



NEW YORK YACHT CLUB RACE WEEK AT NEWPORT



Presented by Rolex

**S&S yachts, 12 Metres, Shields, Herreshoff “S” Class and Classic yachts;
IRC, PHRF, Swan 42, J/109, Melges 32, Beneteau First 36.7, J/105 and other eligible one design classes**

**New York Yacht Club, Harbour Court, Newport, Rhode Island
July 19-27, 2008**

NOTICE OF RACE

GENERAL

New York Yacht Club Race Week at Newport will be divided into two segments: the Classics Regatta and Olin J. Stephens 100th birthday celebration from July 19-20 (12 Metres will race July 18-20; Shields will race July 19) open to yachts in Classic (CRF), S&S (PHRF), Shields, Herreshoff “S” Class and 12 Metre classes; and the Handicap and One-Design Series from July 24-27 open to IRC, PHRF and one-design classes with a minimum of eight entries including Swan 42, J/109, Melges 32, Beneteau First 36.7, J/105 and other eligible classes that qualify.

1 ORGANIZING AUTHORITY AND VENUE

- 1.1 The Organizing Authority (OA) is the New York Yacht Club (NYYC).
- 1.2 Racing will take place on Rhode Island Sound and/or on Narragansett Bay.
- 1.3 All yachts must enter online at www.nyyc.org and shall pick up their boat packets at check-in.
- 1.4 Check-in and the social activities/daily awards following racing each day will take place at NYYC, Harbour Court, 5 Halidon Avenue, Newport, RI 02840 unless otherwise noted.

2 RULES

- 2.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 2.2 The sailing instructions may describe rule changes or changes to specific class rules.
- 2.3 All yachts shall minimally comply with the 2008-2009 ISAF Offshore Special Regulations, Category 5 (posted at www.nyyc.org) and shall comply with their class rules, where applicable. Yachts that are not normally rigged with lifelines are exempt from Regulation 3.14. In the event of a conflict between these regulations and applicable class rules, the class rules shall apply. The US SAILING prescriptions to the Offshore Special Regulations shall apply except the requirement to wear personal flotation while starting and finishing.
- 2.4 Regatta Regulations shall apply and will be posted on the official notice board and the Race Week website at www.nyyc.org.
- 2.5 The protest committee may impose suitable penalties, other than disqualification, for violations of the ISAF Offshore Special Regulations or other non-Part 2 rules. This changes RRS 64.1.

3 ADVERTISING

- 3.1 For the purposes of RRS 79 and ISAF Regulation 20, Advertising Code, advertising will be restricted to Category A except for yachts designated Category C by their class, national or international authority.
- 3.2 All yachts shall display the Rolex bow stickers and backstay flag (provided at check-in) while racing. Classic yachts are not required to display the bow stickers.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 Entry forms will be available on the NYYC website (www.nyyc.org). An official entry form including an executed liability waiver and entry fee must be submitted online before Friday, July 11, 2008 at 1700.
- 4.2 Entry is open to yachts with a minimum LOA of 25 feet (24 feet for one-designs) who satisfy one or more of the following entry requirements (see NOR 4.3 - 4.9). The OA reserves the right to limit the number of entries in any class. In addition, the OA may reject the entry of any yacht that may not fit the general parameters of the other yachts entered.
- 4.3 **IRC Yachts (Spinnaker):** Entry is open to all yachts with a valid 2008 IRC certificate. The maximum total number of crew shall not exceed the Crew Number printed on the boat's IRC certificate.
- 4.4 **PHRF Yachts:** Entry is open to all yachts with a valid 2008 PHRF of Narragansett Bay certificate rating up to 135. Weight limits based on the PHRF-NB crew weight suggestions will apply and are listed in the Regatta Regulations. Yachts from other PHRF areas must obtain a PHRF certificate from PHRF-NB at <http://www.phrf-nb.org/>
- 4.5 **Classic Yachts (non-spinnaker):** Entry is open to all Vintage and Classic yachts built or designed prior to 1965 made of wood or steel, and using traditional building methods and rigged with only aluminum or wooden spars. Only traditionally constructed sails are permitted; they shall be of woven canvas, nylon, or polyester (Dacron) only. Sails made using laminate or composite construction or materials (such as, but not limited to, Mylar, Kevlar, Spectra, Carbon Fiber, etc.), including those sails utilizing advanced shaping technologies (3DL or similar) are not permitted. All yachts must hold a valid 2008 CRF rating. Applications for a 2008 CRF rating can be found at www.nyyc.org.
- Note:** Classic Yachts will race July 19 and July 20. This regatta is part of the NYYC Classic Series.
- 4.6 **12 Metre Yachts:** Entry is open to all 12 Metre yachts holding a valid 2008 class certificate. The 12 Metre class will race on July 18-20 and will be competing for the Newport Trophy.
- 4.7 **Shields:** Entry is open to all qualified Shields class yachts. Racing will be held on July 19 only.
- 4.8 **Herreshoff "S" Class:** Entry is open to all Herreshoff "S" Class yachts.
- 4.9 **One-Design Yachts:** Entry is open to all classes with a minimum of eight entries which meet the LOA minimum of 24 feet including: Swan 42, J/109, Melges 32, Beneteau First 36.7, J/105 and other eligible one-design classes that qualify. Entrants must meet all ownership, class membership (including crew eligibility requirements), sail measurement and crew weigh-in requirements as may be required by their class.
- 4.10 Any supplemental entry forms, including crew liability waivers and crew lists, will be available on the NYYC website (www.nyyc.org) and shall be submitted, where required, at check-in.

5 FEES

- 5.1 **Late entry** – Entries are due by Friday, July 11, 2008 at 1700. An additional charge of \$250 may be charged at the discretion of the Organizing Authority for entries received after the deadline.
- 5.2 **Adjustments to entry fees - Non-US SAILING (or NGB) member add \$25**
- 5.3 **Classics Regatta Entry Fee - July 19-20 (includes dinner tickets as noted)**
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| Shields (July 19 only) | \$75 |
| Herreshoff "S" Class | \$150 |
| LOA 39' or less | \$350 (includes two dinner tickets) |
| LOA 40' to 59' | \$425 (includes two dinner tickets) |
| LOA 60' or more | \$500 (includes two dinner tickets) |
| 12 Metres (July 18-20) | \$600 (includes two dinner tickets) |
- 5.4 **Classics Regatta Dinner Tickets** - Additional dinner tickets for the Olin J. Stephens 100th Birthday Celebration Dinner on Saturday, July 19, will be available at \$75 each on a limited basis.

5.5 **Handicap and One-Design Series Entry Fee - July 24-27 (includes ID bracelets as indicated)**

LOA 29' or less	\$600 (includes ID bracelets for up to 6 crew)
LOA 30' to 39'	\$700 (includes ID bracelets for up to 8 crew)
LOA 40' to 49'	\$825 (includes ID bracelets for up to 10 crew)
LOA 50' or more	\$975 (includes ID bracelets for up to 12 crew)

Note: To determine the applicable Entry Fee, a yacht's LOA is to be rounded downward to nearest lower whole number. (e.g. 49.65' = 49')

J/105 (July 25-27)	\$540 (includes ID bracelets for up to 6 crew)
Melges 32 (July 25-27)	\$600 (includes ID bracelets for up to 8 crew)

5.6 **ID Bracelet** - Each skipper and crew member in the Handicap and One-Design Series of Race Week will receive a Race Week ID bracelet that will be issued at regatta check-in up to the number per boat as stated above. The ID bracelet provides access to the Race Week daily parties and trophy presentations from July 23-27, as well as a \$30 reduction in the cost of the Regatta Dinner. Additional ID bracelets can be purchased with a yacht's entry for \$40 (21 or over) or \$25 (under 21). A limited supply of ID bracelets may be available for purchase at the regatta desk for \$50 (21 or over) or \$35 (under 21).

5.7 **Race Week Regatta Dinner and Dance** - ID bracelet holders can purchase tickets to the dinner party on Saturday, July 26 at a reduced price of \$35. Guest tickets for those without an ID Bracelet will be available for \$65 on a limited basis.

6 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

6.1 The Crew Waiver Form shall be turned in at check-in. Class assignments, scratch sheets, ID Bracelets, bow stickers and backstay flags may be picked up at check-in.

6.2	Thursday, July 17	1500-1800	12 Metre check-in
	Friday, July 18	1100 1400-1800 1800-2000	12 Metre racing Classic, S&S designs, Shields and "S" Class check-in Classic Regatta Captains' Meeting and Reception at MoY
	Saturday, July 19	1100 1800-2200	Classics Regatta racing Daily awards and Olin Stephens 100 th Birthday Dinner Party
	Sunday, July 20	1100 1600-1800	Classics Regatta racing Final awards and reception
	Wednesday, July 23	1400-1800 1800-2000	Handicap and One-Design check-in (Crew weigh-in as required by class) Captains' Meeting and Opening Reception
	Thursday, July 24	1100 1400-1800 1800-2000	Handicap and One-Design Series racing Melges 32 and J/105 check-in (Crew weigh-in as required by class) Daily awards and evening party
	Friday, July 25	1100 1800-2000	Handicap and One-Design Series racing Daily awards and evening party
	Saturday, July 26	1100 1800-2200	Handicap and One-Design Series racing Daily awards and Regatta Dinner Party
	Sunday, July 27	1100 1700-1900	Handicap and One-Design Series racing Final awards and reception

7 MEASUREMENT

- 7.1 Each yacht shall submit a valid certificate to the NYYC Sailing Office on or before Wednesday, July 16, at 1700.
- 7.1.1 12 Metres shall submit a copy of their valid 2008 class certificate.
- 7.1.2 One-design yachts shall submit a copy of their valid class measurement certificate when one is required by their class rules.
- 7.1.3 PHRF yachts shall submit a copy of their valid 2008 PHRF-NB certificate.
- 7.1.4 IRC yachts shall submit a copy of their valid 2008 IRC certificate.
- 7.1.5 Classic Yachts shall submit a copy of their valid 2008 CRF certificate.
- 7.2 Yachts, including all qualifying equipment and sails, may be subject to random inspection at any time during this event.

8 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS AND CLASS ASSIGNMENTS

Sailing instructions will be available on the NYYC website no later than July 17, 2008. Class assignments and scratch sheets will be available at check-in and on the NYYC website (www.nyyc.org).

9 COURSES AND RACE AREA

Courses for all classes will be defined in the sailing instructions. Races will be held on Rhode Island Sound or on Narragansett Bay.

10 PENALTY SYSTEM

The Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3, will apply; however, class rules or the sailing instructions may change this for specific one-design classes.

11 SCORING

- 11.1 Each of the two segments, the Classics Regatta and the Handicap and One-Design Series, will be scored as separate regattas.
- 11.2 Multiple races are scheduled for each series. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 11.3 A yacht's series score will be the total of all of her race scores, without discard, unless changed in the sailing instructions for a specific one-design class.

12 PRIZES

- 12.1 Class prizes for each day's racing will be awarded at Harbour Court each evening after racing.
- 12.2 Overall prizes will be awarded for the Classics Regatta, Handicap Series and One-Design Series in each class as follows: first place if two yachts start in a class, second place if five or more, third if eight or more, fourth if fourteen or more, and fifth if twenty or more.
- 12.3 In addition, the New York Yacht Club will award the following prizes:
- 12.3.1 IRC: The yacht with the best performance, in the opinion of the OA, during the Handicap Series may be awarded a Rolex timepiece provided that there is a minimum of forty starters or at the discretion of the OA.
- 12.3.2 PHRF: The yacht with the best performance, in the opinion of the OA, during the Handicap Series may be awarded a Rolex timepiece provided that there is a minimum of forty starters or at the discretion of the OA.
- 12.3.3 One-Design: The yacht with the best overall performance, in the opinion of the OA, in the One-Design Series will be awarded a Rolex timepiece.

12.3.4 One-Design: The overall winner of each one-design class holding their National or North American championship may be awarded a Rolex timepiece at the discretion of the OA and depending on the number of yachts participating in each class. The classes qualifying for these timepieces will be designated at check-in.

12.3.5 No yacht shall be awarded more than one Rolex timepiece.

13 LIABILITY

13.1 Crew Waiver Form - As a condition of entry, each owner, skipper and individual participating crew member shall sign a liability waiver/media release and the fully executed Crew Waiver Form shall be submitted by fax or at check-in prior to racing. The Crew Waiver Form can be found at www.nyyc.org.

13.2 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority, Rolex Watch U.S.A. 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 ISAF Offshore Special Regulation 1.02, Responsibility of the Person in Charge, as well as the "Waiver and Release of Liability" as stated on the entry form.

14 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please visit our website at www.nyyc.org or contact the Sailing Office.
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