



American Yacht Club
Women's Invitational Team Race Regatta
October 14 and 15, 2023
Organizing Authority (OA): American Yacht Club
Rye, New York, USA

Notice of Race (NoR)

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event 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 Boats shall keep clear of commercial shipping as required by the IRPCAS or other government right-of-way rules. The penalty for breaking this rule may be disqualification, which also may be non-excludable, from one or more races or from the series.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available online after 1800 on Thursday, October 5 at <https://americanyc.org/web/pages/witr> and at registration.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The official notice board will be located on the front porch of the American Yacht Club clubhouse.
- 3.2 [DP] Each boat shall carry a radio capable of transmitting and receiving VHF channels 16, 69, and 71. While racing, except in an emergency or to report a protest or withdrawal, a boat shall neither make nor receive any type of electronic communication that is not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.
- 3.2 On the water, the race committee intends to make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the Sailing Instructions.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The event is open to teams composed of (6) six women and there will be a maximum of (8) eight teams.

4.2 Entries are limited and will be selected at the sole discretion of the OA, using the team's sailing resume and date of submission. Applications for entry, designation of a team captain and a team's sailing resume shall be submitted online before 1800 on Saturday, July 22 at google.com/form/WITR23. Teams will be notified no later than 1800 on Saturday, August 26 if their application for entry has been accepted.

4.3 If an application for entry is accepted, the team captain will receive a link for submitting the entry fee and completing the online entry form. The entry form and entry fee must be received no later than 1800 on Friday, September 8, 2023.

4.4 The receipt and acceptance by the OA of a completed entry form and payment of the entry fee will constitute a valid entry. All participants shall sign a waiver form before sailing.

4.5 Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the OA.

5 FEES

5.1 The entry fee is \$1,200 per team which includes morning coffee and snacks, water for Saturday and Sunday, dinner Saturday evening and a shirt for each competitor.

5.2 Competitors may arrange for charge privileges at the American Yacht Club for the duration of the event. Instructions to do so will be included in the online entry form.

5.3 If the event is canceled, all entry fees will be refunded in full.

6 CREW LIMITATIONS

Each competing team shall consist of skippers and crews for three boats and a total of six (6) people. Each boat shall have two (2) people, both of which shall be women. There are no age or weight restrictions.

7 BOATS

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

8 DAMAGE DEPOSIT

A \$500 damage deposit per boat is required prior to the start of sailing by providing credit card information, check, or American Yacht Club member number at registration. The deposit is a per-incident maximum. If a skipper and her crew has more than one incident, they are then liable for up to \$500 for each subsequent incident.

9 FORMAT

The planned format is multiple round robins among 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 race committee due to weather and time considerations.

10 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, October 13th	Registration open	1500-1700
	Practice (optional)	1500-sunset
Saturday, October 14th	Registration and Coffee	0830
	Mandatory Competitors' Briefing	0900
	Scheduled First Warning	30 minutes after the conclusion of the Competitors' Briefing
	Dinner	1800
Sunday, October 15th	Coffee	0800
	Mandatory Competitors' Briefing	0830
	Scheduled First Warning	30 minutes after the conclusion of the Competitors' Briefing
	No warning signal after	1500
	Awards	Following racing

11 VENUE

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

12 COURSES

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.

13 PENALTY SYSTEM

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

14 HEARING REQUESTS

American Yacht Club "Expedited Hearing Procedures," attached as NoR Appendix A, shall apply.

15 SCORING

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

16 SAFETY

All competitors shall wear a Personal Floatation Device (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.

17 GREEN REGATTA

[DP][NP] 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. Reusable water bottles will not be provided by the OA. Drinking water will be available from official boats for competitors to refill their reusable water bottles.

18 RISK STATEMENT

RRS 3 states: ‘The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.’ 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, injury, sickness and disease (including communicable diseases such as Covid-19). 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, sickness and disease (including communicable diseases), 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 (including contracting communicable diseases such as Covid-19). 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, sickness and disease (including communicable diseases such as Covid-19), 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.

19 FURTHER INFORMATION

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Appendix A

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Expedited Hearing Procedures

These rules apply to all hearings except hearings under rule 69.

1. A boat intending to protest or request redress based on an incident in the racing area that she is involved in or sees shall, at the first reasonable opportunity after she finishes, inform the race committee at the finishing line of her intent to protest or request redress and, when applicable, the identity of the protestee.
2. If the protest committee is able to assemble the parties to a hearing before the protest or redress time limit, it may begin the hearing and may waive the requirements of rule 61.2 or 62.2.
3. The US Sailing prescriptions to rules 63.1 are deleted.
4. The first sentence of rule 63.5 is changed to: 'At the beginning of the hearing, if there is no objection, the protest or request is valid and the hearing shall be continued. If an objection is made, the protest committee shall take any evidence it considers necessary to decide whether all requirements for the protest or request for redress have been met.'
5. Replace the second sentence of rule 63.6(a) with the following: 'However, the committee may limit the number of witnesses and the time during which parties may present evidence and ask questions.'
6. The first sentence of rule 65.2 is changed to: 'A party to the hearing is entitled to receive the above information in writing, provided she asks the protest committee for it no later than thirty minutes after being informed of the decision or coming ashore following the last race of the day, whichever is later.'
7. The third sentence of rule 66 is changed to: 'A party to the hearing may not ask for a reopening.'
8. Race committee protests - A member of the race committee or protest committee intending to protest a boat, following an incident that is observed in the racing area, may, at the first reasonable opportunity, inform the boat by making a sound signal, hailing "protest" and her sail number. The signaled boat may then take a penalty as available under RRS 44 (Changes RRS 61.1(b) and Appendix D1.2.d).