



Format Guidelines for NYYC Invitational Team Race Events

The following are guiding principles and will not be published or included as rules or conditions for any specific event.

The primary goal for the format of all three invitational regattas (Morgan Cup, Hinman Masters, Grandmasters) is to determine a champion. The secondary goal is to maximize sailing for all teams. Spectator needs, social schedule, and other factors are tertiary and should have minimal effect on format.

Round Robin Stage:

The goal is for all teams to sail against one another once and, if possible, twice.

After the Round Robin Stage:

It is the Event Chair's responsibility to determine the format for the final rounds in consultation with the Principal Race Officer and Chief Umpire. Options include additional round robins with the fleet split into Gold and Silver (with four or six teams in either fleet), or a seeded knock-out stage, or a combination of both. Consideration should be given to:

- time required to complete a flight,
- weather and forecast,
- amount of sailing already completed,
- natural breaks in the results at the end of the Round Robin stage,
- the opportunity for multiple teams to win after the Round Robin stage,

all with respect to determining a champion and maximizing sailing.

Conditions permitting, we will strive to provide some sailing competition for all teams on the final day of racing to determine the overall standings. This may include knock-out matches for teams at the bottom of the standings.

