



New York Yacht Club Invitational Team Race Regatta for the Commodore George R. Hinman Masters Trophy August 14-16, 2009

Organizing Authority: New York Yacht Club (NYYC)

NOTICE OF RACE

1 RULES

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

2 CLASS

Sonars will be provided. Spinnakers may be used, conditions permitting. Standing rigging shall not be adjusted, except by direction of the Organizing Authority.

3 TEAM

Each competing team shall consist of skippers and crew for three boats with three or four crew per boat. Participants must be members, spouses or dependants of members of the club that they represent and the helmsperson shall be a member of US SAILING or their National Governing Body and must be at least 45 years of age. Each crewmember must be at least 40 years of age.

4 CREW WEIGHT

The combined weight of each boat's skipper and crew must not exceed 700 pounds. There will be a weigh-in at registration.

5 ADVERTISING

A boat and her crew shall comply with ISAF Regulation 20, Advertising Code.

6 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

Entry is by invitation. Email acceptance by an invited club and designation of the participating club's contact person and email address by April 1, 2009 constitutes entry in the event. The Entry Form and entry fees must be received by the NYYC Sailing Office no later than June 19, 2009.

7 FEES

The entry fee is \$2,000 per team to include continental breakfast, lunch, water, and debrief refreshments for Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Friday night cocktails, Saturday night dinner and a shirt. Extra dinner tickets can be purchased for \$65 per person by contacting the Sailing Office no later than Monday, August 10.

8 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available at the Participants' Meeting and may be posted on the regatta web page at www.nyyc.org prior to the event.

9 VENUE

Racing will take place on Narragansett Bay. Shore activities will take place at NYYC, Harbour Court.

10 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Thursday, August 13	1300-1700	Practice and sign waivers (no scheduled social event)
Friday, August 14	0830	Registration, weigh in and continental breakfast
	0900	Participants' Meeting, racing to follow Debrief after racing with refreshments
	1830-1930	Cocktail reception (Smart Casual) (no scheduled event dinner)
Saturday, August 15	0830	Continental breakfast
	0900	Participants' Meeting, racing to follow Debrief after racing with refreshments
	1900	Regatta Dinner (Smart Casual)
Sunday, August 16	0830	Continental breakfast
	0900	Participants' Meeting, racing to follow
	1500	No warning signal will be made after this time Debrief / awards after racing with refreshments

11 FORMAT

The planned format is multiple round robins amongst either all competing teams or groups of teams. If time permits, a knock-out series may be run as determined by the Organizing Authority. The format and number of races will be described in the Sailing Instructions and at the Participants' Meeting and may be adjusted by the Organizing Authority due to weather and time considerations.

12 COURSE

Courses will be as diagramed in the Sailing Instructions. The intention is to sail either a modified triangle or a box course.

13 SCORING

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

14 UMPIRING

It is the intention for the regatta to be umpired in accordance with Appendix D, as modified by the Sailing Instructions.

15 PROTESTS

When practicable, protests will be heard on the water, as modified by the Sailing Instructions.

16 LIFE JACKETS

All competitors shall wear a PFD approved by either the U.S. Coast Guard or the competitor's national authority at all times while on the water, except while actively adding or removing clothing. Competitors shall provide their own PFDs.

17 WAIVER AND DAMAGE DEPOSIT

All participants must sign a waiver form. All skippers will be required to provide a \$500 damage deposit prior to the start of racing by providing credit card information or NYYC member number at registration. The deposit is a per-incident maximum. If a skipper has more than one incident, he or she is then liable for up to \$500 for each individual incident. Skippers should be aware that while the Team Race Representative or Waterfront Staff will attempt to identify all damage at the post-regatta inspection, often this is not possible due to the nature of the damage. The skipper is responsible for all damage, even if it is discovered only after the post-regatta report is completed and signed. In the event that there is material damage not covered by insurance and no one acknowledges responsibility (e.g., crews are rotated among the boats and no one reports the damage), the cost of repairs will be charged to all the designated skippers on a pro rated basis.

18 FURTHER INFORMATION

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