



American Yacht Club Women's Invitational Team Race Regatta

June 13 and 14, 2020

Organizing Authority: American Yacht Club (AYC)

Rye, New York, USA

NOTICE OF RACE

1 RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* including Appendix D: Team Racing Rules.

1.2 Class rules shall not apply.

1.3 The US Sailing Prescriptions to rule 63.2 and 63.4 shall not apply.

1.4 American Yacht Club Expedited Hearing Procedures, attached as NOR Appendix A shall apply

2 BOATS

Ideal 18s 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. The Entry Form shall be submitted online at <http://bit.ly/WITR20>. The deadline for submitting an online Entry Form is 1800 on Thursday, February 27, 2020. The OA will notify each team that is selected to participate by email no later than Thursday, March 5, 2020. Upon selection, the entry fee must be paid in full within 7 days of the acceptance email notification using the online payment link provided (in the acceptance email), by phone to Steve Rucci at (914) 967-4800 ext 112, or by check payable to American Yacht Club, reference *Women's Invitational Team Race*, and mailed to Women's Invitational Team Race, American Yacht Club, Milton Point, Rye, NY 10580. If

the entry fee is not received within 7 days the selection will go to the next team.

The receipt and acceptance by the Organizing Authority of a completed entry form and payment of the entry fee will constitute a valid entry.

4 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday June 12th	Optional: Registration and practice Optional: AYC Friday night sailing and BBQ	1500 1800
Saturday June 13th	Registration and Coffee Mandatory Competitors' Briefing on the "sailors' terrace" First Warning Dinner	0830 0900 30 minutes after the conclusion of the competitors meeting 1800
Sunday June 30th	Coffee available Mandatory Competitors Briefing First Warning Awards	0800 0830 30 minutes after the conclusion of the competitors meeting 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 \$1,000 per team to include morning coffee and snacks, water for Saturday and Sunday, regatta 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 diagrammed 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 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. Competitors are responsible for providing their own PFDs.

13 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.

14 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.

15 RESPONSIBILITY FOR SAFETY, WAIVER AND RELEASE

By participating in this event and any related activity sponsored, undertaken, administered, managed, or allowed to be conducted by American Yacht Club, the owner, helmsman and each crew member agree, understand and accept, for themselves and their respective successors, assigns, representatives, administrators, executors, agents, heirs or any person acting or

purporting to act on their behalf (“Releasers”) that sailing is an inherently dangerous and unpredictable activity due to multiple factors that cannot be anticipated or predicted with certainty, including but not limited to weather, equipment failure or malfunction, and the actions of others on or off the water. Releasers also agree, understand and accept that sailing presents inherent risks of serious bodily injury (including permanent disability, paralysis and death, whether by drowning or otherwise), property damage and other economic loss. Accordingly, and in consideration for being permitted to enter into and participate in this or any other sailing event sponsored, undertaken, administered, managed or allowed to be conducted by American Yacht Club, Releasers forever release and waive, to the fullest extent allowed by law, any and all claims, actions, accounts, causes of action and choses in action, whether in law, equity or admiralty, that Releasers now have, may have had or may come to have, against American Yacht Club, including its officers, directors, trustees, members, employees, agents, volunteers, staff, committees, and anyone acting on its behalf (“Releasees”), for anything arising out of or relating to Releasers’ participation in such sailing events. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, and without in any way limiting or lessening the effect or breadth of the foregoing release and waiver, and solely for the avoidance of doubt and clarification, Releasers agree, acknowledge and understand that this release and waiver applies to any and all claims of any kind at all against Releasees arising out of or relating to injuries, deaths, damage to vessels or damage to personal property sustained during or as a result of any and all sailing events sponsored, undertaken, administered, managed or allowed to be conducted by American Yacht Club.

16 FURTHER INFORMATION

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