



American Yacht Club Women's Invitational Team Race Regatta
 June 10 and 11, 2017

Organizing Authority: American Yacht Club (AYC)

NOTICE OF RACE

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020 including Appendix D: Team Racing Rules*.
- 1.2 Class rules shall not apply.
- 1.3 No national authority prescriptions shall apply.

2 BOATS

Ideal 18's will be provided. Spinnakers shall not be used. Standing rigging shall not be adjusted, except by direction of the Organizing Authority (OA).

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

Entries are limited and will be selected at the sole discretion of the OA, via resume if necessary. Entry information may be submitted online at <http://bit.ly/WITR17> or by mail with entry fee to Women's Invitational Team Race, American Yacht Club, Milton Point, Rye, NY 10580. Entry and entry fee must be received no later than Friday, April 7, 2017. Valid entry will require receipt and acceptance by the Organizing Authority of a completed entry form and payment of the entry fee.

4 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday June 9th	Registration and practice (<i>optional</i>)	1500
	Friday night sailing and BBQ (<i>optional</i>)	1800
Saturday June 10th	Registration, Coffee & Continental Breakfast	0830
	Competitors' Briefing	0900
	First Race	Immediately following the briefing
Sunday, June 11th	Registration, Coffee & Continental Breakfast	0830
	Competitors Briefing	0900
	Awards	Immediately following racing

5 VENUE

Racing will take place on Long Island Sound within the vicinity of the American Yacht Club in Rye, NY.

6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available at registration and online at www.americanyc.org

7 FEES

The Entry Fee is \$800 per team to include morning coffee and snacks, lunch and water for Saturday and Sunday, dinner Saturday evening and a shirt for each competitor. Competitors may arrange for charge privileges at the Club for the duration of the event.

8 TEAM COMPOSITION

Each competing team shall consist of skippers and crews for three boats. Each boat shall have two people, both of which shall be women. There are no age or weight restrictions. There will be a maximum of 8 teams.

9 FORMAT

The planned format is multiple round robins amongst the teams. If time permits a knock-out series may be run. The format and number of races will be described in the Sailing Instructions and at the morning briefings, and may be adjusted by the Organizing Authority due to weather and time considerations.

10 COURSE

Courses will be as diagramed in the Sailing Instructions. The intention is any one of the following: a digital “N”, modified triangle or box course.

11 SCORING

Scoring will be in accordance with Appendix D, except as modified by the Sailing Instructions.

12 UMPIRING

- 12.1 It is the intention to use on-the-water umpires in accordance with Appendix D as modified by the Sailing Instructions; however, rule D2.6 Limited Umpiring, or “3-Minute Justice” may be used.
- 12.2 Competitors may be required to assist the umpires when their team is not racing at the discretion of the chief umpire and shall not be considered *interested parties* while serving in this role.

13 LIFE JACKETS

All competitors shall wear a U.S. Coast Guard-approved PFD at all times while on the water except while actively adding or removing clothing or on an anchored change boat.

14 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

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.

15 GREEN REGATTA

In an effort to promote sustainability and reduce the amount of waste in Long Island Sound, competitors are required to bring a reusable water bottle. Support boats will have water for refilling.

16 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY/RESPONSIBILITY FOR SAFETY AND DAMAGE FEE

By participating in this event and any related activity sponsored or undertaken by American 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 its officers, trustees, members, committees, employees or agents 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 its officers, trustees, members, committees, employees or agents, 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 vessels, or patrol boats, from any personnel manning them, is at the risk of the participant.

All participants shall sign a waiver form. All skippers will be required to provide a \$500 damage deposit prior to the start of racing (or any practice session) by providing credit card information or AYC member number at registration. The deposit is a per-incident maximum. If a skipper has more than one incident, she is then liable for up to \$500 for each subsequent incident.

17 FURTHER INFORMATION

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