



2026 American Yacht Club

Halloween Howl

Sunday October 25, 2026

Organizing Authority (OA): American Yacht Club (AYC), Rye, NY

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. US Sailing Prescription Appendix U “AUDIBLE-SIGNAL RACING SYSTEM” shall apply.
- 1.3. RRS 40.1 will apply.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available no later than 1200 on Oct 24, 2026 on the Clubspot [regatta website](https://sailing.americanyc.org/regatta/aSKC3hyGy6) (<https://sailing.americanyc.org/regatta/aSKC3hyGy6>).

3. COMMUNICATION

The official notice board is located at the Clubspot [regatta website](https://sailing.americanyc.org/regatta/aSKC3hyGy6).

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. The event is open to boats of the following classes:
 - i. ILCA-style boats with Radial (“ILCA 6”) rig or 4.7 (“ILCA 4”) rig in “primary” and “orange fleet” divisions.
 - ii. Cook 11s.
 - iii. C420s sailing without spinnaker and trapeze.
- 4.2. Competitors may enter by completing the online registration on the [regatta website](https://sailing.americanyc.org/regatta/aSKC3hyGy6) and paying the required fees.

5. FEES

The following fees apply (covers race committee, prizes, post-racing food & drink):

- i. ILCAs/Lasers: \$40
- ii. Cook 11s: \$40
- iii. C420s: \$75

6. SCHEDULE

6.1.

Event	Time	Location
Competitors Meeting	1220	Drysail area by JAYC House
First Warning	1330	
Awards & Food	After racing	Drysail area by JAYC House

6.2. No warning signal will be made after 1630.

6.3. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

7. VENUE

The racing area will be located just outside of the American Yacht Club harbor.

8. COURSES

The courses, marks, and start/finish lines will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

9. PENALTY SYSTEM

9.1. RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

10. SCORING

10.1. When fewer than six (6) races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When six (6) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worse score.

11. PRIZES

11.1. Prizes will be given as follows:

- i. To the top 3 finishers in: ILCA Primary, ILCA Orange, Cook 11, and C420 fleets.
- ii. To the best costume among competitors, as judged by the race committee in their sole discretion.

12. RESPONSIBILITY FOR SAFETY, WAIVER & RELEASE

RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event and any related activity sponsored, undertaken, administered, managed, or allowed to be conducted by American Yacht Club, the owner, helmsman and each crew member agree, understand and accept, for themselves and their respective successors,

assigns, representatives, administrators, executors, agents, heirs or any person acting or purporting to act on their behalf ("Releasors") that sailing is an inherently dangerous and unpredictable activity due to multiple factors that cannot be anticipated or predicted with certainty, including but not limited to weather, equipment failure or malfunction, and the actions of others on or off the water, injury, sickness and disease (including communicable diseases). Releasors also agree, understand and accept that sailing presents inherent risks of serious bodily injury (including permanent disability, paralysis, and death, whether by drowning or otherwise, sickness and disease (including communicable diseases), property damage and other economic loss. Accordingly, and in consideration for being permitted to enter into and participate in this or any other sailing event sponsored, undertaken, administered, managed or allowed to be conducted by American Yacht Club, Releasors forever release and waive, to the fullest extent allowed by law, any and all claims, actions, accounts, causes of action and choses in action, whether in law, equity or admiralty, that Releasors now have, may have had or may come to have, against American Yacht Club, including its officers, directors, trustees, members, employees, agents, volunteers, staff, committees, and anyone acting on its behalf ("Releasees"), for anything arising out of or relating to Releasors' participation in such sailing events (including contracting communicable diseases). Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, and without in any way limiting or lessening the effect or breadth of the foregoing release and waiver, and solely for the avoidance of doubt and clarification, Releasors agree, acknowledge and understand that this release and waiver applies to any and all claims of any kind at all against Releasees arising out of or relating to injuries, deaths, sickness and disease (including communicable diseases), damage to vessels or damage to personal property sustained during or as a result of any and all sailing events sponsored, undertaken, administered, managed or allowed to be conducted by American Yacht Club.

13. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 13.1. For further information please contact Event Chair Giff Constable at **giff.constable@gmail.com** or American Yacht Club Sailing Director Kevin Broome at **americanycsailing@gmail.com**.