



2024 Robie Pierce Women's Invitational Regatta
Thursday May 30, 2024
Organizing Authority (OA):
American Yacht Club & Larchmont Yacht Club
Notice of Race

1. RULES

- 1.1. This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) and the Ideal 18 Class Rules, except as they are modified by the sailing instructions.
- 1.2. RRS Appendix T, Arbitration, as modified in the sailing instructions, will apply.
- 1.3. RRS 44.3: Penalties at the Time of an Incident - Scoring Penalty, will apply.
- 1.4. RRS 40.1: Personal Flotation Device, will apply.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing instructions will be provided at registration and available online at www.robiepiercedesignregatta.com and www.americanyc.org by Tuesday, May 21, 2024.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located by the "Regatta Tent".
- 3.2. **[DP] Each team shall provide and carry a radio capable of transmitting and receiving on VHF Channel 69.**
- 3.3. [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, physical need, or to report a protest or withdrawal, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones and data communication.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. All women sailors with a physical disability are eligible to compete.
- 4.2. Eligible skippers, crews and able-bodied members (AB) must enter the event by registering online at www.robiepiercedesignregatta.com. For registration questions, call Siobhan Reilly at 914-329-2761.
- 4.3. Participants are encouraged to provide their own ABs; but for those participants unable to provide an AB, the OA will assign one if requested no later than 1700 on May 21, 2024.
- 4.4. Entry deadline is 1700 May 24, 2024.

5. FEES

- 5.1. There is no entry fee for this regatta.
- 5.2. A \$1,000 refundable damage deposit via credit card will be required for insurance purposes from each skipper.
- 5.3. Registration is limited to 25 boats on a first-come, first-served basis.

6. CREW LIMITATIONS

- 6.1. Each boat shall have a skipper and crew who are disabled, plus one able bodied member (AB) whose sole responsibilities will be for ballast and to perform physical functions the crew cannot. No coaching by ABs will be allowed.
- 6.2. No sailor categorized as Group 3 according to World Sailing Regulation 22 shall be allowed to sail as an AB.

7. ADVERTISING

- 7.1. No competitor advertising will be permitted.
- 7.2. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA.

8. BOATS

- 8.1. Races will be conducted in Ideal 18s provided by the OA.
- 8.2. Boats will be randomly assigned by the OA and sailed by the same team for the entire regatta except with permission of the OA.
- 8.3. All boats are to be sailed as provided by the OA with the exception of personal adaptations pre-approved by the OA that may need to be added by a sailor for his or her safety and comfort while sailing.
- 8.4. In the case of a serious breakdown of equipment, a spare boat may be substituted by the OA for the original boat.

9. SCHEDULE

All regatta scheduled events will be held at the American Yacht Club in Rye, NY.

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0800 – 0900 Registration and Continental Breakfast – Regatta Tent

0915 Competitors' Meeting – Regatta Tent

1000 – 1100 Practice sailing

1100 First Warning

Awards Ceremony following the completion of racing – Regatta Tent

10. VENUE

The racing area will be in the waters off Milton Harbor.

11. COURSES

Courses will be windward-leeward as described in the sailing instructions.

12. SCORING

- 12.1. One completed race constitutes a series.
- 12.2. The race committee intends to run multiple races. When fewer than five races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 12.3. When five or more races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 12.4. Boats sailing any races with only one disabled sailor (and two ABs) will be assessed a 20% scoring penalty for those races.

13. PRIZES

- 13.1. Prizes will be awarded at the conclusion of racing on Friday, May 31st.
- 13.2. Prizes will be awarded for first through third place.
- 13.3. Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the OA.

14. DOCKAGE AND LAUNCHING

Boats will be available at the dock each morning. All boats shall remain in the water for the duration of the regatta unless the OA deems it necessary to haul a boat for repair.

15. HOUSING AND TRANSPORTATION

- 15.1. Competitors are responsible for arranging their own housing and transportation.
- 15.2. Limited housing is available in member homes for those without adaptive needs and will be allocated on a first-come first served basis. Housing Request forms can be found on the website at: www.robiepiercedesignregatta.com. **Deadline for housing requests is 1700, Monday May 6, 2024.**
- 15.3. Area hotel information can be found on the regatta website. It is suggested that room reservations be made early, as this is a busy time of year.

16. RISK STATEMENT, 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 skipper, helmsman and each crew member including AB 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. Further, that the Releasors acknowledge and agree (a) that neither the OA, host club, the race committee, nor their members will be responsible for any damage to their assigned boat(s) or the Releasor’s property and (b) to be bound by all rules that govern this event.

17. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact the American Yacht Club, 499 Stuyvesant Avenue, Rye NY 10580. (914) 967-4800, or the website www.americanyc.org.

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