the NYYC website www.nyyc.org/crfclassicrule/.
- 3.3 CRF non-spinnaker (base) ratings are to be used unless a separate spinnaker class is specified.
- 3.4 CRF Spinnaker ratings shall never be scored together with CRF non-spinnaker ratings. The ratings are not calibrated to accurately compare a spinnaker and non-spinnaker yacht.

4 ELIGIBILITY

Eligibility for each regatta is determined by the Notice of Race for that event. Yachts must meet those requirements in addition to these NYYC Classics Rules.

5 CLASS DESIGNATIONS

5.1 Size Guidelines

- 5.1.1 NYYC offers CRF racing primarily for Classic yachts up to 75'. Classic yachts larger than 75' will be addressed on a case by case basis, and may race in CRF, utilizing these NYYC Classics Rules, or, if appropriate, under the "La Belle Class" rules.
- 5.1.2 NYYC Classics will use as a guideline, where possible, to group yachts in a class where the largest yacht is no more than 1.5 x LOA of the smallest yacht in that class.
Example: 50' boat races up to a max size boat of 75'

5.2 La Belle Class

Yachts larger than 75' may be provided with a unique class allowing a more appropriate rating band and courses. If established, additional existing parameters for safety and equipment will be promulgated.

5.3 Classes

CRF Vintage and CRF non-Vintage yachts shall not be scored together. CRF non-Vintage yachts are not eligible for the NYYC Classic Series Corinthian Trophy.

5.3.1 CRF Vintage

Design, Construction and materials

- Full keeled (or keel-centerboard), split-keel and rudder.
- Designed in or before 1970
- Steel / aluminum and wooden yachts
- Built utilizing original materials and methods as designed
- Minimum of 30' LOA, full decked (reasonable cockpit excepted), with accommodations.
- Fixed ballast
- Rigged with aluminum or wooden spars

Sails (permitted)

Woven fabric (Canvas, Nylon, Dacron as well as more contemporary woven fabrics such as Vectran and Hydranet). Note: What are prohibited are sails such as those utilizing advanced shaping technologies (3DL or similar), laminate or composite construction, or materials such as, but not limited to, Mylar, Kevlar, Spectra, Carbon Fiber, etc.

Manual Power/Hydraulic Winches:

For all yachts in the Classic Divisions whose LOA is greater than or equal to 70 feet, RRS 52 is deleted. RRS 52 shall still apply to Classic yachts with a LOA less than 70 feet. A Classic yacht with a LOA of less than 70 feet racing in contravention of RRS 52 will be designated to compete in the "CRF Non-Vintage" Division.

5.3.2 CRF non-Vintage

Yachts that evoke the pre-1970 design and/or spirit of Vintage yachts, but do not otherwise meet all of the above criteria for a Vintage yacht.

5.4 Spinnaker Classes

5.4.1 For Annual Regatta, Annual Cruise, and Race Week (does not include RHT Regatta):

- a. For CRF rated yachts, separate spinnaker and non-spinnaker classes may be established as long as there is a minimum of four comparable (as defined by the NYYC Classics Committee below) yachts in each class.
- b. All boats shall race in non-spinnaker classes unless there is a minimum of four comparable yachts in both the spinnaker and non-spinnaker classes (minimum of 8 yachts).

5.4.2 For Annual Cruise only:

In addition to the above requirements, all yachts shall declare their intention to sail in a spinnaker class for either the Queen's Cup, Astor Cup and/or Squadron Runs by the entry deadline. Except as designated by the OA, no changes in ratings or classes will be permitted after that time.

6 LIMITATIONS ON HEADSAILS & EQUIPMENT

6.1 A whisker pole or spinnaker pole may be used to wing out a jib on the side opposite the main boom as long as no other sail, including a staysail, is set in the fore-triangle. Whisker or spinnaker poles shall not exceed 110% of the yacht's J-measurement.

6.2 Poles must be fixed at the mast while in use in accordance with RRS 50.2.

6.3 Spinnakers and Headsails are defined in accordance with RRS 50.4.

6.4 Non-Spinnaker Classes Sail Limitations:

- a. Only one jib shall be carried in the fore-triangle at one time: i.e., drop one sail before setting another. This changes RRS 50.1.
- b. Bona fide double headsail rigs (*defined as being properly rigged, including permanent fixed points on deck and on the mast*) may carry a fore-triangle staysail that is hanked on to the inner forestay. All headsails must be tacked on the centerline of the boat.

- c. All sails set in the fore-triangle must be hanked on for the full length of the stay (except fixed-stay roller furling sails). Flying a headsail on its tack and head only, or on an internal wire luff, is not permitted.
- d. Mizzen staysails are permitted. On schooners, a fisherman or gollywobbler is permitted. Mizzen spinnakers are not permitted.
- e. All yachts shall be limited to sail area as defined in their CRF certificate. This includes a 150% max LP for headsails unless otherwise rated, in which case a yacht may fly a headsail up to their max rated LP on their certificate.

6.5 Spinnaker Classes

- a. Spinnaker classes are exempt from the above non-spinnaker sail limitations, but must comply with sail material and all other listed rules and eligibility requirements.