



Heineken High Performance Dinghy Open

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Fireball National Championships

October 6-7, 2012
American Yacht Club
Rye, New York

Notice of Race

1. Organizing Authority

The Organizing Authority is the American Yacht Club, Rye, NY, USA.

2. Rules

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*

3. Advertising & Sponsors

Bow numbers and/or event advertising may be provided to all competitors. Instructions on how to attach the bow numbers/logo will be provided separately. Bow numbers, if used, will be mandatory. Heineken will be the only brand logo permitted on the bow area of the hull.

4. Eligibility

The regatta is open to all centerboard dinghy classes with a D-PN of 86.6 or less (see Portsmouth Number tables at: <http://www.ussailing.org/portsmouth/index.asp> plus other invited classes. Six entries are required to establish a class. There will be a PY Fleet for boats unable to establish a class. The Race Committee will reserve the right to establish separate starts for classes with eight or more entries, or to start classes together.

5. Entry

Competitors shall register in advance by completing the online registration available at: www.yachtscoring.com

The entry fees are:

- * **\$60.00** per single person boat,
- * **\$95.00** per two-person boat and
- * **\$125.00** per three-person boat

Early registration closes September 1, 2012 and all entries received thereafter will be subject to an additional fee of \$40.00.

The entry fee includes racing, catering per Schedule of Events, plus event shirt and a link to download event photos by PhotoBoat. Completed registration and fees must be received no later than 0930, Saturday October 6, 2012





6. Venue

Race Headquarters will be located at the Main Clubhouse, American YC, Rye, NY.



7. Launching, Storage and Parking

Two hoists, dinghy docks and a dinghy ramp are available. Every boat using a hoist must have its own internal sling. Each boat shall provide its own trailer and/or launching dolly. Boats arriving prior to October 5, 2012 and/or leaving after October 7, 2012 must register at the AYC office identifying your boat, name and contact number. The club is normally closed on Monday and Tuesday. Competitors delivering boats when the club is closed should contact the AYC office to make arrangements for access. Do not park cars in the dry sail area (ie. adjacent to the hoists). Please drop your gear and park in the main club parking area.

8. Schedule of Events

Friday, Oct. 5

1800-2000 - Registration

Saturday, Oct. 6

0800 - Coffee and muffins / Registration Open

0930 - Registration closes / Competitors' Briefing

1100 - First Warning Signal

After sailing - Beer Kegs and Multi-Class Buffet Dinner (*included in entry fee*)

(*Additional dinner reservations may be made on the entry form or at registration at \$35.00 per person*)

Sunday, Oct. 7

0800 - Coffee and muffins

1000 - First Warning Signal

- No warning signal will be given after 1500hrs on Sunday October 7

After sailing - Awards on the main club terrace

(*Optional - Buffet dinner Sunday evening in main clubhouse, not included in entry fee*)

The club bar and restaurant will be open to all competitors, subject to minimum age 21 years in the bar and dress code, collared shirt. Drink/food tickets will be available at the Club Reception Desk.

Bagged lunch (sandwich, chips, fruit, cookie) available at \$10 each, must be pre-ordered online or at registration.

9. Liability

As a condition of the participation of any boat in any race or related activity sponsored or undertaken by the American Yacht Club, the owner, helmsman, and crew member agree that the safety of the boat and her crew and the decision whether to start or continue to race is entirely their own risk. See Rule 4, Decision to Race. The owner, helmsman, and crew member waive all claims which he or she, or any heir, representative, successor or assignee, may have against the American Yacht Club and its officers, trustees, members, committees, employees or agents and the sponsors, arising out of or in any way connected with participation in such race or activity.

10. Insurance

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$300,000 per event or the equivalent.





11. Measurement

Boats will not require measurement at the Regatta of hulls, or spars and sails, or equipment checks. However, boats must comply with individual class rules and a valid class measurement certificate may be requested for inspection. Sail royalty buttons must be displayed if required by Class Rules.

12. Sailing Instructions

SI's will be available online on Wednesday, October 3, 2012.

13. Safety

The SI's will require all competitors to wear a Coast Guard approved PFD, and all boats to carry a floating towline, minimum 3/8" dia x 30ft long.

14. Racing Area

The racing area will be Western Long Island Sound off Milton Point, Rye, New York. Competitors are advised to look at the local chart available in the clubhouse and be aware of the foul grounds around Scotch Caps at the end of Milton Point. See page 13 of the PDF at http://ocsddata.ncd.noaa.gov/BookletChart/12367_BookletChart_HomeEd.pdf for details.

15. Courses

Courses may be windward-leeward, Gold Cup, Olympic triangle, and/or trapezoid, and will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

16. Scoring

Low Point System, Appendix A shall be used. When fewer than 6 races are sailed, there will be no scores discarded. When 6-8 races are sailed, a boat's worst score shall be discarded. When 9 or more races are sailed, a boat's worst 2 scores shall be discarded. One race shall constitute a series.

17. Prizes

Prizes will be awarded to the top 3 finishers in each established class and in the PY Fleet.

18. Accommodation

Every attempt will be made to provide housing. A request must be made on the online entry form and submitted by September 1, 2012 *with the required entry fee*.

Arrangements can be made with **Colonial Travel** for local hotel reservations. Contact Betz Williams at <http://www.colonialtravelagency.com/sailing.asp>.

19. Information

For further information please contact the Regatta Chair, Carina McCabe at [carina.mccabe\(at\) gmail.com](mailto:carina.mccabe(at) gmail.com)

Principal Race Officers – Sandy Weil and David Schwartz-Leeper
Protest Committee Chair – Sean Doyle
Race Committee Chair – Nick Everett
Regatta Chair – Carina McCabe

