



2017 Robie Pierce Women's Invitational Regatta

Thursday, June 1, 2017

Organizing Authority:
Larchmont Yacht Club & American Yacht Club

Notice of Race

1 RULES

- 1.1 This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) and the Ideal 18 Class Rules, except as they are altered by the sailing instructions.
- 1.2 RRS Appendix T shall apply.
- 1.3 The US Sailing Prescription Appendix V, Rule V1 shall apply.

2 ADVERTISING

- 2.1 No competitor advertising will be permitted.
- 2.2 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

3 ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1 Skippers shall belong to their National Governing body.
- 3.2 All disabled sailors are eligible to compete.
 - a) Each boat shall have a skipper and crew who are disabled plus one able bodied (AB) member whose responsibility will be to assist in sailing the boat.
 - b) Participants are encouraged to provide their own ABs; but for those participants unable to provide an AB, the OA will provide one if requested no later than May 26, 2017.

4 ENTRIES AND FEES

- 4.1 Eligible skippers may enter by registering online at www.robiepiercedesignregatta.com. For registration questions, call Siobhan Reilly at 203-661-2928.
- 4.2 Entry deadline is 1700 Friday, May 26, 2017.
- 4.3 There is no entry fee for this regatta.
- 4.4 A \$500 refundable damage deposit will be required for insurance purposes by each team.

5 CLASSES

- 5.1 Races will be conducted in Ideal 18s provided by the OA with appropriate adaptations. All boats are to be sailed as provided by the OA with the exception of pre-approved personal adaptations that may need to be added by a sailor for his/her safety and comfort while sailing.
- 5.2 Boats will be randomly assigned by the OA and then adapted reflecting the specific needs of that skipper and crew and sailed by that pair for the entire regatta. In the case of a severe breakdown of equipment, a spare boat may be substituted for the original boat.

6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing instructions will be provided at registration and available online at www.robiepiercedesignregatta.com by Tuesday, May 30, 2017.

7 SCHEDULE

All regatta events will be held at the American Yacht Club, Rye, NY

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0800 – 0900 Registration and Continental Breakfast – The Event Tent
0915 Competitors' Meeting – Event tent
1000 – 1100 Practice sailing
1100 First Warning
1630 Awards ceremony – Casual snacks, Heineken keg and cash bar – Event tent

8 RACING AREA

The racing area will be in the waters off Milton Harbor.

9 COURSES

Courses will be windward-leeward as described in the Sailing Instructions.

10 SCORING

- 10.1 One completed race shall constitute a series.
- 10.2 The race committee intends to run multiple races. If fewer than five races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 10.3 If five or more races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 10.4 Boats failing to finish within the time limit will be given a score equal to two (2) points more than the number of finishers, except that she shall not be scored worse than DNF. This changes Rule 35.

11 PRIZES

- 11.1 Prizes will be awarded for first through third place.
- 11.2 Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the OA.

12 ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION

Each team shall provide and carry a radio capable of transmitting and receiving VHF Channel 1. Except in an emergency, physical need, or to report a protest or withdrawal, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones and data communication.

13 DOCKAGE AND LAUNCHING

Moorings will be provided by American Yacht Club. If on moorings, boats will be brought to the dock that morning.

14 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

By participating in this event and any related activity sponsored or undertaken by American Yacht Club, Larchmont Yacht Club, the owner, helmsman and each crew member agree: that they understand that sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of serious bodily injury (including permanent disability, paralysis and death by drowning or otherwise), property damage and other economic loss; that the safety of the boat and her crew and the decision whether or not to start or continue to race is solely their responsibility and at their own risk, see RRS 4 "Decision to Race"; that American Yacht Club and Larchmont Yacht Club and their officers, trustees, members, committees, employees, agents and sponsors will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property, or to any participant, including injury or death; and that each of them releases and waives all claims which he or she, or any heir, representative, successor or assignee, may have against American Yacht Club and Larchmont Yacht Club and their officers, trustees, members,

committees, employees, agents and/or sponsors, arising out of or in any way connected with participation in such race or activity. Assistance, if any, from the race committee or other American Yacht Club or Larchmont Yacht Club vessels, or patrol boats, from any personnel manning them, is at the risk of the participant.

15 HOUSING AND TRANSPORTATION

15.1 Competitors are responsible for arranging their own housing and transportation.

15.2 Housing is available in member homes for those without adaptive needs. Housing Request forms can be found on the website at www.robiepiercedesignregatta.com. Deadline for Housing Request is 1700, May 19, 2017.

A limited number of special rate rooms have been reserved at nearby hotels. Reservations must be made no later than May 19, 2017 to ensure the rates. A complete list of hotels is available on the event website, www.robiepiercedesignregatta.com. When making reservations, please state that you are with the Robie Pierce Regatta. The rate is subject to availability.

16 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact the American Yacht Club, 499 Stuyvesant Avenue, Rye, NY 10580, (914) 967-4800, or the website www.americanyc.org.

Don Dowd/Sandy Weil – Race Committee Chairmen

Bill Sandberg – Principal Race Officer

Edward Padin, Siobhan Reilly and Bill Sandberg – Event Co-Chairmen

Rob Fear, John Fryer – Protest Committee Co-Chairmen

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