



NEW YORK YACHT CLUB RACE WEEK AT NEWPORT

Presented by ROLEX

July 9-16, 2016
Newport, Rhode Island

NOTICE OF RACE

GENERAL

New York Yacht Club Race Week at Newport presented by Rolex will have two parts:

- Part I** Classics & Multihull Weekend on Saturday & Sunday, July 9-10 with racing for Classics, 12 Metres, S Class and Offshore Multihulls.
- Part II** One-Design & Handicap classes racing on Wednesday to Saturday, July 13-16. In addition to buoy racing, a mid-distance race will be included, conditions permitting. Racing may also include races using government marks and “stadium” racing. Starts will be given to classes with a minimum of eight entries or as approved by the Organizing Authority.

1 ORGANIZING AUTHORITY AND VENUE

- 1.1 The Organizing Authority (OA) is the New York Yacht Club Regatta Association, Inc.
- 1.2 The Race Week website can be found at <http://nyyc.org/yachting/racing/2016-nyyc-race-week>.
- 1.3 All yachts shall enter online and shall pick up their boat packets at registration.
- 1.4 Registration, social activities and daily awards following racing each day will take place at New York Yacht Club (NYYC), Harbour Court, 5 Halidon Avenue, Newport, RI 02840.

2 RULES

- 2.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) including the IRC Rules Parts A, B and C, the 2016 ORC rules, and Class Rules for any one-design classes.
- 2.2 The sailing instructions may describe additional rule changes, including changes to specific class rules, which are not included in this notice of race.
- 2.3 The following documents shall apply and will be posted as addenda to the notice of race:
 - a) Addendum 1 – US Safety Equipment Requirements (USSER)
 - i. All yachts shall minimally comply with the US Nearshore section of the USSER and shall comply with their class rules, where applicable.
 - ii. 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.
 - iii. 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.

2.4 The protest committee may impose suitable penalties, other than disqualification, for violations of any non-Part 2 rules. This changes RRS 64.1.

3 ADVERTISING

- 3.1 A boat and her crew shall comply with World Sailing Regulation 20, Advertising Code.
- 3.2 All yachts shall display the Rolex backstay flag (provided at registration) while racing.
- 3.3 All yachts entered in Part II shall display the Rolex bow stickers (provided at registration) while racing.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 **Entry Forms:** The entry form will be available online on the Race Week website. The official entry form and entry fee shall be submitted online on or before Monday, July 4, 2016, at 1700. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the OA. Late fees will apply as described in NOR 5.
- 4.2 Entry is open to yachts with a minimum LOA of 25 feet that satisfy one or more of the entry requirements in NOR 4.4 to 4.9, 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.
- 4.3 **Team Trophy Entries:** The Race Week Team Trophy will be presented to the yacht club team, represented by three yachts, with the best score in Race Week. The skipper of each yacht on a team shall be a current member of the yacht club they represent. Yacht clubs may enter one or more teams. Entries may be made online on the Race Week website and submitted on or before 1800 on Friday, July 8, 2016.
- 4.4 **IRC Yachts:** Entry is open to all yachts with a valid 2016 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 on the final day of racing 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 6.3. 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 as follows: During the regatta, the sails carried (including mainsails and spinnakers) may vary from day to day, but shall remain the same for each individual race day, including days with multiple races even in the case of damage to sails. The race day begins when the boat first leaves the dock or its mooring for the race course.
 - c) IRC Yachts submitting a valid ORCi certificate will be dual-scored under ORC Rules.
 - i. The default crew weight used in the ORCi rating shall be the IRC Crew Number in 4.4(a) above multiplied by 85kg, unless as detailed in 4.4(a)(iv) and declared in advance when issued a valid certificates.
 - ii. Details of the ORC scoring system used will be in the Sailing Instructions.
- 4.5 **Multihull:** Entries are open to any offshore Multihull (as determined by the OA) that meets the LOA minimum in NOR 4.2. The rating system for the Multihull class will be designated in the sailing instructions. Multihulls will sail navigator-style races.

- 4.6 **Navigators Racing:** Entry is open to all yachts with a valid 2016 ORC Club certificate rating. Note that ORC Club will be used for the Navigators Racing in place of PHRF. The OA will arrange to pay for the ORC Club certificate for any yacht in this class that applies for an ORC Club certificate after March 22, 2016.
- a) There is no crew number or weight limitation, except as noted in paragraph (c) below.
 - b) Yachts may apply for an ORC Club certificate at <http://www.orc.org/clubapplication>.
 - c) A **Double-handed class** will be offered if there is sufficient interest.
 - d) A non-spinnaker class may be offered if there is sufficient interest.

Races will be run on July 13-16 using government marks or a middle distance race. Details of the ORC scoring system used will be in the Sailing Instructions.

- 4.7 **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. Rating information will be published in an amendment to this NOR. Classic Yachts will race on July 9-10. This regatta counts as the second part of the 2016 NYYC Classic Series.
- 4.8 **12 Metre Yachts:** Entry is open to all 12 Metre yachts holding a valid class certificate. The 12 Metre class will race on July 9-10, competing for the Newport Trophy.
- 4.9 **One-Design Yachts:** Entry is open to all classes that meet the LOA minimum of 25 feet with a minimum of eight entries. Entrants must meet all ownership, class membership (including crew eligibility requirements), sail measurement and crew weigh-in requirements as may be required by their class.
- a) One-design classes will race on July 13-16, except as noted in NOR 4.9(b) below;
 - b) At the discretion of the OA, one-design classes may arrange a different schedule by contacting the NYYC Sailing Director at sailingoffice@nyyc.org.

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')

Yacht size/type	Part I	Part II	
LOA 29' or less	\$250	\$500	
LOA 30' to 34'	\$300	\$650	
LOA 35' to 39'	\$350	\$800	
LOA 40' to 44'	\$400	\$900	
LOA 45' to 49'	\$400	\$1000	
LOA 50' to 59'	\$450	\$1100	
LOA 60' or more	\$500	\$1100	
Navigators Racing		\$400	* ORC Club cert to be paid by OA per NOR 4.6
Navigators Racing Doublehanded		\$350	* ORC Club cert to be paid by OA per NOR 4.6

- 5.2 **Late Entry fee:** A late fee of \$200 will be charged to entries received after 1700 on Monday, July 4.
- 5.3 **Administration fee:** Yachts withdrawing after 1700 on Monday, July 4, and before 1700 on Friday, July 8, will be refunded their entry fee minus a \$100 administration fee. Yachts withdrawing after 1700 on Friday, July 8, 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 Wednesday, July 6, as required in NOR 7.1.
- 5.5 **Team entry:** There is no additional fee to enter a team in the Race Week Team Trophy competition.

5.6 Closing Banquet Tickets

Dinner Tickets are not included in the entry fee. Race Week Dinner tickets will be available for purchase on the online entry form through Monday, July 4. Depending on availability, additional tickets can be purchased through the NYYC Special Events office or at registration.

- a) Sunday, July 10 – Classics & Multihull Weekend Awards BBQ
- b) Saturday, July 16 – Rolex Awards Dinner

6 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

6.1 **Registration:** All yachts shall pick up their regatta bags including class assignments, scratch sheets, bow stickers and backstay flags during the registration times listed in the notice of race. Registration will take place in the NYYC Sailing Center, Harbour Court, 5 Halidon Avenue, Newport, RI 02840.

6.2 The Hospitality Villa will be open during the times listed in NOR 6.3. Food and drinks, including daily specials, will be available

6.3	Friday, July 8	1600-1800	Race Week Part I registration – NYYC Sailing Center
	Saturday, July 9	1100	First Warning Signal
	Sunday, July 10	1100 1600-1900	First Warning Signal BBQ Dinner & Final Awards
	Monday, July 11		Layday
	Tuesday, July 12	1300 1500-1800	Practice Racing Race Week Part II registration – NYYC Sailing Center
	Wednesday, July 13	0830-1000 1200 1700-1900	Race Week Part II registration – NYYC Sailing Center First Warning Signal Hospitality Villa
	Thursday, July 14	0830-1000 1100 1700-1900	Race Week Part II registration – NYYC Sailing Center First Warning Signal Hospitality Villa
	Friday, July 15	0830-1000 1100 1700-1900	Race Week Part II registration – NYYC Sailing Center First Warning Signal Hospitality Villa
	Saturday, July 16	1100 1800 1900	First Warning Signal Cocktails Rolex Awards Dinner

7 MEASUREMENT

7.1 Each yacht shall submit a valid certificate to the NYYC Sailing Office on or before Wednesday, July 6, at 1700.

- a) 12 Metre yachts shall submit a copy of their valid 2016 class certificate.
- b) One-design yachts shall submit a copy of their valid class measurement certificate when one is required by their class rules.
- c) Navigator's Class entries shall apply for their ORC Club certificates by Wednesday, June 30, at 1700 and submit a valid ORC Club certificate by the above deadline.
- d) IRC yachts shall submit a copy of their valid 2016 IRC certificate. No changes shall be made after this date without the permission of the OA.
- e) IRC yachts wishing to be scored using ORCi shall submit a copy of their valid 2016 ORCi certificate. No changes shall be made after this date without the permission of the OA.
- f) Classic yachts shall submit a copy of their valid certificate as described in an amendment to this NOR.

7.2 Yachts, including all qualifying equipment and sails, may be subject to random inspection by the OA at any time during this event.

7.3 Crew weigh-ins will be conducted as needed during the registration times to be posted in the notice of race.

8 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS AND CLASS ASSIGNMENTS

Sailing instructions and scratch sheets for NYYC Race Week presented by Rolex will be available on the Race Week website and at registration.

9 VENUE

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

10 COURSES

Courses for all classes will be defined in the sailing instructions and may include buoy races, races using government marks, “stadium” sailing (short course windward/leeward) and a middle distance race. Conditions permitting, a middle distance race shall be scheduled during Part II as part of the series and will be announced no later than 2000 on the day prior to the scheduled race.

11 PENALTY SYSTEM

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. All other penalties shall be as described in the sailing instructions.

12 SCORING

12.1 Multiple races are scheduled for Part I and Part II. For each Part, one race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

12.2 A yacht’s series score will be the total of all of her race scores, without discard, unless changed in the sailing instructions for a specific one-design class.

12.3 **Team Trophy:** The Race Week Team 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.

13 PRIZES

13.1 Overall prizes for each part will be awarded in each class to the yachts placing first, second and third. In addition, prizes will be awarded to the fourth place yacht if fourteen or more entries, and fifth if twenty or more entries.

13.2 In addition, the New York Yacht Club may award the following prizes:

- a) **IRC:** The yacht in the IRC division with the best performance, in the opinion of the OA, will be awarded a Rolex timepiece provided that there are a minimum of forty starters or at the discretion of the OA.
- b) **One-Design Nationals or North Americans:** The overall winner of each one-design class holding their National or North American championship, or as determined by the OA, may be awarded a Rolex timepiece at the discretion of the OA and depending on the number of yachts participating in each class. The classes qualifying for these timepieces will be designated at registration.
- c) A Rolex timepiece may be awarded to a yacht with the best performance, in the opinion of the OA, in the Classics division and the Navigators Racing division at the discretion of the OA and depending on the number of yachts participating in each division.
- d) The Carronade Trophy will be awarded at the NYYC’s Annual Awards Dinner to the yacht that, in the opinion of the race committee, delivers the best overall performance in Race Week at Newport. All yachts entered are eligible.
- e) Other trophies may be awarded as determined by the OA and will be described in the sailing instructions.

14 LIABILITY & MEDIA WAIVER

14.1 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 is posted on the Race Week website.

- 14.2 Yachts shall not be scored unless the skipper/person-in-charge has submitted a liability & media waiver form.
- 14.3 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.

15 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be adequately insured with valid third-party liability insurance that is appropriate taking into account the value of the boats racing and the type of racing.

16 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please visit the regatta website or contact the Sailing Office.

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