



September 28-October 3, 2026  
**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/2026-resolute-cup>.

### **GENERAL FORMAT**

The 2026 Resolute Cup is an invitational fleet racing regatta to be sailed in evenly matched Sonar-type boats. The primary goal is to select a Corinthian keelboat champion among preeminent U.S. yacht clubs. The Resolute Cup also serves as a path for one U.S. yacht club to receive an invitation to the 2027 Rolex NYYC Invitational Cup to be sailed in IC37s.

### **1 RULES**

- 1.1** The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2** The following additional documents will govern the regatta. The additional documents are subject to change.
  - 1.2.1** Appendix UF - Umpired Fleet Racing NYYC Resolute Cup Edition;
  - 1.2.2** the “Handling of Boats” addendum to the sailing instructions;
  - 1.2.3** the “Penalties for Damage Resulting From Contact Between Boats Racing” addendum to the sailing instructions;
  - 1.2.4** World Sailing (“WS”) Sailor Categorization Code; and
  - 1.2.5** WS Advertising Code.
- 1.3** On-the-water umpiring will be used as detailed in Appendix UF. Event calls may be issued. Are
- 1.4** RRS 61.4(b) is changed by adding new section (6) that applies to yachts and equipment assigned as well as all provided sails:
  - (e) catastrophic physical damage not falling within RRS 61.4(b)(2) that was due to defective supplied equipment and that a reasonably competent crew would not have been able to avoid or promptly repair.
- 1.5** Participation in the regatta is by invitation of the OA. When the protest committee finds that a boat or team’s competitor has broken one or more rules in an incident afloat or ashore where there was either: 1) serious damage caused by reckless sailing or poor seamanship; 2) poor sportsmanship; or 3) misconduct as described in RRS 69.1(b), it shall make a report to the OA, which may revoke that team’s invitation and excuse the team from the remainder of the regatta. The OA may also decide to take such action for this kind of conduct to revoke a team’s invitation without such a report after consultation with regatta management.
- 1.6** 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. Bibs provided by the OA or supplied by the team shall be worn over PFDs while racing. A breach of this sailing instruction may only be protested by the race committee, protest committee or umpires. This changes RRS 60.1.

- 1.7 The US Sailing prescription to RRS 63.1 is deleted.
- 1.8 Sonar class rules do not apply.
- 1.9 RRS60.4(a)(2) is changed as follows: “(2) if it alleges a breach of a rule of Part 2 or RRS 31 and is from a boat that was not involved in, and did not see, the incident, or”.
- 1.10 The use of drones by any team or support person at any time, on or off the water, during the time period of September 28 through October 3 is prohibited.

## 2 BOATS AND SAILS

- 2.1 Sonar-type boats will be provided for competition.
- 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 competitors or their support persons. 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 or their support persons shall not sand, clean or fair the bottom or foils of their boats, or so arrange for such work to be done.

## 3 ADVERTISING

- 3.1 Advertising on the supplied equipment is available to the OA in accordance with WS Advertising Code.
- 3.2 While racing, boats shall display the backstay flag for each day of racing as may be provided by the OA at registration.

## 4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 Entry to the regatta is by invitation only from the Organizing Authority to a Yacht Club. Teams may use the [Request for Invitation Form](#), which must be submitted along with a team resume, no later than March 6, 2026. Invitational will be sent no later than March 20, 2026.
- 4.2 Entry: Acceptance of the invitation shall be made by submitting the online entry form and entry fee payment no later than Monday, March 30, 2026.
- 4.3 Team Composition: A yacht club that has accepted an invitation (a “team”) shall consist of three or four crew members, including the skipper, all of whom shall sail the entire regatta and comply with the requirements of NOR 4.6 (Yacht Club Membership), 4.7 (US Sailing Membership), 4.8 (Sailor Categorization) and 4.9 (Weight Limit) at all times unless specifically waived by the OA. There must be at least one male and one female on each team.
- 4.4 Crew List: Teams shall submit a completed Crew List via an online form no later than Monday, August 3, 2026. This form will include each competitor’s club membership and WS Sailor Categorization. Entry will not be complete until all required information has been received, checked and verified. Early submission is encouraged. Crew Lists will be posted on the regatta website and on the official notice board at the NYYC Sailing Center.
- 4.5 Crew Substitution: Prior to 1800 on Monday, September 28, 2026, a substitution to the submitted Crew List may only be made with oral permission of the OA. After that time, a substitution may only be made with written permission of the OA.
- 4.6 Yacht Club Membership: All crew members shall have been year-round, full members in good standing of the invited yacht club as of September 28, 2025, except as noted in NOR 4.6.1. Seasonal or special memberships do not qualify.
  - 4.6.1 One of the crew members *may* be either the spouse of a year-round full member or a member’s child who is under the age of 25 on the first day of racing.
- 4.7 US Sailing Membership: All crew members shall be current members of US Sailing during the regatta.

**4.8** Sailor Categorization: All crew members shall have a valid Group 1 sailor categorization. Any crew member who is not a Group 1 sailor or whose categorization has expired is ineligible to sail. Information on how to apply can be found at <https://www.sailing.org/sailors/sailor-categorisations/>.

**4.8.1** The Categorization Protest time limit is 1800 Monday, September 28, 2026. At its discretion, this time limit may be extended by the Protest Committee if the Crew List has been changed after the Crew List submission deadline in NOR 4.3.

**4.9** Weight Limit: There is no weight limit.

**4.10** 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\$5,000 and shall be paid no later than Monday, March 30, 2026. Checks shall be payable to the “New York Yacht Club Regatta Association.” Please note “RESOLUTE CUP 2026” on your check.

**5.2** The entry fee includes four tickets 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 damage deposit is a per-incident maximum and shall be replenished after each incident. See NOR 16.4.

**5.4** Cancellations and Refunds: A team canceling prior to June 1, 2026, will receive a refund of the entry fee minus a \$1,000 administrative charge. There will be no refund for a team canceling on or after June 1, 2024.

## **6 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**6.1** Registration: 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.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
Monday, September 28	1300-1800	Registration
	1330-1730	Optional Practice
	1800	Categorization Protest Time limit
Tuesday, September 29	0900-1100	Late Registration
	1100	Competitors’ Meeting (Mandatory for <u>all competitors</u> )
	1200-1700	Mandatory Practice
	1800	Competitors’ Meeting (Mandatory for skippers)
	1830-2000	Opening Reception
Wednesday, September 30	0830	Morning Briefing (Mandatory for skippers)
	1030	First Warning Signal
Thursday, October 1	0830	Morning Briefing (Mandatory for skippers)
	1030	First Warning Signal
	1830	Regatta BBQ
Friday, October 2	0830	Morning Briefing (Mandatory for skippers)
	1030	First Warning Signal
Saturday, October 3	0830	Morning Briefing (Mandatory for skippers)
	1030	First Warning Signal
	1900-2300	Final Awards Banquet

**6.3** No warning for any race will be made after 1600 on Saturday, October 3, 2026.

## **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.

## **9 COURSES**

Courses will be defined in the sailing instructions. Race courses will include windward-leeward configurations.

## **10 PENALTY SYSTEM**

In addition to the penalties described in 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 60.5.

## **11 FORMAT**

**10.1** The format will be detailed in the sailing instructions. The intention is to conduct an opening series and up to three medal races.

**10.2** The number of teams that will advance to the medal races will be described in the sailing instructions.

**10.3** Assignments to the medal race(s) will be based on the ranking at the conclusion of the opening series on Saturday, October 3, 2026.

## **11 SCORING**

**11.1** Multiple races are scheduled.

**11.2** Scores from the opening series will carry over to the medal race series

**11.3** Eight races in the opening series are required to constitute a regatta.

**11.4** a) When fewer than nine opening series races have been completed, a team’s series score will be the total of its race scores.

b) When from nine to 17 opening series races have been completed, a team’s series score will be the total of its race scores excluding its worst score.

c) When 18 or more opening series races have been completed, a team’s series score will be the total of its race scores excluding its two worst scores.

**11.5** All scores in the medal race series shall be included.

**11.6** For the medal races, RRS A4 is changed so that the points per finishing place are doubled.

**11.7** For teams assigned to compete in the medal races, ties will be broken by the medal race series scores. This changes RRS A8. For tied teams with the same point scores in the medal race, ties will be broken applying RRS A8 to the opening series scores.

## **12 SUPPORT BOATS**

**12.1** Support boats/persons shall not have contact of any kind with the racing boats from the first course signal of the day until after the last boat has finished the final race of the day. Support boats shall register with the OA.

**12.2** Support 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.

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

## **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. Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the OA.

**14.2** The NYYC RA will use the results of the 2026 Resolute Cup to invite one U.S. team to enter the 2027 Rolex NYYC Invitational Cup. Entry into the Invitational Cup will be contingent on meeting the requirements of the Invitational Cup Notice of Race.

## **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 the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority, New York Yacht Club, and any official sponsors 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. Attention is also drawn to RRS 46 and USSER 1.2, Responsibility.

**16.3** All skippers will be required to provide a \$1,500 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, and includes damage to boats or OA vessels. If a skipper has more than one incident, he or she is then liable for up to \$1,500 for each individual incident. The OA may require the damage deposit to be restored to its original amount before a team will be permitted to continue racing. Skippers should be aware that while the NYYC Bosun 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.

## **17 RADIO COMMUNICATION AND ELECTRONICS**

Teams shall bring a handheld VHF radio. 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 <https://nyyc.org/2026-resolute-cup>, or contact the New York Yacht Club Sailing Office.

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