



BARRINGTON YACHT CLUB

2026 OLE' LADIES CUP

Monday August 10, 2026

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In support of women's participation in the sport of sailing, the Barrington Yacht Club has sponsored a woman's regatta since 1999. Women from our Club were encouraged to gather an all-women crew and sail in big boats in a non-spinnaker evening race for the Ole Ladies Cup. The event has been expanded to include competitors from local yacht clubs throughout Narragansett Bay to celebrate the competitive spirit of women racers. Participants are required to sail with at least 50% female crew and a woman at the helm for the entire race. The overall winner will have their name added to the Ole Ladies Cup. The First Place all female boat will have their name added to the Jean MacIntyre Trophy, which is dedicated to the memory of BYC member Jean MacIntyre, who was an early supporter of women's sailing and one of the originators of this event.

NOTICE OF RACE

*The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule.
This changes RRS 60.1.*

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing, US Sailing.
- 1.2. [NP] All boats shall minimally comply with the US Nearshore section of the US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements (USSER). Requirements can be downloaded at:

https://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/US_SER_2018.0_Categories.pdf

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. The sailing instructions will be available on the BYC website no less than 48 hours before the race.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. The online official notice board is located at <https://barringtonyc.com/race>
- 3.2. [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on 72 and 16.

- 3.3. On the water, the race committee may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF channel 72.
- 3.4. [DP] From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.
- 3.5. All competitors are expected to maintain an active listening watch on the race channel (VHF 72).

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. At least 50% of crew shall be female throughout the race.
- 4.2. The skipper shall be female and shall remain at the helm throughout the race.
- 4.3. This is a NON-SPINNAKER RACE
- 4.4. Only one headsail attached to the headstay may be used at a time, except while changing headsails.
- 4.5. The event is open to boats with valid 2026 NB PHRF certificates.
- 4.6. Eligible boats may register by completing and submitting the entry form and waiver attached by 1700 hours on August 9, 2026.

5. FEES

- 5.1. The entry fee is \$35.00.

6. SCHEDULE

- 6.1. Warning Signal for all starts will be 1830 on Monday, August 10, 2026.
- 6.2. Rain Date (if needed): Monday, August 17, 2026.
If racing cannot be held on August 10 due to weather or other conditions, the event will be postponed to Monday, August 17, 2026. Competitors will be notified via ClubSpot and email.

7. ADVERTISING

- 7.1. Advertising shall be in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20, World Sailing Advertising Code.
- 7.2. Boats will not be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

8. VENUE

- 8.1. The event venue is the Upper Narragansett Bay.
- 8.2. The start/finish shall be in the vicinity of Barrington Flasher 1.

9. COURSES

- 9.1. Courses will use either drop marks, fixed (government) marks or a combination thereof.
- 9.2. Government marks will be from a list of current navigational aids in the racing area. A detailed location and chart will be available with the SIs.
- 9.3. This is a single race event.

10. PENALTY SYSTEM

10.1. Appendix V, Rules V1 and V2, apply.

11. SCORING

11.1. The Low Point Scoring System described in RRS Appendix A will apply.

12. RISK STATEMENT

- 12.1. RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.
- 12.2. The race area utilizes navigable waters shared by commercial traffic and other stakeholders.
- 12.3. The right of way of commercial traffic and other vessels restricted in their ability to maneuver is absolute.
- 12.4. (NP) Any boat causing a commercial vessel to sound a danger signal may be protested by the Race Committee.

13. PRIZES

- 13.1. Prizes will be awarded for the top two OR three finishers, depending upon fleet size.
- 13.2. The First Place finisher will be awarded the Ole Ladies Cup.
- 13.3. The First Place all-female boat shall be awarded the Jean MacIntyre Trophy.