

2024 WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP REGATTA

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June 28-30, 2024

Newport, Rhode Island

NOTICE OF RACE

The Organizing Authority (OA) is the New York Yacht Club Regatta Association, Inc. (NYYC RA). The regatta website can be found at: <https://nyyc.org/2024-women-s-championship>.

GENERAL FORMAT

The 2024 NYYC Women's Championship Regatta is an invitational fleet racing regatta to be sailed in one-design Sonars.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) as changed by Appendix UF - Umpired Fleet Racing, NYYC Women's Championship Regatta Edition, and posted on the NYYC Women's Championship Regatta website.
- 1.2 The rules for the "Handling of Boats" addendum to the sailing instructions will apply at all times including any practice sailing and sponsor races. Class rules shall not apply.
- 1.3 On-the-water umpiring will be used as detailed in Sailing Instruction Addendum UF – Umpired Fleet Racing Rules. Event umpire calls may be issued.
- 1.4 In addition to the penalties described in SI Appendix UF, the protest committee may impose suitable penalties, other than disqualification, for violations of the "Handling of Boats" or other non-Part 2 rules. This changes RRS 64.2. Additional details will be described in the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.5 RRS 62.1 is changed by adding new paragraph (e):
(e) catastrophic physical damage not falling within RRS 62.1 (b) that was due to defective supplied equipment and that a reasonably competent crew would not have been able to avoid or promptly repair.
- 1.6 Participation in the regatta is only by invitation. When the protest committee finds that a boat or team's competitor has broken one or more rules where there was repeated breach of boat handling requirements, serious damage caused by reckless sailing or poor seamanship, poor sportsmanship, or misconduct as described in RRS 69.1(b), it shall make a report to the OA who may revoke that team's invitation and excuse the team from the remainder of the regatta. The OA may also take this action without such a report after consultation with regatta management.
- 1.7 RRS 40.1 shall apply at all times on the water. In addition, the end of the first sentence of RRS 40.1 is changed to read "except while actively adding or removing clothing." Competitors must supply their own USCG-approved PFDs. PFDs shall be worn outside of all clothing except team identification bibs. A breach of this sailing instruction may only be protested by the race committee, protest committee or Umpires. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 1.8 The US Sailing prescription to RRS 63.2 is deleted.

2 BOATS AND SAILS

- 2.1** Sonar-type boats will be provided..
- 2.2** Boats will be rotated as described in the sailing instructions.
- 2.3** Sails will be provided by the OA. Spinnakers will be used except as described in the sailing instructions.
- 2.4** All boats shall be standardized by the OA to ensure as level a playing field as possible. Specific permitted and restricted actions will be included in the “Handling of Boats” addendum to the sailing instructions. This includes, but is not limited to, the following provisions:
 - a) Rigs will be tuned equally and preset by the OA before the regatta. Rig tension and mast block positioning shall not be adjusted by the competitors. The OA may adjust the rig tune of the entire fleet to match anticipated conditions.
 - b) Competitors wishing to change any rig tuning adjustments to bring the rig back into compliance with the fleet standard shall request in writing that the OA make a change. Forms will be available at registration. The OA has final authority in deciding whether an adjustment will be made.
 - c) Competitors shall not sand, clean or fair the bottom or foils of their yacht, or so arrange for such work to be done.

3. ADVERTISING

- 3.1** WS Advertising Code, will apply. Advertising on the supplied equipment is available to the OA in accordance with WS Regulation 20.4.2.
- 3.2** While racing, teams may be required to wear pinnies provided by the OA to indicate team identity.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1** Entry to the regatta is by invitation only from the OA to a Yacht Club (“Team”).
- 4.2** Entry: Acceptance of the invitation shall be made by submitting the online entry form and entry payment no later than Friday, April 1.
- 4.3** Crew List: A complete Crew List must be submitted via the online form no later than Friday, June 14. Registration will not be considered complete until all information has been received, checked and verified. Early submission is encouraged.
- 4.4** Crew lists will be posted on the event website and on the official notice board at the NYYC Sailing Center.
- 4.5** Team Composition: Teams shall consist of four or five crew members, including the skipper, all of whom shall sail the entire regatta. All crew must be female.
 - 4.5.1** Crew Substitution: Prior to 1800 on Friday, June 28, a substitution to the submitted Crew List may only be made with the permission of the OA. After that time, a substitution may only be made with written permission of the Protest Committee.
- 4.6** Eligibility Exceptions: The OA reserves the right to make reasonable exceptions to the eligibility requirements on a case-by-case basis.

5 FEES

- 5.1** The entry fee is US\$2,250 and shall be paid no later than April 1, 2024. Checks shall be payable to the “New York Yacht Club Regatta Association.” Please note “2024 Women’s Championship” on your check.
- 5.2** The entry fee includes tickets for all listed crew to all social functions. Additional tickets will be available for purchase.
- 5.3** Each team shall provide a \$1,500 damage deposit by providing credit card information at registration. The deposit is a per-incident maximum and shall be replenished after each incident. See NOR 16.3.
- 5.4** Cancellations and Refunds: A team canceling prior to May 10, 2024, will receive a refund of the entry fee minus a \$500 administrative charge. There will be no refund for a team canceling on or after May 10, 2024.

6 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

6.1 **Check-in:** All teams shall register during the registration times. Boats will be available for practice during the scheduled practice times after a team has completed registration. Registration will take place in the NYYC Sailing Center, Harbour Court; 5 Halidon Avenue; Newport, RI 02840.

6.2	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
	Thursday, June 27	0900-1700	Registration
		1200-1600	Optional Practice
		1730	Fleet Race Umpiring Briefing (Mandatory)
		1830	Opening Reception
	Friday, June 28	0730-0830	Late Registration
		0830	Morning Briefing (Mandatory)
		1100	First Warning Signal
	Saturday, June 29	After Racing	Post-Race Social
		0830	Morning Briefing (Mandatory)
		1100	First Warning Signal
	Sunday, June 30	1800	Cocktail Reception and Regatta Dinner
		0830	Morning Briefing (Mandatory)
		1100	First Warning Signal
		After Racing	Prize-Giving

6.3 No warning for any race will be made after 1500 on Sunday, June 30.

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available on the regatta website and at registration.

8 VENUE

Races will be held off Newport, RI, on Narragansett Bay or on Rhode Island Sound.

9 COURSES

Courses will be defined in the sailing instructions. Possible race courses may include windward-leeward and triangle-windward-leeward variations.

10 FORMAT

10.1 The format will be one series sailed by all teams.

10.2 Fourteen (14) races are scheduled.

11 SCORING

11.1 Multiple races are scheduled.

11.2 A boat's series score shall be the total of all of her race scores. No score will be excluded. This changes RRS A2.

11.3 One race is required to constitute a regatta.

12 SUPPORT PERSONS AND VESSELS

12.1 The following limitations and restrictions apply to support persons and any coach/support vessels, including spectator vessels associated with a team:

- Except as directed by the OA, competitors shall have no communication with, be tied to or transfer provisions or equipment to and from any support person or vessel from the time the boat leaves the dock or mooring each day until racing has been concluded for the day for that team.
- Support and spectator vessels shall not approach closer than 100 meters to any vessel that is racing. In addition, a support vessel shall stay at least 100 meters outside any layline and shall not be located directly above any windward marks or the finishing line.
- If in the starting area, support vessels shall leave the racing and starting areas prior to the warning signal and may only station themselves outside of the starboard end of the starting line, but no closer than 150 meters to the race committee signal vessel.

12.2 All support persons and coach/support vessels must register with the OA prior to the first day of racing. Coach/support vessels shall display a flag or burgee (a minimum of 12" on the hoist) that they have supplied identifying the Yacht Club, Sailing Organization or Entity with which they are associated, along with an identifying flag issued by the OA, at all times while they are on the water.

12.3 Support/Coach boats will not be permitted to dock at the NYYC docks except temporarily. Dockage may be available at the Alofsin Piers at Fort Adams and arrangements shall be made directly with Sail Newport.

13 BERTHING

Dockage or moorings for the racing boats will be provided by the OA.

14 PRIZES

14.1 Prizes will be awarded to the top three teams.

14.2 Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the OA.

15 CAMERAS AND GPS ONBOARD

The OA may place static cameras, video cameras and/or GPS tracking units onboard one or more boats during racing and may switch them between races or days.

16 LIABILITY AND MEDIA WAIVER, DAMAGE DEPOSIT

16.1 As a condition of entry, each skipper and participating crew member shall submit, prior to racing, an online liability waiver/media release. The link can be found on the event website.

16.2 Competitors participate in this regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The OA, sponsors and affiliated companies will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

16.3 All teams shall provide a \$1,000 damage deposit by providing credit card information at registration. The deposit is for incidents involving the Sonars or OA vessels. The deposit is a per-incident maximum. If a team has more than one incident, it is liable for up to \$1,500 for each individual incident. Teams should be aware that while the designated Technical Committee will attempt to identify and assign all damages to the teams responsible, material damage not covered by insurance, nor acknowledged by a team (e.g., crews are rotated among the boats and no one reports the damage), the cost of repairs may be charged to some or all of the designated teams on a prorated basis.

17 RADIO COMMUNICATION AND ELECTRONICS

17.1 All boats shall carry a marine band VHF radio capable of receiving normal US channels. Competitors shall provide their own VHF radio.

17.2 Except in an emergency, 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 any phone or computer applications. No electronics are permitted except a handheld VHF radio, personal mobile telephones, watch, timers, handheld compass, and any OA-issued electronics if applicable.

18 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please visit the regatta website at www.nyyc.org, or contact the New York Yacht Club Sailing Office.

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