



American Yacht Club Friday Night Sunset Series

June 19 to August 14, 2020

NOTICE OF REGATTA

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 YRA of Long Island Sound (YRALIS); and the Minimum Equipment Recommendations of the YRALIS (Category C); except as any of these are changed by this Notice of Race and by the Sailing Instructions.

ELIGIBILITY: The regatta is open to yachts captained by members of American Yacht Club and local J70 sailors. *Each owner, other than J70 owners, must have a current PHRF certificate from the YRA.* Weight and crew limits as pertaining to PHRF certificates will be waived for the series. 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 form and entry fee of \$85.00 must be received by the American Yacht Club by 1900 on Friday, June 12th. Late entries will be accepted with the entry form and an entry fee of \$150. Entries can either be faxed (914-967-5340) or entered electronically through Yachtscoring.com. A copy of each yacht's PHRF certificate must also be submitted. Late entries received after the first scheduled race may not be eligible to be scored in the Series.

SCHEDULE: One race is scheduled for each Friday evening from June 19th to August 14th except there will be no Friday night Sunset Series racing on July 3rd. **The actual starting date for the Sunset Series may be delayed due to the coronavirus pandemic. The Sunset Series will not start prior to owners of boats entered by June 19th receiving at least 5 days advance notice.** The fleet will be divided into divisions at the discretion of the race committee. There will be a separate start for the J70 class.

A Distance Race is scheduled to be held on Saturday, July 4th. Participation in this event will count toward qualification for the Sunset Series, but will be scored as a separate event. Information concerning the Distance Race will be provided separately.

START TIME: The first warning signal will be made at 1855.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS: Sailing Instructions will be posted on the American Yacht Club website, www.americanyachtclub.org and also on Yachtscoring.com.

RACING AREA: 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.

THE COURSE: The course to be sailed will be around government and inflatable marks.

NOTICES: Notices, including notices that may amend the Notice of Regatta or the Sailing Instructions, will be posted on the Race Committee Notice Board and on Yachtscoring.com.

EQUIPMENT: Boats shall observe the Minimum Equipment Recommendations of the YRALIS, Race Category C. Each boat shall carry a radio capable of transmitting and receiving VHF 71 as well as channel 16.

Spinnakers shall not be used except on the July 4th Distance Race and for Friday night Sunset Series racing for J70s. For Friday night Sunset Series racing, boats shall not perform sail changes except in the case of serious damage to the sail.

SCORING: 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 Distance Race will count in both the numerator and denominator for determining eligibility. 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 its 2 worst scores if there are 8 or more races in the Sunset Series and shall exclude its worst score if there are 6 or more, but fewer than 8, races in the Series. A boat racing in 75% of the Sunset Series races shall exclude its worst score if there are at least 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 its worst score or scores.

PRIZES: Weekly prizes will be awarded at AYC after each race. The Scotch Caps Trophy will be awarded at the Club's annual awards dinner to the boat with the best series percentage score. The Michael Duncan Memorial Trophy will be given to the boat with best participation, improvement and sportsmanship.

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.

FURTHER INFORMATION: for further information please contact:

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