



New York Yacht Club Invitational Team Race Regatta for the Commodore George R. Hinman Masters Trophy

August 14-16, 2026

Organizing Authority: New York Yacht Club Regatta Association, Inc.

NOTICE OF RACE

1 RULES

- 1.1** The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, including Appendix D, Team Racing Rules. The sailing instructions will describe changes to the rules.
- 1.2** 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.

2 CLASS

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

3 TEAM

- 3.1** Each competing team shall consist of skippers and crew for three boats with a minimum of three sailors per boat. At least four team members must be of the opposite gender.
- 3.2** Participants must be members or spouses of members of the club that they represent.
- 3.3** Each helmsperson must be at least 45 years of age.
- 3.4** Each crewmember must be at least 40 years of age.
- 3.5** Substitutions are not permitted without prior approval of the OA.

4 CREW WEIGHT

There is no weight limit.

5 ADVERTISING

A boat and her crew shall comply with the World Sailing Advertising Code.

6 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 6.1** Entry is by invitation. Teams may use the [Request for Invitation Form](#), which must be submitted along with a team resume no later than March 1, 2026.
- 6.2** Invitations will be sent no later than March 11, 2026.
- 6.3** The online Entry Form and entry fees must be received by the New York Yacht Club (NYYC) Sailing Office no later than April 1, 2026, to confirm entry in the event.

7 FEES

- 7.1** The entry fee is \$4,500 per team and includes lunch and water for Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Friday social, Saturday night dinner and Sunday awards presentation.
- 7.2** Additional dinner tickets can be purchased by contacting the NYYC Regatta Events Coordinator no later than Wednesday, August 5, 2026.

7.3 Cancellations and Refunds – A team canceling prior to June 1, 2026, 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 June 1, 2026.

8 COMMUNICATIONS AND SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

8.1 The online Official Notice Board is located at <https://nyyc.org/2026-hinman-masters-team-race>.

8.2 Sailing instructions will be available no later than the Participants' Meeting and posted on the regatta [webpage](#).

9 VENUE

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

10 FORMAT

The planned format is a first stage of 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. The format and number of races will be described in the sailing instructions and at the Participants' Meeting.

11 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Thursday, August 13	1200-1800	Registration and optional practice (no social event)
Friday, August 14	0830	Late registration and Umpire Briefing
	0900	Participants' Meeting – racing to follow
	1830	Cocktail Reception
Saturday, August 15	0830	Umpire Briefing
	0900	Participants' Meeting – racing to follow
	1830	Regatta Cocktails & Dinner
Sunday, August 16	0830	Umpire Briefing
	0900	Participants' Meeting – racing to follow
		Awards after racing with refreshments

*The Race Committee will endeavor not to begin a starting sequence after 1500 on Sunday, but weather conditions and/or the progress of the event may govern the actual conclusion of racing.

12 COURSES

The course will be a port-hand box as described in the sailing instructions.

13 UMPIRING

It is the intention for the regatta to be umpired in accordance with Appendix D, rule D2, as modified by the sailing instructions. Teams may be asked to provide a competitor(s) to assist the umpires when off rotation. This will not be considered to be a conflict of interest.

14 PROTESTS

When practicable, protests other than those under rule D2.2 or rule D2.3 and redress requests will be heard on the water.

15 PFDS AND VHF RADIO

15.1 RRS 40.1 shall apply at all times on the water. Competitors must supply their own USCG-approved PFDs. PFDs shall be worn outside of all clothing except team identification bibs. Bibs provided by the Organizing Authority 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.

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

16 WAIVER AND DAMAGE DEPOSIT

16.1 As a condition of entry, each skipper and participating crew member shall submit, by the close of registration, 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 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.

17 FURTHER INFORMATION

NYYC Sailing Office, Beth Duggan - 401-845-9633, sailingoffice@nyyc.org
Hinman Masters website: <https://nyyc.org/2026-hinman-masters-team-race>