



**September 7-14, 2019  
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/2019-rolex-nyyc-invitational-cup>.

### **GENERAL FORMAT**

The Rolex New York Yacht Club Invitational Cup is a fleet racing regatta held in IC37 yachts. The regatta is hosted by the New York Yacht Club (NYYC) in Newport, Rhode Island, in alternate years and was first held in 2009. Specific eligibility requirements are described in paragraph 4.

### **1 RULES**

- 1.1** The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) as changed by Addendum Q - Umpired Fleet Racing, as may be modified in agreement with World Sailing (WS), and posted on the NYYC Invitational Cup website as Sailing Instruction Addendum Q.
- 1.2** The prescriptions of US Sailing to *The Racing Rules of Sailing* listed in Notice of Race Addendum A shall apply and will be posted on the regatta website.
- 1.3** The current IC37 Class Rules shall apply except as specifically changed in the Notice of Race or in the Sailing Instructions. The IC37 Class Rules will be posted on the regatta website as Notice of Race Addendum B and will be updated as any new version is published by the Class.
- 1.4** IC 37 Class Rules C.2, H.2, and H3.1 do not apply.
- 1.5** **Minimum Equipment:** The minimum equipment required to be on board shall include:
  - Those items posted as Notice of Race Addendum C, Required Equipment and Modifications, on the NYYC Invitational Cup website;
  - Safety equipment as described in US Nearshore section of the 2019 US Safety Equipment Requirements (USSER) and posted on the regatta website as Notice of Race Addendum D. This changes IC37 Class Rule C5.1;
  - Corrector weights (if any) as listed on the yacht's One Design Certificate;
  - Anchor, chain and rode, all ready for immediate use, with a combined minimum weight of 16 kg;
  - Other specific items that may be designated by the Organizing Authority.
- 1.6** **Permitted Equipment:** Sailing Instruction Addendum C – Handling of Boats will include lists of permitted and prohibited equipment and actions. The use of competitor-provided electronic devices that provide tactical or strategic information, such as phone/tablet applications, Velocitek, or other such device, will be permitted, but may not be connected (wired or wirelessly) to any instrument on the boat while racing.
- 1.7** WS Sailor Classification Code, Regulation 22 will apply. Information on how to apply can be found at [www.sailing.org/classification](http://www.sailing.org/classification). All crew members shall have a valid WS Sailor Classification as a Group 1 competitor except as noted in NOR 4.11.

- 1.8 On the water umpiring will be used as detailed in Sailing Instruction Addendum Q – Umpired Fleet Racing Rules. Event calls may be issued.
- 1.9 In addition to penalties that may be imposed by the Jury or the Umpires, the Sailing Instructions and charter agreement will contain language that permits the OA to revoke the charter of any Team that, in the opinion of the OA, the Race Committee or the Jury, is handling their yacht in an unsafe or dangerous manner.
- 1.10 New York Yacht Club, NYYC, the New York Yacht Club Regatta Association, Inc., the Club Burgee and other logos and marks are trademarks and Registered Trademarks in the United States and other countries. All Rights Reserved. All trademarks of the New York Yacht Club including the Burgee, Name, the New York Yacht Club Invitational Cup logos and marks, and event images may not be used by any club or individual without the permission of the New York Yacht Club.
- 1.11 Banding of the spinnakers may only be done using the bands that are part of the provided spinnaker. No other banding is permitted. See RRS 55. Competitors are also reminded that the dumping of rubbish is prohibited by law. Attention is also drawn to the WS Code of Environmentally Friendly Behavior. ([www.sailing.org/about/environment/index.php](http://www.sailing.org/about/environment/index.php)).
- 1.12 RRS 41 is changed by adding:  
(e) help to return a crewmember who was overboard to her boat. The boat shall then return to the location where the crewmember originally went overboard to resume racing.
- 1.13 RRS 62.1 is changed by adding new section (e) that applies to yachts and equipment assigned as well as all provided sails:  
(e) catastrophic physical damage not falling within RRS 62.1 (b) which was due to defective supplied equipment and which a reasonably competent crew would not have been able to avoid or promptly repair.

## 2 INVITATIONS, YACHTS, SAILS AND WIND RESTRICTIONS

- 2.1 Teams (Yacht Clubs or other Sailing Organizations) will be invited to sail a IC37 Class yacht that is provided by the Organizing Authority. All boats shall be chartered from the Organizing Authority.
- 2.2 The charter period and all fees are described in NOR 5. The charter fee shall be paid to the Organizing Authority.
- 2.3 Sails for the Rolex New York Yacht Club Invitational Cup to be used during the charter period shall be provided by the Organizing Authority. The sails will include a mainsail, jib and spinnaker. Other sails, including any sails provided by the OA, shall not be used unless advised by the Organizing Authority.
- 2.4 Upper wind limits will apply due to the charter nature of the regatta. The Race Committee will not start a race in sustained wind velocity greater than 22 knots and may abandon a race in sustained wind velocity greater than 22 knots.
- 2.7 All yachts shall be kept in the dockage or mooring assigned by the Organizing Authority beginning no later than 1800 on Saturday, September 7, through Sunday, September 14, unless specific exemption has been granted by the OA.
- 2.8 All yachts shall be standardized by the Organizing Authority 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:
- Rigs will be tuned equally and preset by the OA before the regatta to match the provided sails. Rig tension shall not be adjusted by the competitors.
  - Mast jack tension shall be determined and preset by the OA and shall not be adjusted by the competitors.
  - Forestay length shall be preset by the OA and shall not be adjusted by the competitors.
  - The OA may adjust the rig tune, mast jack tension and/or forestay length of the entire fleet to match anticipated conditions.
  - Competitors wishing to change any rig tuning adjustments shall request to the OA in writing that the change be made by the OA. Requests on the water may be made by VHF, but a written report of the request shall be submitted immediately after coming ashore. The OA has final authority in deciding whether an adjustment will be made.
  - The OA will provide bottom cleaning for all yachts. Competitors shall not clean, sand or fair the bottom or foils of their yacht, or so cause or arrange.
  - Yachts shall not be hauled from September 6-15 without specific permission from the OA and/or the Jury.

- h) Minimum fuel tank levels will be promulgated by the OA. The OA will equalize the fuel tanks on all yachts prior to racing and may inspect the levels during the event.

### **3 ADVERTISING**

- 3.1 WS Advertising Code, Regulation 20, will apply. Advertising on the supplied equipment is available to the OA in accordance with WS Regulation 20.4.2.
- 3.2 Competitors are permitted to place advertising of their own choice on each side of the hull, so as not to interfere with any event advertising, from amidships (50% LOA) aft with the total area of the graphics on each side to be contained within a contiguous area no larger than one square metre. Competitors shall provide their own graphics and shall remove them at the completion of the event. Competitors are requested to respect the brand exclusivity of the Official Sponsors of this event.
- 3.3 While racing, yachts shall display flags as described in the Sailing Instructions for each day of racing as provided by the OA. Other flags may be provided by the OA and shall be displayed as described in the Sailing Instructions. The OA may display graphics on the hull, spars and sails at its discretion.
- 3.4 While on the moorings and transiting to and from the race course, competitors are shall to display the event "battle flags" provided at registration whenever a headsail is not set. Competitors may also display flags bearing private marks signifying their team or their Club by flying them below the event "battle flag"; however, except as permitted in NOR 3.2, competitors shall not display flags or other signage bearing commercial branding.

### **4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 4.1 Entry to the regatta is by invitation only.
- 4.2 **Acceptance and Entry Deposit:** Acceptance of the invitation and entry into the regatta shall be made by submitting the Acceptance and Entry Form found on the NYYC Invitational Cup website no later than August 1, 2018 (unless extended by the OA), together with the non-refundable entry deposit of \$5,000.
- 4.3 **Resolute Cup Qualifiers:** Teams qualifying in September through the 2018 Resolute Cup, which serves as a qualifying series for U.S. teams, shall submit the Acceptance and Entry Form no later than November 1, 2018 (unless extended by the OA), together with the non-refundable entry deposit of \$5,000.
- 4.4 **Entry Fee Balance:** The \$20,000 non-refundable balance of the entry fee must be submitted to the New York Yacht Club no later than December 1, 2018.
- 4.5 **Crew List:** Not later than the Crew Deadline of July 22, 2019, the Crew List shall be submitted to the New York Yacht Club and shall include information for each competitor regarding Club membership, nationality and sailor classification. Registration for the event will not be complete until all information has been received, checked and verified.
  - a) Crew lists will be posted on the event website and on the official notice board at the NYYC Sailing Center as soon as practicable after receipt.
  - b) A comprehensive sailing resume for the Helmsman and Tactician shall be submitted either before or with the Crew List. The OA reserves the right to approve the Helmsman and Tactician or declare either ineligible. The OA will endeavor to give its approval/denial within one week of submission. Early submission is encouraged.
  - c) A Team may designate a co-helmsman who will serve in that capacity approximately 50% of the time while racing. A schedule of when each helmsman will steer must be submitted to the OA no later than the Captains' Meeting. Only one helmsman may use the allocated weight described in NOR 4.10(a).
- 4.6 **Team Composition:** Teams shall consist of eligible crew members, including the Boat Captain as described in NOR 4.11 below, as follows:
  - a) The total number of crew permitted shall comply with the following:
    - i) Eight (8) or more total crew, two (2) of which shall be adult women competitors.
    - ii) Seven (7) total crew, of which one (1) shall be an adult woman.
  - b) The crew sailing on the yacht shall comply with the requirements of NOR 4.7, 4.8, 4.9, and 4.10 at all times except as noted in NOR 4.11 or unless specifically waived by the Jury.
  - c) Each Team shall sail with the same number of crew members each day except with the permission of the Jury.
  - d) Crew may not be changed between races on a given day except with the permission of the Jury.

- 4.7 Yacht Club Membership:** The helmsperson and tactician, and all but one member of the remaining crew, shall have been year-round full members of the Invited Yacht Club, Sailing Organization or Team as of March 14, 2018. Up to two spouses of members and/or member's children under the age of 25 on the first day of racing are also eligible to count as members. Exceptions may be granted upon written application to the OA.
- 4.8 Nationality:** All but two of the crew shall hold a passport for the country of the Invited Team's primary location. In special circumstances, an exception may be granted upon application to the Organizing Authority. Passports (or photocopies of the data page) for all crew shall be available at registration.
- 4.9 WS Classification:** WS Sailor Classification Code, Regulation 22, will apply. A World Sailing representative may be present during the event and may carry out spot checks regarding sailor classification. Attention is drawn to WS Regulations 22.5.1 to 22.5.6.
- a) All crew members shall have a valid WS Sailor Classification as a Group 1 competitor. No member of the crew may be classified Group 3 except as permitted under NOR 4.11. All unclassified sailors shall be deemed to be Group 3 and ineligible to sail.
  - b) The Classification Protest time limit is 1800 Sunday, September 8, 2019. At their discretion, this time limit may be extended by the Jury if the Crew List has been changed after the Crew Deadline on July 22, 2019.
- 4.10 Weight limit:** Crew weigh-ins will be conducted at registration and calculated in kilograms. The total crew weight shall be in accordance with IC37 42 Class Rule C2.2 (660 kg). There will not be random weigh-ins made during the regatta. IC37 Class Rules C2.3(e) and C2.3(f) shall not apply.
- a) In accordance with IC37 Class Rule C2.2(b), the owner or charterer may elect to weigh-in or shall be allocated a weight of 85 kg. For the Invitational Cup, only the helmsperson may elect to take this allocated weight allowance.
- 4.11 Boat Captain:**
- a) All yachts shall have a boat captain who will serve as the yacht's liaison to the OA Technical Committee. The boat captain may serve as a contributing member of the crew, but shall not serve as helmsman or tactician under any circumstance other than in an emergency. Further, if the boat captain has a Group 3 sailor classification, they shall also not serve as a primary trimmer (mainsail, jib or spinnaker).
  - b) The boat captain is exempt from the requirements in NOR 4.7, 4.8 and 4.9 and may have a Group 3 WS Sailor Classification as refined in NOR 4.11(c) below.
  - c) All boat captains shall be nominated by the owner no later than July 22, 2019, and approved by the Organizing Authority no later than August 8, 2019, unless extended by the OA. The OA retains the right to reject a nominated boat captain.
    - i) The boat captain shall:
      - be the chartered yacht's designated boat captain and fit the following parameters:
        - Hired for regular maintenance, care, and delivery of the boat as the designated yacht captain.
        - The individual must have as his/her primary (greater than 50%) livelihood the maintenance and care of boats with specific duties assigned as part of this activity.
      - OR
      - be of similar experience and approved by the OA.
- 4.12 Crew substitution:** Prior to 1800 on September 8, 2019, a substitution to the submitted Crew List may only be made with the permission of the Organizing Authority. After that time, a substitution may only be made with permission of the Jury.
- 4.13 Check-in:** All Teams shall register during the registration times on Saturday, September 7, 2019. Registration will take place in the NYYC Sailing Center at Harbour Court in Newport, RI. All teams shall be registered and have taken possession of their yacht no later than 1800 on Saturday, September 7, 2019, unless specifically excused by the OA.
- 5 FEES**
- 5.1 Entry Fee:** The entry fee is \$25,000 and shall be paid in accordance with NOR 4.2, 4.3 and 4.4. The entry fee will include the yacht charter, use of sails, and social tickets as described in NOR 5.3.

- 5.2 Charter Period:** The charter period is defined as Saturday, September 7, through Saturday, September 14, inclusive.
- 5.3 Social Tickets:** The entry fee includes eight tickets to the Opening Reception and the Final Awards Banquet. A team with more than eight crew members sailing at the same time will be allotted extra tickets. Additional tickets will be available for purchase.
- 5.4 Insurance Fee:** There is a mandatory insurance fee for all yachts to cover hull and rig damage and liability against third party claims. In 2017, the insurance fee was US\$1,000. The amount for 2019 will be confirmed by December 1, 2018 and shall be paid in full no later than August 1, 2019 (unless extended by the OA).
- 5.5 Damage Deposit:** All Teams shall provide a damage deposit no later than August 1, 2019, via a check payable to “New York Yacht Club Regatta Association, Inc.” or cash or a wire transfer. In 2017, the damage deposit was \$18,000. The amount for 2019 will be confirmed by December 1 2018. The deposit is a per-incident maximum and will have to be replenished after each incident. Any portion of the damage deposit that is not used shall be returned via check or wire transfer when all damage claims are settled.
- 5.6 Wiring Fees:** Any wiring costs are the responsibility of the Team. Wiring information will be provided upon request.

## 6 PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Saturday, September 7	0900-1100	Registration – Sailing Center
	1000-1030	Safety Briefing - Arcadia Room (mandatory for helmsmen, tacticians and mainsail trimmers)
	1030-1130	<b>IC37 Performance Symposium</b> ( <u>mandatory</u> for helmsmen, tacticians and mainsail trimmers) Arcadia Room Yachts available after Safety Briefing
	1600-1800	Registration – Sailing Center
	1800	<b>Boat Captains and Technical Committee Meeting</b> ( <u>mandatory</u> for the Boat Captain and a minimum of one additional representative per boat) – Arcadia Room
Sunday, September 8	0900-1100	Late Registration (as needed) - Sailing Center
	1300-1500	<b>Mandatory Practice Starts and Racing</b>
	1600-2000	Hospitality Center - Lower Lawn
	1700-1800	<b>Racing and Local Knowledge Seminar – Arcadia Room</b>
Monday, September 9	1800	Classification Protest Time limit
	1300-1500	<b>Mandatory Practice Starts and Racing</b>
	1600-1800	Hospitality Center – Lower Lawn
	1730-1800	<b>Meeting with Umpires</b> ( <u>mandatory</u> for helmsmen and tacticians) – Arcadia Room
	1800-1830	<b>Captains’ Meeting</b> ( <u>mandatory</u> for helmsmen and tacticians) – Arcadia Room
Tuesday, September 10	1830-2000	Opening Ceremony & Reception Marquee (Jacket & Tie)
	1100	Race Day 1 - First Warning Signal
	1600-2000	Hospitality Center – Lower Lawn
Wednesday, September 11	1800	Daily Awards at the Hospitality Center
	1100	Race Day 2 - First Warning Signal
	1600-2000	Hospitality Center – Lower Lawn
Thursday, September 12	1800	Daily Awards at the Hospitality Center
	1100	Race Day 3 - First Warning Signal
	1600-2000	Hospitality Center – Lower Lawn
Friday, September 13	1800	Daily Awards at the Hospitality Center
	1100	Race Day 4 - First Warning Signal
	1600-2000	Hospitality Center – Lower Lawn
	1800	Daily Awards at the Hospitality Center

Saturday, September 14	0900	Parade of Nations – Newport Harbor
	1100	Race Day 5 - First Warning Signal
	1600-1800	Hospitality Center – Lower Lawn
	1800	Awards Banquet - Cocktails
	1900-2300	Awards Banquet - Dinner
		Marquee (Jacket & Tie)

**7 MEASUREMENT**

Yachts may be inspected at random during the regatta beginning September 7, 2019.

**8 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

The Sailing Instructions will be available no later than August 23, 2019 on the NYYC Invitational Cup website.

**9 VENUE**

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

**10 COURSES**

Drop mark courses will be used and defined in the Sailing Instructions.

**11 PENALTY SYSTEM**

**11.1** In addition to the penalties described in SI Addendum Q – Umpired Fleet Racing, the Jury may impose suitable penalties, other than disqualification, for violations of the Class Rules, the USSER or other non-Part 2 rules. This changes RRS 64.1. Additional details will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

**11.2** Decisions of the Jury will be final as provided in rule 70.5.

**12 SCORING**

**12.1** Twelve races are scheduled. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

**12.2** A yacht’s series score shall be the total of all of her race scores. No score will be excluded. This changes rule A2.

**13 SUPPORT BOATS**

Support boats, including coach and spectator boats associated with a Team, shall not have contact with a racing yacht from the time the yacht first leaves her mooring until after the last yacht has finished the final race of the day. Coach boats shall register with the OA.

**14 BERTHING**

Moorings will be arranged for the fleet by the Organizing Authority.

**15 PRIZES**

**15.1** Prizes will be awarded to the top three teams. The winning Yacht Club’s or Sailing Organization’s name will be engraved on the NYYC Invitational Cup, which shall remain in the custody of New York Yacht Club. A replica traveling trophy will be awarded to the winning team and shall be returned to New York Yacht Club no later than one month prior to the subsequent Invitational Cup, or as agreed with the OA. The cost involved in the round-trip shipment of the traveling trophy shall be the sole responsibility of the winning club, but the OA will work with said club to ensure appropriate transport. The OA will have final approval of the shipping method to be used. NYYC will insure the trophy during transport. The winning club will insure the trophy while it is in their possession, and shall supply the OA with a certificate of insurance.

**15.2** The Resolute Trophy will be awarded to the top non-North American team.

- 15.3** The Corinthian Spirit Award will be awarded to the Yacht Club or Sailing Organization that has been a gracious competitor and exhibits a spirit of camaraderie, is seen as helpful to both competitors and race officials, and generally contributes positively to the atmosphere of the event. Each team may cast one vote (and may not vote for itself). Additionally, the OA may also cast a vote. Votes will be delivered to the OA Saturday morning before the winner of the Invitational is officially determined.
- 15.4** Prizes will be awarded daily to the top three teams in each race.
- 15.5** Participation awards will be presented to each team.

## **16 CAMERAS ONBOARD**

- 16.1** The Organizing Authority may place a TV camera person onboard one or more yachts during racing without limitation and may switch them between races or days. Teams may have a camera person onboard on multiple days and shall follow the direction of the OA with regards to the assignments of a camera person.
- a) It is the intention that the camera person remains in a neutral position and does not interfere with the activities of the crew.
- b) The camera person shall not count in any of the limitations or requirements described in NOR 4.
- 16.2** The Organizing Authority may place static cameras onboard one or more yachts during racing and may switch them between races or days.

## **17 MEDIA WAIVER AND DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

- 17.1** **Liability & Media Waivers:** All competitors shall sign the online Liability & Media Waiver available on the NYYC Invitational Cup website and submit it no later than registration.
- 17.2** Competitors participate in this regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority, Presenting Sponsor and affiliated companies, and other 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 USSER 1.02, Overall: Responsibility, as well as the "Waiver and Release of Liability" as stated on the entry form.

## **18 INSURANCE**

All Teams shall meet the insurance requirements in NOR 5.4 and 5.5.

## **19 FURTHER INFORMATION**

For further information, please visit the regatta website or contact the Event Chairman or the New York Yacht Club Sailing Office.

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