



2026 American Yacht Club Sunday Coastal Series

Organizing Authority: American Yacht Club
Select Sundays from Aug 9 - Oct 18 , 2026
Rye, NY

Notice of Race (NoR)

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. The US Sailing Special Equipment Requirement (USSER) for Nearshore races ([source](#)) shall apply.
- 1.3. Appendix V ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES will apply.
- 1.4. Vakaros Usage:
 - 1.4.1. The Vakaros RaceSense system will be utilized by the race committee for both starts and finishes. This changes RRS 41(c). Details will be defined in the Sailing Instructions.
 - 1.4.2. Each boat shall have a working Vakaros Atlas 2 configured for RaceSense at check-in, which shall be mounted according to the instructions of the race committee. A limited number of Vakaros Atlas 2 units will be available for rental on a daily fee basis to a boat that does not have one available, on a first-come, first-served basis.
 - 1.4.3. Each boat will need to have her Vakaros Atlas unit scanned into the RaceSense system by the race committee before leaving her mooring each race day.
 - 1.4.4. Failure of an Atlas 2 or the RaceSense system shall not be grounds for a request for redress by a boat. This amends RRS 61.1(a).

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. The sailing instructions will be available no later than 2200 on August 7, 2026 on the [official notice board](#).

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. The official notice board is located on the Clubspot regatta website: <https://sailing.americanyc.org/regatta/qBUyee6huK>



- 3.2. [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on channels 68, 71, and 72.
- 3.3. On the water, the race committee will make broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio to define the course for the day. The channel will be stated in the SIs.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. The Series is open only to keelboats captained by members of American Yacht Club, and there will be no restrictions on crew weight. Additional boats may participate if invited by the Organizing Authority (OA).
- 4.2. Two divisions will be eligible to compete: Class 1 for boats competing with spinnakers and Class 2 for boats competing without spinnakers, both of which will be scored using a PHRF issued by the Yacht Racing Association of Long Island Sound (YRALIS).
- 4.3. All yachts will need a valid rating certificate from the YRALIS, however J/100s who choose to sail with the class-approved, non-bowsprit spinnaker, and who are still awaiting their certificate, may race in Class 1 with a rating identical to a J/100 with a valid certificate.
- 4.4. Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form and submitting it, together with the required fee, on the [regatta website](#) prior to the start of the first race.

5. FEES

- 5.1. The entry fee is \$50 per boat.

6. SCHEDULE

- 6.1. Dates of racing:
 - Sunday Aug 9
 - Sunday Aug 16
 - Sunday Aug 23
 - Sunday Sep 6
 - Sunday Oct 11
 - Sunday Oct 18
- 6.2. One race will be sailed each day, with the first warning at 1330.

7. EQUIPMENT

- 7.1. Boats shall not perform sail changes except in the case of serious damage to the sail.



8. VENUE

- 8.1. The start/finish area will be in the vicinity of Bell 42.

9. COURSES

- 9.1. The course will be around government marks as defined in the Sailing Instructions.

10. SCORING

- 10.1. Race scores will be calculated using PHRF Time on Distance (ToD), the applicable distance rating shown on each boat's YRALIS PHRF certificate, and the course distance.
- 10.2. The overall series scoring for the Fall Coastal Series will be based on the Cox-Sprague Scoring System as published by the YRALIS.
- 10.3. To be eligible for prizes, a boat must start in at least 50% of races in her class in the series where at least two (2) boats sailed the course.
- 10.4. A boat that started but did not sail the course, retired, was disqualified, or was OCS, shall be scored points equal to one more than the number of boats that started that race, without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.2.
- 10.5. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

11. PRIZES

- 11.1. Awards shall be given to the top three (3) boats in each class at the Annual Awards Dinner.

12. RISK STATEMENT

- 12.1. 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 such as Covid-19). 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 such as Covid-19). 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 such as Covid-19), 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. INSURANCE

- 13.1. Each participating boat shall be adequately insured with current, valid third-party liability insurance that is appropriate taking into account the value of the boats racing and the type of racing.

14. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 14.1. For more information, please contact the following:
RC / Event Chair: Giff Constable (giff.constable@gmail.com)
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