



Notice of Race

2014 American Yacht Club Spring Series

April 26, 27, May 3, 4, 2014

Organizing Authority

The American Yacht Club

1.0 RULES

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in:

The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)

For the IRC division, the IRC Rules, Parts 1, 2, and 3

For the PHRF division, the current PHRF Regulations, as administered by the YRA of Long Island Sound (YRALIS)

For HPR, current certificate

For one-design classes, applicable class association rules

ISAF Regulation 22 as it applies to class rules

For all classes, the Minimum Equipment Recommendations of the YRALIS (Category C)

Except as any of these are changed by the Notice of Race or by the Sailing Instructions.

The crew number or crew weight limitation specified in a boat's IRC, PHRF, HPR or One Design certificate or applicable class rule shall not be exceeded, except that IRC Rule 22.4.2 will not be enforced and one additional crew member less than age 14 shall not be counted against the crew number or weight limitation. Entrants who intend to carry an additional crew member less than age 14 shall so indicate by email to aycrc@americanyc.org. Rule 51 is changed to allow the use of a canting keel and Rule 52 is changed to allow the use of stored power for the mechanism to cant the keel.

2.0 ELIGIBILITY

The regatta is open to offshore boats racing under IRC, PHRF, Level, and One Design rules. Boats (except boats of foreign registry) must be enrolled in the YRALIS or another US SAILING association. The Organizing Authority may reject the entry of any yacht that does not in its sole discretion meet the general parameters of the other yachts entered with regard to size or design.

3.0 ENTRY

Online entry is required. Completed entries must be received no later than 1800 Friday, April 18, 2014. Paper entries will not be accepted. Online registration and electronic entry fee payment are available at <http://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=1044>.

Each boat must have a current, valid IRC, HPR, One Design or YRALIS PHRF certificate, as appropriate. PHRF certificates must be available on the YRA website, faxed to American Yacht Club at (914) 967-5340, or emailed to toaycrc@americanyc.org no later than 1800, Wednesday, April 23, 2014. IRC certificate rating information must be available on the US Sailing website at www.ussailing.org/offshore/IRC/Handicaps.asp, or the certificate must be faxed to American Yacht Club at (914) 967-5340 or emailed to aycrc@americanyc.org no later than 1800, Wednesday, April 23, 2014. Absolutely no ratings or rating changes will be accepted after 1800, Wednesday April 23, 2014.

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4.0 FEES

The entry fee is \$200. Completed entries must be received no later than 1800 Friday, April 18, 2014. Entries received after this date will be accepted if they include a \$50.00 late fee. ***Boats may also enter the American Yacht Club Fall Regatta at this time for a reduced combined fee of \$325 (plus \$50.00 late fee if received later than 1800 April 18) by so indicating in the online entry.***

5.0 GULFSTREAM SERIES

The American Yacht Club Spring Series and Fall Regatta are qualifying events for the IRC Gulfstream Series. IRC certificates for boats entered in the Gulfstream Series must be endorsed certificates.

6.0 SCHEDULE

Races for all classes are scheduled for April 26 and 27, May 3 and 4. More than one race may be held on any day at the sole discretion of the Race Committee. The first warning signal is scheduled to be made at 1055 each day.

7.0 VENUE

Races will be conducted on two separate courses from starting areas located approximately mid-Sound, south or east of Milton Point, Rye, New York. The approximate positions of the starting areas will be announced at 1015 each day for all classes on their respective VHF channels.

8.0 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available by noon on the day before the first race at the American Yacht Club front desk and at <http://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=1044>. Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on <http://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=1044> and the Race Committee notice board before 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

9.0 NOTICES

Notices, including notices that may amend the Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions, will be posted on <http://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=1044> and on the Race Committee notice board and will be broadcast on VHF channels 69 and 71 at 0930 on race days.

10.0 ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION

Each boat shall carry a radio capable of transmitting and receiving VHF channels 16, 69 and 71. Except in an emergency or to report a protest or withdrawal, a boat shall neither make nor receive any type of electronic communication while racing that is not freely available to all boats.

11.0 CLASSES

Boats will be placed into classes (designated by numbers 1, 2, 3, etc.) at the discretion of the Race Committee. A listing of entrants by class and starting area (south or east of Milton Point) will be available at the club front desk and on the American Yacht Club web site by noon on the day before the first race and from the Race Committee support boats in the starting areas. Each boat shall display the numeral pennant for its class on its backstay or, in the absence of a backstay, from its stern rail.

14.0 ARBITRATION

For protests involving a rule of Part 2, a brief arbitration hearing will be held prior to a protest hearing. This changes Part 5, Section B, of the RRS.

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15.0 SCORING

Multiple races are scheduled, of which one shall be completed to constitute a series. IRC classes will be scored using Time on Time. PHRF classes will be scored using the handicaps provided by the YRALIS, and course distance.

16.0 PRIZES

Series prizes for each class will be awarded as follows: a first place prize for two or more entries; second place for four or more; and third place for six or more. The RAMPANT, 1888 and EDWARD RICHARDS TROPHIES will be awarded to the boats which, in the judgment of the Race Committee, have the best performance in the PHRF, Level, and IRC divisions respectively. Prizes will be awarded at American Yacht Club after the final race and protest hearings.

17.0 MOORINGS

A limited number of moorings will be available. Reservations are essential. Contact Bud Puterbaugh, AYC Harbor Captain by email (bputerbaugh@americanyc.org) for rates and availability.

18.0 NAVIGATION RULES

All boats are cautioned to observe the Navigation Rules of the Road and to yield right of way to vessels restricted in their ability to maneuver, especially to tugs and barges. Any boat observed to impede such traffic may be protested by the Race Committee.

19.0 WEBSITE

The Race Committee will post the Notice of Regatta, Sailing Instructions, Scratch Sheet, and results on <http://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=1044>. Competitors should consult the official Race Committee Notice Board for final information.

20.0 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY/RESPONSIBILITY FOR SAFETY

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, agents and sponsors 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, agents and/or sponsors, arising out of or in any way connected with participation in such race or activity. Assistance, if any, from the race committee or other American Yacht Club vessels, or patrol boats, from any personnel manning them, is at the risk of the participant.

21.0 OTHER DOCUMENTS

Forms and documents related to this event are located on <http://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=1044>.

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22.0 CONTACT INFORMATION

American Yacht Club, 499 Stuyvesant Avenue, Rye, NY 10580 www.americanyc.org

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Nicholas S. Everett	Principal Race Officer (South Course), Race Committee Chair
John L. Myles, Jr.	Principal Race Officer (East Course)
Sandison E. Weil	Protest Committee Chairman

American Yacht Club cordially extends the privileges of the Clubhouse and harbor to participants before and after the race

