



2015 IRC East Coast Championship

July 16-19, 2015
Newport, Rhode Island

NOTICE OF RACE

The Organizing Authority (OA) is the New York Yacht Club Regatta Association, Inc. The host is New York Yacht Club (NYYC). The regatta website can be found at <http://nyyc.org/yachting/racing/2015-irc-east-coast-championship>.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) including the 2015 IRC Rules Parts A, B and C.
- 1.2 The following documents shall apply and are posted as NOR addenda on the regatta website:
 - a) Addendum 1 – US Safety Equipment Requirements (USSER). All yachts shall minimally comply with the US Nearshore section of the USSER.
 - b) Addendum 2 – US SAILING Prescriptions to the RRS. Only the prescriptions listed in this Addendum shall apply.
- 1.3 The protest committee may impose suitable penalties, other than disqualification, for violations of the USSER or non-Part 2 rules. This changes RRS 64.1.

2 ADVERTISING

- 2.1 A yacht and her crew shall comply with ISAF Regulation 20, Advertising Code.
- 2.2 Each yacht shall display any backstay flag and/or bow stickers while racing as may be provided by the OA at registration.

3 ELIGIBILITY & CLASS RULES

Entry is open to all yachts with a valid 2015 IRC certificate.

- a) IRC Rules 22.4.1 and 22.4.2 are changed to read:
 - i. The crew weight shall not exceed 85kg multiplied by the Crew Number printed on the certificate; OR
 - ii. The number of crew shall not exceed the crew number on the boat's IRC certificate with no weight limit.
 - iii. One additional crew under the age of 16 is permitted and shall not count against the crew or weight limit.
 - iv. Yachts electing the first option (crew weight) may weigh in during registration times shown in NOR 6.2. Scales will be available to any competitors to check their weight. Weighing in is not required; however, a yacht whose crew does not weigh in completely, and is later protested under this rule, shall make all crew available to be weighed in prior to the protest hearing in order to be scored.
- b) IRC Rules 21.1.5 (d) and (e) are changed to require that the sails on board shall remain the same and be on board for all Drop Mark Course races, including Stadium Sailing races, during the regatta. This requirement does not apply to the Distance Race or any Navigator's Races as described in the sailing instructions. Notification of scheduled Distance or Navigator races will be given on the day prior to those races at the earliest opportunity, but no later than 1900.

- c) Replacement sails may be permitted during the series in exceptional circumstances with the written permission of the Race Committee. A replacement sail will only be permitted if it is of similar cloth weight, area and design.

4 ENTRY

- 4.1 **Entry Forms:** The entry form will be available on the regatta website. The official entry form and entry fee shall be submitted online on or before 1700 on Thursday, July 9, 2015. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the OA. Late fees will apply as described in NOR 5.3.
- 4.2 **Registration:** All yachts shall register during the registration times listed in NOR 6.2. Registration will take place in the NYYC Sailing Center, Harbour Court, 5 Halidon Avenue, Newport, RI 02840.
- 4.3 **Liability Waivers:** Crew liability waivers will be available on the regatta website and submitted before racing.

5 FEES

- 5.1 **Entry fees:** The entry fee shall be paid with the online entry form. To determine the applicable Entry Fee, a yacht's LOA is to be rounded downward to the nearest whole number.
(e.g. 49.65' = 49')

LOA 29' or less	\$400
LOA 30-34'	\$550
LOA 35' to 39'	\$700
LOA 40' to 44'	\$850
LOA 45-49'	\$975
LOA 50' or more	\$1100

- 5.2 **Late Entry fee:** A late fee of \$100 will be charged entries received after 1700 on Thursday, July 9, 2015.
- 5.3 **Administration fee:** Yachts withdrawing after 1700 on Thursday, July 9, and before 1700 on Wednesday, July 15, will be refunded their entry fee minus a \$100 administration fee. Yachts withdrawing after 1700 on Wednesday, July 15, will not receive a refund.
- 5.4 **Late Rating Certificate fee:** A late certificate fee of \$200 will be charged for rating certificates filed after 1700 on Thursday, July 9, as required in NOR 8.1.

6 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 6.1 A representative from each yacht shall appear at registration to obtain class assignments and scratch sheets, bow stickers and backstay flags, and to turn in the Crew Waiver Form. All shore events will take place at Harbour Court.

Wednesday, July 15	1600-1800	Registration
Thursday, July 16	0800-0900	Registration
	1100	Course signals for Race Day 1
Friday, July 17	1100	Course signals for Race Day 2
Saturday, July 18	1100	Course signals for Race Day 3
Sunday, July 19	1100	Course signals for Race Day 4
	TBD	Awards Ceremony (after racing)

- 6.3 No Warning Signal shall be made after 1500 on Sunday, July 19.

7 CREW WEIGH-INS

There is no formal weigh-in. The official scale will be available in the Sailing Center at times posted on the Official Notice Board for yachts wishing to confirm their compliance with applicable crew weight limitations.

8 MEASUREMENT

- 8.1 Each yacht shall submit a valid certificate to the NYYC Sailing Office before 1700 on Thursday, July 9, 2015.
- 8.2 Yachts, including all qualifying equipment and sails, may be subject to random inspection by the OA at any time during this event.

9 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS AND CLASS ASSIGNMENTS

Sailing instructions and scratch sheets for the 2015 IRC East Coast Championship will be available on the Annual Regatta website and at registration.

10 VENUE

Races will be held off Newport, RI, on Rhode Island Sound or in Narragansett Bay.

11 COURSES

Courses for all classes will be defined in the sailing instructions and may include one or more of the following:

- Drop mark races on Rhode Island Sound or Narragansett Bay (and may include Stadium sailing courses in Narragansett Bay);
- Navigator style races using marks on the South Bay Race Chart and special marks;
- A middle distance race on Rhode Island Sound and/or Narragansett Bay.

12 PENALTY SYSTEM

12.1 The specified penalty under rule 44.1 for a yacht that may have broken a rule of Part 2 while racing shall be either:

- (a) take a Scoring Penalty that complies with rule 44.3; or
- (b) take a One-Turn Penalty in accordance with rule 44.2. This changes rule 44.1.

12.3 A yacht that has taken a penalty shall complete a penalty acknowledgement form as described in the sailing instructions.

13 SCORING

13.1 Multiple races are planned. All races will be weighted equally. A yacht's series score will be the total of all of her race scores. There is no discard race.

13.2 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

14 PRIZES

Overall prizes will be presented at the Awards Ceremony on Sunday, July 19, at Harbour Court.

15 LIABILITY & MEDIA WAIVER

15.1 As a condition of entry, each owner, skipper and individual participating crew member shall submit an online liability waiver/media release. The fully executed Liability & Media Waiver Form shall be submitted prior to racing. The waiver form link can be found on the regatta website.

15.2 Media Waiver - Competitors and crew members on the competing yachts grant, at no cost, the New York Yacht Club Regatta Association, Inc., New York Yacht Club, and any other official sponsors of the regatta, the absolute right and permission to use their name, voice, image, likeness, biographical material as well as representations of the boats in any media worldwide (being television, print and internet media), including video footage, for the sole purposes of advertising, promoting, reporting and disseminating information regarding the Annual Regatta and the participants in the Annual Regatta.

15.3 Yachts shall not be scored unless the skipper/person-in-charge has submitted a liability & media waiver form.

15.4 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority, New York Yacht Club, and other sponsors 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 RRS 46 and USSER 1.2, Responsibility.

16 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please visit the regatta website or contact the Sailing Office. New York Yacht Club, Harbour Court; 5 Halidon Avenue; Newport, RI 02840; Tel: 401/845-9633; Fax: 401/846-3303; Email: sailingoffice@nyyc.org.

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