



2023 NOTICE of RACE

1 RULES

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

- 1.1 The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024 (RRS).
- 1.2 The US SAILING Prescriptions APPENDIX V - Alternative Penalties shall apply.
- 1.3 The US SAILING Prescription to RRS 63.2 Time and Place of Hearings shall not apply.
- 1.4 [The YRA of LIS Performance Handicap Racing Fleet Regulations](#)
- 1.5 Junior yachts shall comply with the provisions of NoR Addendum A.
- 1.6 The OA intends to offer one-design racing for the J/105 class and any other class with six or more entries before the first race. In each such case, class rules shall apply except as they may be modified in the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.7 This shall be a level 2B regatta for the J/105 Class. Class rule 7.1 – Maximum Crew Weight shall not apply.

2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY:

- 2.1 COERA is open to single-hull, self-righting sailboats of 18 feet or more length overall, meeting the requirements of PHRF as administered by the YRA of LIS.
- 2.2 COERA is open to all sailors: a specific yacht club membership is not required. Member clubs earn privileges including special trophies and more. Current member clubs are the American, Horseshoe Harbor, Huguenot, Larchmont, Orienta, and the New York Athletic Club yacht clubs.
- 2.3 COERA's Executive Committee shall be the sole judge of a yacht's eligibility, subject to RRS 76.1.
- 2.4 Eligible yachts shall enter online and make payment through the [Yacht Scoring](#) web site. The series entry fee for all yachts is \$350 and can be paid using PayPal, credit, or debit card.
- 2.5 All yachts must complete online entry prior to competing in any race.
- 2.6 Yachts that have previously sailed in a COERA race must pay the entry fee prior to competing in any race. A yacht that has never sailed in a COERA race may compete in one race prior to paying the entry fee, provided she is first registered on [Yacht Scoring](#). Except for yachts that have never before sailed in a COERA race, no yacht shall be scored until it has paid its entry fee. Payment of the entry fee will not entitle a yacht to be scored retroactively for races sailed before the entry fee was paid. There will be an additional \$25 fee for a yacht to change class mid-season.

- 2.7 A COERA member club, having paid its \$500 annual fee, shall be entitled to enter one “Junior Yacht” without an additional fee. See NoR Addendum A for additional information regarding entry of Junior Yachts.
- 2.8 A Yacht that is not kept in the Can One Racing Area (from American Yacht Club to City Island, inclusive) during the racing season, but is visiting for a short period of time may request a “Guest Pass” to participate in Can One Races for a period of two weeks. Request shall be made to any of the Can One Flag Officers via email. Upon email approval, Yachts requesting a Guest Pass shall register on [Yacht Scoring](#) and pay a \$50 fee to COERA. Yachts competing under Guest Passes shall be scored, and shall be eligible for daily prizes, but are not eligible for season prizes.

3 DIVISIONS AND CLASSES:

There shall be Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker Divisions. Each Division shall be divided into Classes designated by numbers (1, 2, 3, etc.) based on ratings, number of entries and historical participation at the sole discretion of the Organizing Authority. It is the Organizing Authority’s intention to maintain two non-spinnaker and four spinnaker classes.

4 SCHEDULE:

- 4.1 An online Skippers’ Meeting will be held on Thursday, April 20, 2023, at 1900 at Huguenot Yacht Club. For those not wanting to attend in person, a Zoom link will be made available on request by e-mail to Principal Race Officer (PRO) [Ed “Buttons” Padin](#).
- 4.2 The series will consist of races on the following dates:

May:	11	18	25		
June:	1	8	15	22	29
July:	6	13	20	27	
August:	3	10	17	24	31
September:	7				
- 4.3 There will be one race per evening, with a maximum of 18 races for the series. Six races shall constitute a series.
- 4.4 The first warning signal is scheduled for 1900 on each race day.

5 RATINGS AND MEASUREMENT:

Each Division will be scored using current Time-On-Time PHRF handicaps provided by YRA of LIS. “Spinnaker W/L Ratings” will be used for Spinnaker Classes and “N-Spinnaker W/L Ratings” will be used for Non-Spinnaker Classes. All yachts must have a valid YRA of LIS PHRF certificate to race. A yacht whose rating changes during the series shall notify the fleet Handicapper & Scorer before competing in another race.

6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:

The sailing instructions will be posted to [Yacht Scoring](#) no later than April 15, 2022.

7 RACING AREA AND COURSES:

- 7.1 Racing will be conducted in the area depicted by the Marks Chart included as NoR Appendix A. The Marks Chart indicates the approximate location of each government mark that may be used as a mark of the course.

7.2 The starting area will be in the vicinity of Mark A, unless an alternate location is announced on the regatta VHF channel.

8 SCORING:

8.1 Scoring will use PHRF Time-on-Time computation.

8.2 The time limit for the first yacht to sail the course and finish in each class shall be 90 minutes.

8.3 Race score for each yacht shall be calculated as follows: Define 'N' to be the number of boats that compete in a particular race. Each boat finishing a race and not thereafter retiring, being penalized, or given redress will be scored as follows:

Finishing place	Points
First	N
Second	N-1
Third	N-2
Fourth	N-3

Each place thereafter Subtract 1 point.

All other boats that compete in that race, including any that finish and thereafter retire or are disqualified, will score 0 points. Boats that do not compete in that race (DNC) will not be scored. This changes RRS A2.

8.4 Yachts failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat in the class sails the course and finishes will be scored "Time Limit Expired" (TLE) without a hearing. Boats scored TLE will be scored 1 point less than the last boat to finish. This changes RRS 35, A4 & A5.

8.5 The winner of the day will have the greatest number of points.

8.6 In order to qualify for a series trophy, a yacht must participate in at least fifty percent of the races for her Class, rounded up if there is an odd number of races (Qualifying Number). A race that is started and then abandoned shall count as a race for the purpose of qualification but shall not be scored.

8.7 No yacht shall qualify without finishing six scored races.

8.8 The series score for each boat will be a percentage calculated as follows: divide the sum of her race scores by the sum of the points she would have scored if she had placed first in every race in which she competed; multiply the result by 100. If a yacht is scored in more races than her class's Qualifying Number, only her best scores in the number of races matching her class's Qualifying Number will be counted. The qualified boat with the highest series score is the winner, and others are ranked accordingly.

8.9 Ties and Other Rules: Race ties will be handled using RRS A7. Series ties will be broken using RRS A8.1. RRS A1, A3, A5, A6 and A10 also apply.

9 RADIO COMMUNICATION:

9.1 The designated channel for race committee communication shall be VHF 71. All competitors shall monitor this channel for updates from the Race Committee while racing. All competitors are further encouraged to monitor this channel prior to departing their home port, and while returning to their homeport.

9.2 Each yacht shall carry a radio capable of transmitting and receiving VHF 71.

9.3 Except in an emergency or as otherwise specified in the SIs, a yacht shall neither make nor receive radio communications not available to all yachts while racing.

10 RESPONSIBILITY

All those taking part in COERA races do so at their own risk and responsibility. The Organizing Authority, member clubs, sponsors and their respective officers, employees, volunteers, and members, accept no liability for any injury, loss or damage that may be suffered by any competitor. Specific attention is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 3, which states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone".

11 PRIZES:

- 11.1 Series prizes in each Class will be awarded only to yachts that have qualified under the provisions of NoR 8.3 – 8.7, the number of prizes to be determined by the number of yachts qualifying in the Class.
- 11.2 A prize will be awarded for the best performance for the Overall Series by a qualified yacht from each of American, Horseshoe Harbor, Huguenot, Larchmont, Orienta Yacht Clubs, and the New York Athletic Club, provided such club has paid its annual COERA dues. In addition, a prize will be awarded for the best performance for the Overall Series by a qualified nonaffiliated yacht.
- 11.3 Perpetual Trophies will be awarded as follows:
- **The George Hoffmann Trophy**
To the best scoring yacht in the entire fleet (Spinnaker & Non-Spinnaker) – In the event of a tie, the Hoffmann trophy is awarded to the boat that won the class with the largest number of average participants.
 - **The Commodore Fred Skinner Trophy**
To the best scoring Yacht Club of Can One Member Clubs having paid their annual COERA dues, determined by the average score of the three qualifying yachts with the best scores from each qualifying club.
 - **The F. Neale Magrath Trophy**
To the best scoring yacht not affiliated with a Can One member Yacht Club.
 - **The Goose Trophy**
To the best scoring yacht over 25 years old; in the event of a tie, the Goose trophy is awarded to the yacht that participated in the largest number of qualifying races.
 - **The Rookie Trophy**
To the best scoring yacht in its first year in Can One Racing.
 - **The Can One Junior Trophy**
To the best scoring yacht in the fleet sailed by Juniors.
 - **The Joseph Sansone Trophy**
To the most improved yacht over previous year's performance.
 - **The Can One Distance Race Trophies**
to the COERA registered spinnaker and non-spinnaker yachts that (a) qualify for season trophies; and (b) score the best overall performance in any two of the following distance races:
 - Larchmont YC Annual Distance Race – The Edlu Race (May 13, 2023)
 - New York AC Annual Distance Race (June 3, 2023)
 - Huguenot, Orienta and City Island yacht clubs' Western LIS Governor's Cup Race (August 19, 2023)
 - Huguenot YC Mayor's Cup Regatta (August 20, 2023)Scoring for the Distance Race Trophies shall be by adding together each qualifying yacht's percentage of perfection score calculated in each case as her finishing place withing the PHRF spinnaker or non-

spinnaker fleet divided by the number of starters in her respective fleet. The yacht with the lowest combined score shall be the winner.

- **The Competitors Trophy**
May be awarded at the discretion of the Organizing Authority to a loyal member of the Can One Evening Racing Association who has demonstrated outstanding service or sportsmanship within the organization.
- **The Sturzenburger Trophy**
May be awarded at the discretion of the Organizing Authority to the yacht with the biggest screw-up in the series races. (Sturzenburger sailed his Islander 34 across a tug/barge towline without damage).

12 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact a COERA Flag Officer, your Club Representative, or one of the Administrative Officers.

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Addendum A to the 2021 Notice of Race

Junior Yacht and Sailor Eligibility

This Addendum to the NoR and SIs provides information specific to entry and participation of Junior Sailors and Junior Yachts. Attention is specifically called to NoR 10 and to RRS Fundamental Rule 3, which states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone".

1. COERA offers a casual and informal racing environment for all participants, encouraging participation, learning and fun. COERA recognizes that some additional requirements are necessary with regard to juniors but wishes to keep these to a minimum to avoid creating an undue barrier to participation.
2. A Junior Yacht shall be entered by a recognized Yacht Club or Sailing Program that is a member organization of the YRA of LIS. If the Yacht Club is a member of COERA and has paid its annual dues, one Junior Yacht shall be eligible for entry at no additional cost (see NoR 2.7).
3. Junior sailors shall be 18 years old or younger.
4. Junior yachts should be predominantly sailed by junior sailors, who shall actively participate in operating the boat in ways appropriate to their respective experience and ability. Wherever possible, junior sailors shall assume responsible roles such as helm, tactics, sail trim and navigation that provide them with the opportunity to develop their sailing skills.
5. The entering Yacht Club or Sailing Program shall:
 - a. Ensure that the yacht is adequately equipped and maintained, including all required safety equipment and insurance.
 - b. Ensure that appropriate Owner's Representatives and advisors are on board, capable of teaching, coaching and taking command of the boat in an emergency.
 - c. Set any other guidelines it may deem appropriate for participation by its junior members, such as minimum age, training, Safety-at-Sea participation, etc.
6. The following shall apply to all Junior Yachts qualified under this addendum, and shall not be limited by the rules of any class.
 - a. Any junior sailor shall be eligible to serve as a helmsman.
 - b. Any adult may serve as helmsman but shall be subject to applicable class rules if such are specified in the SIs.
 - c. Adult advisors may include one or more paid instructors from the club's or organization's junior sailing program.
7. COERA will present The Junior Trophy to the qualifying Junior Yacht that has the best performance in its division.
8. Nothing in this Addendum shall be interpreted to preclude a junior sailor from crewing aboard any entered (non-junior) yacht.

Appendix A: Chart of Can One Marks

