



Newport 2025  
Rhode Island USA  
Team Racing  
World Championship



# 2025 TEAM RACE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

28<sup>th</sup> May to 1<sup>st</sup> June 2025

Newport, Rhode Island, United States of America

The Organizing Authority is the New York Yacht Club Regatta Association, Inc in conjunction with World Sailing.

## NOTICE OF RACE (NoR)

### ABBREVIATIONS

The following abbreviations apply to this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions:

PC: Protest Committee or International Jury

NoR: Notice of Race

OA: Organizing Authority

RRS: Racing Rules of Sailing

SI: Sailing Instructions

RC: Race Committee

WS: World Sailing

ONB: Official Notice Board

[NP]: A competitor may not protest as per NoR 1.3

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## **I RULES**

- I.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*, including RRS Appendix D. Any changes to rules or Appendix D will be stated in the Sailing Instructions
- I.2 The rules for the handling of boats and the equipment list, detailed as part of the Sailing Instructions, will apply, and will also apply to any practice sailing. The Sonar class rules will not apply.
- I.3 The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions means that a competitor may not protest another competitor for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.2(a).
- I.4 The prescriptions of US Sailing to The Racing Rules of Sailing listed in Notice of Race Addendum I shall apply and will be posted on the regatta website.
- I.5 If there is a conflict between languages the English text takes precedence.
- I.6 An International Jury will be appointed in accordance with RRS 91(b) and RRS Appendix N. The right of appeal will be denied in accordance with RRS 70.3.
- I.7 Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices (PFDs) at all times while afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Rule 40.1 applies.
- I.8 PFDs shall be approved by either the U.S. Coast Guard or the competitor's national authority. Competitors shall provide their own PFDs. Bibs provided by the Organizing Authority or supplied by the team shall be worn over PFDs while racing.
- I.9 All boats shall carry a marine band VHF radio capable of receiving normal US & international channels. Competitors shall provide their own VHF radios.
- I.10 RRS 17 is deleted.
- I.11 It is the intention for the regatta to be umpired in accordance with Appendix D, as modified by the Sailing Instructions. Where practical, protests and requests for redress will be heard on the water.
- I.12 Participation in the regatta is 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 Organizing Authority (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.

## **2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

The Sailing Instructions will be available on the online ONB after 1800 on 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2025.

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### **3 COMMUNICATION**

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the online ONB which is located on the event webpage at [www.nyyc.org](http://www.nyyc.org)
- 3.2 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located at the New York Yacht Club
- 3.3 [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. This does not include any communication with the race committee over the designated race channel.

### **4 TEAM and SKIPPER'S ELIGIBILITY**

- 4.1 Twelve (12) Teams consisting of two skippers and crew will be invited. Invitations will be issued as follows:
  - a) World Sailing MNAs may nominate the winners of their latest Team Racing Nationals or similar event to be eligible for invitation and
  - b) Ten (10) Teams via the skippers will be invited using the World Sailing Open Team Racing Ranking list on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2024 or using a similar selection criteria or combination of both and
  - c) A maximum of two (2) Teams from the same MNA may be invited, and
  - d) One (1) host MNA Team decided by OA and US Sailing and
  - e) One (1) Team from an emerging Nation at the discretion of the WS will be invited as wildcards.
- 4.2 Skippers of Teams wishing to receive an invite may register their request with the OA by writing or emailing the OA before 15<sup>th</sup> November 2024
- 4.3 After 15<sup>th</sup> November 2024, the OA (in consultation with WS) may issue wild card invitations for remaining places at its sole discretion.
- 4.4 Only Teams invited by the OA, and who confirm acceptance of the invitation in writing or e-mail to be received by the date specified on the letter of invitation, will be eligible to enter this event.
- 4.5 All competitors shall meet the eligibility requirements of World Sailing regulation 19.4.
- 4.6 All Skippers shall obtain a World Sailing Sailor ID by registering online at <https://www.sailing.org/sailors/world-sailing-profile/>. Skippers shall inform the OA of their World Sailing Sailor ID at registration.
- 4.7 All competitors shall be current members of their Member National Authority (MNA).
- 4.8 A wait list will be established for MNAs who wish to receive an invite.

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## **5 ENTRY**

### **5.1 Entering**

To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees by 1<sup>st</sup> December 2024. All payments shall be made as specified in the Letter of Invitation. The Entry Form can be found on the website on the event page at [www.nyyc.org](http://www.nyyc.org). The OA may extend this date at its sole discretion.

### **5.2 Entry Fee**

A non-refundable entry fee of \$5,000 USD per Team shall be paid as specified in the Letter of Invitation. This includes lunch and water for Thursday-Sunday, Wednesday night opening reception, Thursday night social event, Friday night dinner and Sunday awards presentation.

Extra dinner tickets can be purchased by contacting the Sailing Office no later than Friday, May 23, 2025.

### **5.3 Cancellation & Withdrawal**

Cancellations and Refunds – A team cancelling prior to February 1, 2025 will receive a refund of the entry fee minus a US\$500 administrative charge. There will be no refund for a team cancelling on or after February 1, 2025.

When a skipper accepts an invitation and later withdraws within two months of the event or leaves the event before the end without written approval from the OA, a zero score may be applied to their Ranking points for that event by World Sailing. (World Sailing Regulation 27.2.2(d)).

## **6 DAMAGE / DAMAGE DEPOSIT**

6.1 An initial damage deposit of \$1,500 USD shall be paid cash or credit card information at registration, unless extended by the OA.

6.2 a) Each skipper is responsible for the damage or loss to their boat unless responsibility is otherwise assigned by the umpires or PC. The damage deposit is the limit of liability of each skipper for each incident.

If a deduction from the damage deposit is decided by the OA, it may require that the deposit be restored to its original amount before the skipper will be permitted to continue in the event.

b) The OA will refund any remaining damage deposit as soon as possible after the event.

6.3 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 prorated basis.

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## **7 CREW (INCLUDING SKIPPER)**

7.1 Each competing team shall consist of two skippers and crew for two boats with a total of six (6) to eight (8) persons. Boats shall be sailed with a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 5 people. The number of people onboard may not change during the event. All registered crew shall sail all races.

Each competing team shall have a minimum of two (2) women and two (2) men.

7.2 After the warning signal for a match, the registered skipper shall not leave the helm, except in an emergency.

7.3 When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the event the OA may authorise an original crew member to substitute.

7.4 When a registered crew member is unable to continue in the event the OA may authorise a substitute, a temporary substitute or other adjustment.

7.5 The total weight of the Team including the skippers, and crew wearing a minimum of shorts and tee shirt shall not exceed 1400lbs (635kg,) determined at the time of registration or such time as required by the RC.

7.6 Crew weight may be checked during the regatta. When crew weight was checked prior to racing, at any re-weighing the total weight limit is increased by 22 lbs (10kg).

Any crew weighing in excess of this increased limit shall be penalised one race win and shall reduce their weight to the increased weight limit before racing again.

## **8 EVENT FORMAT**

8.1 The OA will provide Sonar type boats for racing in the event. Each boat will have the following sails: Mainsail, Jib. Spinnakers will not be used

8.2 Boats will be allocated as decided by the OA.

8.3 The sails to be used will be allocated by the OA.

8.4 While all reasonable steps will be taken to equalise boats, variations will not be grounds for a boat to request redress. This changes RRS 61.1.

8.5 The number of flights to be sailed each day will be determined by the OA with the intention of the OA to start each subsequent flight as soon as practicable after the previous flight.

8.6 The course will be windward/leeward with optional offset legs resulting in either port or starboard rounding, and finishing downwind and as shown in the SIs

8.7 Racing will take place on Narragansett Bay.

8.8 The planned format is two-boat Team Racing with a first stage of a single or multiple round-robins amongst all competing teams. If time permits, a second stage of mini-round-robins and/or knock-out matches among groups of teams may be run, which may be followed by a final knock-out stage, time permitting. The format and number of races will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

8.9 The OA may change the format, terminate any stage or the event when, in its opinion, it is impracticable to attempt to hold the remainder of the matches under the existing conditions or in the remaining time scheduled. Early stages may be terminated in favor of later stages. This changes rule D4.2(b).

## 9 PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

9.1 The event will be held from 28<sup>th</sup> of May 2025 to 1<sup>st</sup> June 2025

Wednesday, May 28	1100-1600 1800	Registration, Weigh-In, Optional Practice Opening Reception
Thursday, May 29	0830 0900 Following Racing	Umpire Briefing Participants' Meeting - racing to follow Post Race Social
Friday, May 30	0830 0900 1830	Umpire Briefing Participants' Meeting – racing to follow Regatta Dinner
Saturday, May 31	0830 0900	Umpire Briefing Participants' Meeting – racing to follow
Sunday, June 1	0830 0900 Following Racing	Umpire Briefing Participants' Meeting – racing to follow Prize Giving with refreshments

- a) On the last day of racing, no warning signal shall be made after 1500 hrs.
- b) The prize giving will be held on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June at 1800 hrs or earlier.

9.2 Unless excused by the OA, attendance at the following is mandatory:

- a) Initial briefing, for skippers.
- b) Daily briefings, for skippers.
- c) Prize giving for all participants.

## 10 ADVERTISING

[NP] Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20.

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## **11 [NP] CODE OF CONDUCT**

- 11.1 Competitors and Support Persons shall comply with any reasonable request from any official, including attendance at official functions, cooperation with event sponsors and shall behave so as to not bring the event into dispute.
- 11.2 Competitors and Support Persons shall handle any equipment provided by the OA with care, seamanship, in accordance with any instructions for its use and without interfering with its functionality.

## **12 [NP] SUPPORT PERSON**

- 12.1 Support person vessels shall register with the OA and conspicuously display the assigned flag.
- 12.2 Support person vessels shall stay approximately 50 meters from the racing area while boats are racing or comply with reasonable requests from officials.
- 12.3 Except as directed by the OA, competitors shall have no communication with, be tied to or transfer provisions to 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.
- 12.4 Support person vessels may be required to assist with boat transfers and safety measures under the direction of the RC.
- 12.5 All support person vessels shall always have an engine safety cut out switch (kill cord) attached to the driver while the engine is running.

## **13 [NP] MEDIA, IMAGES and SOUND**

- 13.1 All those who take part in the regatta as competitors as well as support persons or spectators agree to be overflown by a drone during the duration of the event, this includes your person and your property (boats).
- 13.2 By participating in the event, a competitor automatically grants to the OA and the sponsors of the event, the right in perpetuity, to make, use and show, from time to time and at the discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or film television and other reproductions of him/her during the period of the competition for said event in which the competitor participated and in all material related to the said event without compensation.

## **14 DOPING CONTROL**

Doping control will be conducted in accordance with the World Anti-Doping Code. In-competition testing may be carried out at the event.

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## 15 RISK STATEMENT

- 15.1 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 each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia, or other causes.** Skippers should note RRS 46 and any US Prescriptions will be copied on the ONB.

## 16 PRIZES

- 16.1 The first place Team in the final results will be declared as the 2025 Open Team Racing World Champion and will be presented. Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the OA.
- 16.2 World Sailing Gold, Silver and Bronze medals will be presented to the top 3 teams.

## 17 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY AND WAIVER REQUIREMENT

- 17.1 All those taking part in the event do so at their own risk and responsibility. The OA and any sponsor associated with this event have no liability for any damage, loss or any penalty suffered by any boat crew or any other person taking part in such events. The OA and any sponsor associated with this event shall not be responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted and/or the sufficiency and/or adequacy of its equipment or the competence of its skipper or crew. The OA reserves the right in its sole and uncontrolled discretion to refuse entry.
- 17.2 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.

## 18 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact:

NYYC Sailing Office

401-845-9633

[sailingoffice@nyyc.org](mailto:sailingoffice@nyyc.org)

[www.nyyc.org](http://www.nyyc.org)



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## ADDENDUM I

### US SAILING PRESCRIPTIONS

- Rule 60.3 After rule 60.3 add  
*US Sailing prescribes that rule 60.3(b) is changed to:*  
*(b) request to redress for a boat or call a hearing to consider redress;*
- Rule 61.4 Add at the end of rule 61  
*61.4 Fees for Protests and Requests for Redress*  
*US Sailing prescribes that no fees shall be charged for protests or requests for redress.*
- Rule 67 After rule 67 add  
*US Sailing prescribes that:*  
*(a) A boat that retires from a race or accepts a penalty does not, by that action alone, admit liability for damages.*  
*(b) A protest committee shall find facts and make decisions only in compliance with the rules. No protest committee or US Sailing appeal authority shall adjudicate any claim for damages. Such a claim is subject to the jurisdiction of the courts.*  
*(c) A basic purpose of the rules is to prevent contact between boats. By participating in an event governed by the rules, a boat agrees that responsibility for damages arising from any breach of the rules shall be based on fault as determined by application of the rules, and that she shall not be governed by the legal doctrine of ‘assumption of risk’ for monetary damages resulting from contact with other boats.*
- Rule 70.5 After rule 70.5(a) add  
*US Sailing prescribes that its approval is required.*
- Rule 76.1 After rule 76.1 add  
*US Sailing prescribes that an organizing authority or race committee shall not reject or cancel the entry of a boat or exclude a competitor eligible under the notice of race and sailing instructions for an arbitrary or capricious reason or for reason of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, or age.*  
  
*However, an organizing authority or race committee may exclude a competitor who is a citizen of, or holds a World Sailing ID as an MNA member of, a country listed on the US Sailing website at <https://www.ussailing.org/exclusion>.*
- Rule 86.3 After rule 86.3 add  
*US Sailing prescribes that:*  
*(a) In exception to rule 86.1, an organizing authority may request, and US Sailing may authorize, proposed changes to the racing rules for a specific event. The authorization shall be stated in a letter of approval to the organizing authority, and the letter shall be posted on the official notice board.*  
*(b) The proposed rules shall be stated in the notice of race and sailing instructions, and the organizing authority shall promptly report the results of the test to US Sailing.*

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Rule      After rule 88.2 add  
88.2       *US Sailing prescribes that the notice of race or sailing instructions may change or delete any prescriptions except: this prescription, rule 61.4, Appendix R, and the prescription to rules 60.3, 67 or 70.5(a), and 76.1.*