



159th NYYC ANNUAL REGATTA

Presented by ROLEX

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Newport, Rhode Island



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS). Appendix D, Team Racing Rules, will not apply for the Rolex Cup or Great Corinthian Trophy team events.
- 1.2 The Annual Regatta website can be found at <http://nyyc.org/yachting/racing/159th-annual-regatta>.
- 1.3 **Offshore Special Regulations:** At minimum, all yachts shall comply with the 2012-2013 ISAF Offshore Special Regulations (OSR), Category 5 posted as NOR Addendum 1 on the Annual Regatta website and shall comply with their class rules, where applicable. In the event of a conflict between these regulations and applicable class rules, the class rules shall apply.
 - a) Yachts that are not normally rigged with lifelines are exempt from Regulation 3.14.
 - b) All competitors, and in particular the person in charge, shall be fully aware of and understand the responsibilities described in OSR 1.02 and RRS 4:

1.02 Responsibility of Person in Charge

1.02.1 The safety of a yacht and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the person in charge who must do his best to ensure that the yacht is fully found, thoroughly seaworthy and manned by an experienced crew who have undergone appropriate training and are physically fit to face bad weather. He must be satisfied as to the soundness of hull, spars, rigging, sails and all gear. He must ensure that all safety equipment is properly maintained and stowed and that the crew know where it is kept and how it is to be used.

ADD: He shall also nominate a person to take over the responsibilities of the Person in Charge in the event of his incapacitation.

1.02.2 Neither the establishment of these Special Regulations, their use by race organizers, nor the inspection of a yacht under these Special Regulations in any way limits or reduces the complete and unlimited responsibility of the person in charge.

1.02.3 Decision to race -The responsibility for a yacht's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone - RRS Fundamental Rule 4.
- 1.4 The US SAILING Prescriptions to the RRS that are posted as NOR Addendum 2 on the Annual Regatta website shall apply.
- 1.5 The Protest Committee may impose suitable penalties, other than disqualification, for violations of the ISAF Offshore Special Regulations or other non-Part 2 rules. This changes RRS 64.1.
- 1.6 The 2013 IRC Rules and Regulations shall apply to yachts racing under IRC.
- 1.7 The 2013 PHRF-NB Regulations shall apply to yachts racing under PHRF.
- 1.8 Farr 40 Class – Special sailing instructions are posted as SI Appendix E – Farr 40 Class and apply to racing on Thursday and Friday, June 13-14, as part of the Farr 40 USA Circuit Event #4. SI Appendix E1, E7.2, E15.1 and E19 also change these Annual Regatta sailing instructions as they apply to the Farr 40 Class.
- 1.9 RED Fleet – Special sailing instructions for racing in the Red Fleet are posted as SI Appendix D – Red Fleet.

- 1.10 The current class rules shall apply to all yachts racing as a one-design class, except as noted in these sailing instructions.
- 1.11 Swan 42 Class – For any Swan 42 electing to sail in the Swan 42 class in the Around-the-Island Race on Friday, June 14, the following will apply:
 - a) Yachts that comply with the Swan 42 Class One-Design rules will be scored as a one-design class.
 - b) Any Swan 42 that, when sailing in Class one-design configuration, has a valid IRC certificate, will also be “double-scored” in the overall IRC fleet and is eligible for the overall IRC award.
 - c) A Swan 42 that has a valid IRC certificate, but does not comply with the Swan 42 Class One-Design rules, shall be placed in an IRC class.
- 1.12 The following documents (found on the Class website at <http://www.12mrclass.com/>) shall apply to the 12 Metre Class only:
 - a) The International Twelve Metre Association (ITMA) By-laws and Regulations as of July 8, 2008 and updated November 11, 2011;
 - b) The International Twelve Metre Class Rule approved July 17, 2011;
 - c) Amendment E – Table 1 to the Class Rules revised March 9, 2012.

2 ENTRIES

- 2.1 Eligible yachts shall enter by completing online registration with the Organizing Authority on the Annual Regatta website. Eligibility requirements for yachts and method of entry are detailed in the Notice of Race.
- 2.2 Team entries for the Rolex Cup and the Great Corinthian Trophy shall be entered on the separate entry forms posted on the Annual Regatta website. There is no entry fee for either team event.

3 NOTICES, COMPETITOR INFORMATION AND SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 3.1 Notices, including race results, amendments and protest hearing schedules, shall be posted on the Official Notice Board located in the courtyard of the NYYC Sailing Center at Harbour Court. This information may also be posted on the Annual Regatta website.
- 3.2 Flag signals will be flown from the flagpole at Harbour Court.
- 3.3 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect. Flag “Lima” will be flown to signify such posting.
- 3.4 When Pennant “AP” is displayed ashore, “one minute” is replaced with “not less than one hour” in Race Signal “AP”.
- 3.5 Signals designating the rendezvous locations will be displayed at 0900 on Friday, Saturday and Sunday from the flagpole at Harbour Court. The Race Committee will endeavor to announce the locations as described in SI 6 at that time over VHF Channel 72. The failure to make this announcement or for a yacht to hear this announcement will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).
- 3.6 After the rendezvous locations and any other regatta announcements have been made, Race Committee Signal Boats will monitor and communicate with their respective fleets on the VHF channels published in SI 4.3.

4 CLASSES AND IDENTIFICATION

- 4.1 The Organizing Authority will divide yachts into classes.
 - a) For the Farr 40 Class racing on Thursday and Friday, June 13-14, the fleet is designated the BLUE fleet.
 - b) For the Around-the-Island Race on Friday, June 14, classes will be assigned a numeral designation and be designated the WHITE fleet.
 - c) For racing on Saturday and Sunday, classes will be assigned a numeral designation and placed in one of four fleets (Blue, White, Green, Red).

4.2 **Scratch Sheets** - There will be a separate scratch sheet for the Around-the-Island Race on Friday and for each fleet (Blue, White, Green, Red) racing on Saturday and Sunday. Note that a yacht may be in different classes in the different portions of the Annual Regatta. The scratch sheets will be distributed at registration, posted on the Official Notice Board and posted on the Annual Regatta website.

4.3 **VHF Channels** - The Race Committee VHF channels for each fleet are shown below:

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|--------------------------|-------------|----------------|---|
| a) Thurs/Fri, June 13-14 | Blue Fleet | VHF Channel 72 | |
| b) Friday, June 14 | White Fleet | VHF Channel 69 | (All classes in Around-the-Island Race) |
| c) Sat/Sun, June 15-16 | Blue Fleet | VHF Channel 72 | |
| | White Fleet | VHF Channel 69 | |
| | Green Fleet | VHF Channel 71 | |
| | Red Fleet | VHF Channel 77 | |

4.4 **Backstay Flags** – Each yacht shall display the numeral flag corresponding to her class designation, as shown on the scratch sheet, from her backstay approximately six feet above the deck and above the Rolex flag, from the warning signal of the first class in her fleet until she is no longer racing. Yachts without a permanent backstay shall conspicuously display these flags in an alternate position in the aft part of the yacht.

4.5 **Bow Stickers and Flags** - Each yacht shall display the Rolex backstay flag and bow stickers provided at registration while racing. Wooden yachts and Classics are not required to apply the bow stickers.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 The Around-the-Island Race will be sailed on Friday, June 14, and is open to all eligible yachts. This race is separate from the any racing on Saturday and/or Sunday. Course signals will be made on Friday, June 14, at 1200. Classes may not start in numerical order. See SI 9.2 and SI Appendix A.
- 5.2 The TWO-DAY Series will be held on Saturday and Sunday, June 15-16. All races will count in the TWO-DAY Series. The course signals will be made at 1100 for all fleets on Saturday, June 15 and Sunday, June 16.
- 5.3 There will be one NAVIGATOR Race on Saturday, June 15 and one on Sunday, June 16. Each race will be scored separately. The first course signals will be at 1200 each day.
- 5.4 No warning signal shall be made after 1500 on Sunday, June 16.

6 RENDEZVOUS LOCATIONS

Fleet rendezvous locations are listed below and will be designated as described in SI 3.5. See SI Appendix F – NYYC Primary Race Areas.

Rhode Island Sound:

- Area “A” - in the vicinity of 160° for 1.2 NM from R “2” QR Whistle marking Brenton Point
- Area “B” - in the vicinity of 120° for 2.5 NM from R “2” QR Whistle marking Brenton Point
- Area “C” - in the vicinity of 225° for 2.0 NM from R “2” QR Whistle marking Brenton Point
- Area “D” - in the vicinity of 200° for 3.5 NM from R “2” QR Whistle marking Brenton Point
- Area “E” - in the vicinity of 165° for 2.5 NM from R “2” QR Whistle marking Brenton Point
- Area “F” - in the vicinity of 150° for 4.5 NM from R “2” QR Whistle marking Brenton Point

Newport Harbor and near Newport Bridge:

- Area “K” - between Goat Island and Rose Island
- Area “M” - in the vicinity of R “12” west of Rose Island
- Area “N” - off Coasters Harbor Island (just north of east end of Newport Bridge)
- Area “O” - in the vicinity of Potter Cove (just north of west end of Newport Bridge)

North of Newport Bridge:

- Area “R” - in the vicinity of 200° for 0.5 NM from Halfway Rock
- Area “T” - in the vicinity of G “7” QG off Quonset Point
- Area “V” - north of Hope I east of Prudence Island

7 CHECK-IN AND RETIREMENT

- 7.1 Prior to the warning signal for the first race each day, all yachts shall check in with the Race Committee Signal Boat by passing astern on starboard tack and announcing their sail number. The Race Committee will acknowledge by responding with the number heard.
- 7.2 Yachts retiring are requested to inform the Race Committee on their fleet VHF channel or by calling (401) 845-9633.

8 COURSES & MARKS

The courses and marks for each section of the Annual Regatta are described in the SI Appendices as shown:

Thurs/Fri, June 13-14	Farr 40 Class	SI Appendix E	Farr 40
Friday, June 14	Around-the-Island Race	SI Appendix A	All classes
Sat/Sun, June 15-16	South Bay Race Chart Courses	SI Appendix B	Green, Navigators, S Class
	Drop Mark Courses	SI Appendix C	Blue & White
	Red Fleet Drop Mark Courses	SI Appendix D	Red

9 THE START

- 9.1 Races will be started in accordance with rule 26.
- 9.2 The intended order of start for the Around-the-Island Race on Friday, June 14, will be included in the Race Committee's announcement on VHF Channel 72 at 0900. Classes may not start in numerical order. The Race Committee may combine two or more classes into one start by displaying multiple class flags at the Warning Signal. The Race Committee will endeavor to announce the next class(es) to start on VHF Channel 72.
- 9.3 A yacht starting later than 20 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes rule A4.
- 9.4 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Signal Boat and the course side of the port-end starting mark. The Race Committee may deploy a "Keep Off" buoy(s).
- 9.5 Yachts whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area.
- 9.6 Sample sequence:

Friday, June 14	Sat/Sun, June 15-16		
<u>White A-T-I</u>	<u>Two-Day</u>	<u>Navigator</u>	
1200	1100	1200	Course Signals
1205	1105	1205	Warning for first class
1206	1106	1206	Preparatory for first class
1210	1110	1210	Start for first class, Warning for second class
1211	1111	1211	Preparatory for second class
1215	1115	1215	Start for second class, Warning for third class
1216	1116	1216	Preparatory for third class
1220	1120	1220	Start for third class, etc.

10 INDIVIDUAL RECALLS

The Race Committee will endeavor to hail each premature starter over their respective fleet VHF channel. Failure to make such an announcement shall not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

11 THE FINISH

The finishing line is described in the SI Appendix for each section of the Annual Regatta.

12 GOVERNMENT BUOYS

Government buoys have no required side except when specified as marks of the course. Caution should be exercised for safe navigation.

13 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 13.1 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.
- 13.2 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.

14 TIME LIMIT

- 14.1 The time limit to sail the course and finish is as follows:
- a) For the Around-the-Island Race courses – five hours.
 - b) For a South Bay Racing Chart course – four hours.
 - c) For a drop mark course – three hours.
 - d) For a drop mark course for the Red Fleet – 90 minutes.
- 14.2 Yachts failing to finish within 60 minutes of the first yacht in her class to sail the course and finish, or within the time limit, whichever is later, will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) and scored points as described in SI 16.3. This changes rules 35 and A4.

15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1 It is requested that yachts intending to protest report both their intention and the yacht being protested to the Race Committee on the fleet VHF channel immediately after finishing or withdrawing from the race.
- 15.2 Written protests or requests for redress shall be submitted to the Jury Secretary in the NYYC Sailing Center as soon as possible, but not later than one hour after the Race Committee Signal Boat for that fleet has docked. The time limit for filing a protest will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 15.3 Protest notices will be posted as soon as possible on the Official Notice Board.
- 15.4 Protest hearings will take place at the NYYC Sailing Center as soon as possible after the notices are posted. The Jury will attempt to hear protests in the order of receipt. Representatives of yachts who are parties to a hearing shall remain on call in the vicinity of the protest rooms.
- 15.5 When a yacht has been involved in an incident that may be subject to protest, it is her responsibility to check the protest notices at the end of the protest filing time to see if she is cited in a protest. Failure of any yacht to appear when called for a hearing will be considered by the Jury as grounds for proceeding under rule 63.3(b).
- 15.6 Rule 63.5 is changed by adding, “A protest involving contact may be heard by the Protest Committee even though the requirements of rule 61.1(a) and 61.3 have not been fulfilled.”
- 15.7 Breaches of SIs 4.4, 4.5, 7, 9.5 and 18.2 will not be grounds for a protest by a yacht. This changes rule 60.1(a).
- 15.8 A violation of SI 18.2 will be considered “a gross breach of a *rule*” under rule 69.1(a).
- 15.9 On the last scheduled day of racing only, a written request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered to the Jury Secretary:
- a) Within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the Protest Committee’s decision on the previous day; or
 - b) No later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the Protest Committee’s decision on that day; or
 - c) If no races are held on the last scheduled day of racing, within one hour after racing has been abandoned.
- This changes rule 66.

15.10 On the last scheduled day of racing, a request for redress based on a Protest Committee decision shall be delivered in writing no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.

16 SCORING

16.1 A yacht's series score will be the total of her race scores. There will be no drop race. This changes rule A2.

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

16.3 Yachts that have started and fail to finish within the time limit for any reason, shall, without a hearing, be scored by the Race Committee with points equal to the number of yachts in her class that have sailed the course and finished within the time limit, plus two. This changes rule A4.1, A4.2, and A5.

16.4 Teams competing for team trophies will be scored in accordance with the Notice of Race.

17 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded as described in the Notice of Race.

18 NOTES

18.1 Competitors are reminded that Narragansett Bay and its approaches are considered restricted channels for commercial traffic and other vessels restricted in their ability to maneuver. Competitors must comply with the government right-of-way rules when in proximity to commercial or privileged marine traffic.

18.2 In the event there is racing in Narragansett Bay, competitors should be aware of heightened security around the Navy base in Newport just to the north of the Newport Jamestown Bridge. The area to the east of a line defined by a series of white buoys marking the Newport Security Zone along the coast of the Naval Facilities from Coasters Harbor to the breakwater at the north end of Coddington Cove shall rank as an obstruction. Yachts shall not enter this area. A Navy patrol boat monitors the area and vessels navigating in the Exclusionary Zone may face action by Coast Guard and Naval authorities.

18.3 All times herein are Eastern Daylight times. Bearings are in degrees magnetic and are approximate. Distances used herein are expressed in nautical miles (when not otherwise defined) and are approximate.

18.4 Newport Tides

Day	Date	Low Tide	High Tide	Low Tide
Friday	June 14	0534	1231	1745
Saturday	June 15	0614	1316	1838
Sunday	June 16	0701	1404	1943

18.5 For further information please contact:

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