



161st NYYC ANNUAL REGATTA

Presented by ROLEX

**June 12-14, 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).

GENERAL FORMAT

The 161st NYYC Annual Regatta presented by Rolex will consist of the following:

- The Around-the-Island Race or middle distance race (scored separately) on Friday, June 12.
- The traditional Two-Day Series on Saturday and Sunday, June 13-14, for yachts racing in IRC and One-Design classes, Classics, 12 Metres, 6 Metres, Multihulls, as well as the “Navigator” Races for PHRF and PHRF double-handed classes.
- Racing will consist of one or more of the following:
 - Drop mark races on Rhode Island Sound or Narragansett Bay;
 - Navigator style races using marks on the South Bay Race Chart and special marks;
 - Stadium sailing courses in Narragansett Bay.

Teams can enter to compete for two team trophies:

- Rolex Cup – Two-yacht teams in the Around-the-Island Race on Friday, June 12.
- Great Corinthian Trophy – Yacht club teams (other than NYYC) of three or more yachts competing in the IRC or One-Design fleets in the Two-Day Series.

The Annual Regatta is the first event in the NYYC Classic Yacht Series.

The Annual Regatta website can be found at <http://nyyc.org/yachting/racing/161st-annual-regatta>.

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, the 2015 HPR Rules, and the PHRF Regulations as administered by the PHRF of NB. Appendix D, Team Racing Rules, will not apply for the Rolex Cup or the Great Corinthian Trophy team events.
- 1.2 The following documents shall apply and are posted as addenda on the Annual Regatta website:
 - a) Addendum 1 – US Safety Equipment Requirements (USSER)
 - All yachts shall minimally comply with the US Nearshore section of the USSER and shall comply with their class rules, where applicable.
 - USSER 2.4.1 through 2.4.8 regarding Hull and Structure: Lifelines shall apply, except that yachts not normally rigged with lifelines are exempt for these requirements and shall wear approved PFDs at all times while racing.
 - In the event of a conflict between these Requirements and applicable class rules, the class rules shall apply.
 - b) Addendum 2 – US SAILING Prescriptions to the RRS. Only the prescriptions listed in this Addendum shall apply.

c) Addendum 3 – NYYC Classics Rules shall apply to all yachts racing in the Classics division.

- 1.3 The sailing instructions may describe rules or changes to class rules that will apply to specific classes.
- 1.4 Swan 42 class yachts that meet the eligibility and entry requirements for the Invitational Cup NYYC Team Selection Series or the Rolex NYYC Invitational Cup, but not those of Class Rule 7, may participate in the Annual Regatta. However, yachts that do not meet the eligibility requirements of Swan 42 Class Rule 7 shall not be eligible to win overall class trophies described in NOR 14.4.
- 1.5 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 the Rolex backstay flag and bow stickers provided at registration while racing. Classics, S Class, 6 Metres and 12 Metres will not be required to apply the bow stickers.

3 ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1 Entry is open to yachts with a minimum LOA of 25 feet that satisfy one or more of the entry requirements in NOR 3.2 to 3.8 or to a class invited by the OA. The OA reserves the right to limit the number of entries in any class. In addition, the OA may reject the entry of any yacht that may not fit the general parameters of the other yachts entered with regard to size and/or design.
- 3.2 **IRC Yachts:** 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 during the regatta. This requirement does not apply to the Distance Race or any Navigator's Races as described in the sailing instructions.
- 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.
- 3.3 **HPR:** Yachts entered in IRC that also submit a valid HPR certificate in accordance with NOR 8.1, will be dual-scored for HPR. Scoring will be time-on-time using the TCF's listed on the certificate. The HPR crew weight limit may be declared, but must conform to that listed on the HPR certificate.
- 3.4 **One-Design Yachts:** Entries are open to all classes with a minimum LOA of 25 feet and a minimum of eight entries unless otherwise approved by the OA, and to any classes invited by the OA. Entrants must meet all ownership, class membership (including crew eligibility requirements), sail measurement and crew weigh-in requirements as required by their respective classes.
- 3.5 **Classic Yachts:** Entries are open to all Vintage and Classic yachts that meet the design, construction and equipment parameters described in NOR Addendum 3 – NYYC Classics Rules. All yachts must hold a valid CRF rating. A link to an application for a CRF rating can be found on the regatta website.
- 3.6 **12 Metre Yachts:** Entries are open to any 12 Metre yacht holding a valid Certificate of Measurement that is current with the 12 Metre Class annual dues and any certificate filing fees must have been paid. Depending on the number of entries, the 12 Metres may start as a single class. Trophies will be awarded in the Traditional

division and a combined Modern/Grand Prix division if there are two or more entries in the division. The OA will use handicap ratings if provided by the ITMA.

- 3.7 **Multihull:** Entries are open to any offshore Multihull (as determined by the OA) that meets the LOA minimum in NOR 3.1. The rating system for the Multihull class will be designated in an amendment to this NOR. Multihulls will sail navigator-style races.
- 3.8 **NAVIGATORS RACES:** Entry into the Navigators races on Saturday, June 13, and Sunday, June 14, will be open to the all yachts as follows:
- a) Yachts with a valid 2015 PHRF of Narragansett Bay certificate rating of 165 or lower. Yachts with a rating of 166 or higher will be permitted to enter at the discretion of the OA. A non-spinnaker class may be offered if there is sufficient interest.
 - b) Double-handed yachts with a valid PHRF certificate if there is sufficient interest.
 - c) There is no crew number or weight limitation, except as noted in NOR 3.8.
- 3.9 Except in the Double-handed Class, the minimum crew aboard while racing shall be four except as specified in Class Rules.
- 3.10 Each yacht shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating with the Race Committee on fleet channels.

4 ENTRY

- 4.1 **Entry Forms:** The entry form is available on the Annual Regatta website. The official entry form and entry fee shall be submitted online on or before 1700 on Monday, June 8, 2015. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the OA. Late fees will apply as described in NOR 5.3.
- 4.2 For one-design keelboats, entry includes racing in the two-day series on Saturday and Sunday, June 13-14. For all other yachts, entry also includes racing in the Around-the-Island Race on Friday, June 12. Yachts that elect not to race in the Around-the-Island Race should check the appropriate box on the entry form.
- 4.3 **Registration:** All yachts shall pick up their regatta bags 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.
- 4.4 **Rolex Cup Team Entries:** The Rolex Cup will be presented to the best two-yacht team in the IRC division in the Around-the-Island Race. Entries may be made online on the Annual Regatta website or at registration and submitted on or before 1800 on Thursday, June 11, 2015.
- 4.5 **Great Corinthian Trophy Team Entries:** The Great Corinthian Trophy will be presented to the yacht club team, other than New York Yacht Club, represented by three or more yachts competing in IRC or One-Design classes with the best score in the Annual Regatta Two-Day Series. All helmspersons shall be Group 1 as defined in ISAF Regulation 22, ISAF Sailor Classification Code. Entries may be made online on the Annual Regatta website or at registration and submitted on or before 1800 on Friday, June 12, 2015.
- 4.6 **Liability Waivers:** Crew liability waivers will be available on the Annual 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'	\$500	
LOA 35' to 39'	\$600	
LOA 40' to 44'	\$700	
LOA 45-49'	\$800	
LOA 50' or more	\$900	
12 Metre	\$600	
Marstrom 32	\$300	
Two-Day Series one-designs	\$300	(Etechells, S-Class, etc.)
PHRF Navigators Races	\$300	

- 5.2 **Team entry:** There is no additional fee for a team to enter either the Rolex Cup or the Great Corinthian Trophy.
- 5.3 **Late Entry fee:** A late fee of \$100 will be charged entries received after 1700 on Monday, June 8.
- 5.4 **Administration fee:** Yachts withdrawing after 1700 on Monday, June 8, and before 1700 on Thursday, June 11, will be refunded their entry fee minus a \$100 administration fee. Yachts withdrawing after 1700 on Thursday, June 11, will not receive a refund.
- 5.5 **Late Rating Certificate fee:** A late certificate fee of \$200 will be charged for rating certificates filed after 1700 on Monday, June 8, as required in NOR 8.1.
- 5.6 **Dinner Tickets:** Dinner Tickets are not included in the entry fee. Tickets to the Annual Regatta Dinner will be available for purchase on an online social reservations form through Monday, June 8. Depending on availability, additional tickets can be purchased through the NYYC Special Events office or at registration.
- 5.7 **Annapolis to Newport Race discount:** Yachts that have entered the 2015 Annapolis to Newport Race may subtract \$50 off their entry fee.

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.
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| 6.2 | Thursday, June 11 | 1600-1800 | Registration and weigh-ins |
| | Friday, June 12 | 0830-1000 | Registration and weigh-ins |
| | | 1200 | Course Signals for the Around-the-Island Race |
| | | 1600-1800 | Registration and weigh-ins |
| | | 1800 | Cocktails & Around-the-Island Race Awards party |
| | Saturday, June 13 | 0800-0900 | Registration and weigh-ins |
| | | 1100 | Course signals |
| | | 1800 | Annual Regatta cocktails |
| | | 1900 | Annual Regatta Dinner (casual dress) |
| | Sunday, June 14 | 1100 | Course signals for all courses |
| | | TBD | Rolex Awards Ceremony (after racing) |
- 6.3 No Warning Signal shall be made after 1500 on Sunday, June 14.

7 CREW WEIGH-INS

- 7.1 Crew weigh-ins will be conducted only if required by applicable class rules.
- 7.2 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 Monday, June 8.
- 12 Metres shall submit a copy of the cover page of their valid Certificate of Measurement signed by the ITMA Technical Director.
 - One-design yachts shall submit a copy of their valid class measurement certificate when one is required by their class rules.
 - PHRF yachts shall submit a copy of their valid 2015 PHRF-NB certificate.
 - IRC yachts shall submit a copy of their valid 2015 IRC certificate.
 - HPR yachts shall submit a copy of their valid 2015 HPR certificate in addition to a valid IRC certificate.
 - Classic Yachts shall have a valid CRF certificate on file.
 - Multihulls shall submit a copy of their rating certificate (rating system to be determined by the OA).
- 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 161st NYYC Annual Regatta presented by Rolex 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

- 11.1 Courses for all classes will be defined in the sailing instructions.
- 11.2 South Bay Race Chart marks or other special marks may be used for races held in Narragansett Bay or on Rhode Island Sound and will be described in the sailing instructions.

12 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 12.1 If class rules specify a penalty, a yacht that may have broken a rule of Part 2 while racing may take a penalty at the time of the incident as provided in her class rules.
- 12.2 If the class rules do not specify a penalty, rule 44.1 is changed so that a yacht has the choice between penalty systems and the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty. A yacht may choose either to:
 - (a) take a One-Turn Penalty in accordance with rule 44.2; or
 - (b) take a Scoring Penalty in accordance with rule 44.3.
- 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 The **Around-the-Island Race** on Friday, June 12, shall be scored separately and will not count in the Two-Day Series score.
- 13.2 Multiple races are planned in the **Two-Day Series**. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series. A yacht's series score will be the total of all of her race scores. There is no discard race.
- 13.3 IRC classes will be scored using the IRC Time Corrector (TCC) using time-on-time scoring.
- 13.4 PHRF classes will be scored using time-on-distance.
- 13.5 Classic Yachts will be scored using CRF.
- 13.6 It is the intention to score Multihulls using time-on-time scoring.
- 13.7 The Around-the-Island Race Team Trophy for the Rolex Cup will be scored using Appendix A, Low Point System, combining the overall points in the IRC division. The trophy will be awarded to the team with the lowest total score.
- 13.8 The Great Corinthian Trophy will be scored by using each team member yacht's percentage points (finish points divided by the number of starters) within its respective class. The trophy will be awarded to the team with the lowest average score.

14 PRIZES

- 14.1 Around-the-Island Race prizes will be presented at the Awards Party after the race on Friday, June 12, at Harbour Court. Prizes for the Around-the-Island Race will be awarded to the top three yachts in each class.
- 14.2 A Rolex timepiece will be awarded to the overall winning yacht in the IRC division in the Around-the-Island Race at the Rolex Awards Ceremony on Sunday, June 14.
- 14.3 The Rolex Cup will be presented to the best two-yacht team in the Around-the-Island Race at the Rolex Awards Ceremony on Sunday, June 14.
- 14.4 Overall prizes will be presented at the Rolex Awards Ceremony on Sunday, June 14, at Harbour Court.
- 14.5 A Rolex timepiece will be awarded at the NYYC Annual Awards Dinner on Thursday, November 12, to the yacht which in the opinion of the OA makes the best overall performance in the Annual Regatta Two-Day Series.

- 14.6 The Great Corinthian Trophy will be presented at the NYYC Annual Awards Dinner on Thursday, November 12, to the yacht club team with the best score in the Annual Regatta.
- 14.7 The Solution Trophy may be awarded at the NYYC Annual Awards Dinner on November 12, to the enrolled New York Yacht Club yacht entered in the Annual Regatta, which, in the opinion of the Race Committee, makes the best overall performance in the Two-Day Series.

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 Annual 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, Rolex S.A., Rolex Watch U.S.A and affiliated companies, 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, Rolex Watch U.S.A. and affiliated companies, 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 Annual Regatta website at www.nyyc.org or contact the Sailing Office. New York Yacht Club, Harbour Court; 5 Halidon Avenue; Newport, RI 02840
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