



# 2024 Robie Pierce Women's Invitational Regatta

Thursday May 30, 2024

Organizing Authority (OA):  
American Yacht Club and Larchmont Yacht Club



## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SIs)

The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the SIs means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

The notation '[DP]' in a rule means that the penalty for a breach of the rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

### 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 altered by the SIs.
- 1.2 RRS 40.1, PERSONAL FLOATATION DEVICE will apply.

### 2 CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted on the regatta website and the "Official Notice Board" no later than 0900, Thursday May 30, 2024, except a change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on Wednesday May 29, 2024. The Official Notice Board will be located under the tent near the docks (Regatta Tent).
- 2.2 Oral changes may be made on the water via VHF radio and acknowledged by each boat.

### 3 COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 3.2 Each boat shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on Channel 05A.
- 3.3 On the water, the race committee may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF Channel 05A.
- 3.4 [DP] While racing, 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.

### 4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole near the Regatta Tent.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 60 minutes" in Race Signal AP.

### 5 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 5.1 All regatta events will take place at the American Yacht Club (AYC) in Rye, NY

#### Thursday, May 30

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

### 6 DIVISIONS AND CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1 There will be one division. Each boat shall have (i) a disabled skipper, a disabled crew and a designated able-bodied sailor as described in SI Appendix B (AB), or (ii) (at the direction of the OA) a disabled skipper, an AB, and an able-bodied crew pursuant to SI 19.2. The class flag for Division 1 will be the numeral 1 flag.

## **7 RACING AREA**

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

## **8 COURSES**

- 8.1 The diagrams in SI Appendix A show the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left. Courses will be windward-leeward with the leeward mark to weather of the starting line.
- 8.2 The leeward mark may be a gate. In the event one of the gate marks is missing the remaining gate mark shall be rounded to port.
- 8.3 The signal vessel will display each Division's course number and approximate bearing and distance to the windward mark, on the course board no later than the warning signal.
- 8.4 Course lengths and headings are at the discretion of the race committee.

## **9 MARKS**

- 9.1 Rounding marks will be orange inflatables. The offset mark will be an orange inflatable or hippity hop.

## **10 THE START**

- 10.1 Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26.
- 10.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel and the course side of a yellow inflatable at the opposite end.
- 10.3 If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to hail her sail number via VHF channel 05A. Failure to hail her number, failure of her to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 10.4 A boat that does not start within 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

## **11 CHANGE THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

- 11.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the mark (or move the finishing line) to a new position.

## **12 THE FINISH**

- 12.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the signal vessel and the course side of a yellow inflatable at the opposite end.

## **13 PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 13.1 RRS Appendix T, ARBITRATION will apply.
- 13.2 RRS 44, PENALTIES AT THE TIME OF AN INCIDENT, is modified to not require the displaying of a yellow flag. All other requirements of RRS 44.3 remain in force.

## **14 TIME LIMITS**

- 14.1 The time limit for the first boat to start, sail the course and finish is 60 minutes.
- 14.2 Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat in that division has started, sailed the course and finished will be scored "TLE" without a hearing. This changes RRS 35 and APPENDIX A.

## **15 HEARING REQUESTS**

- 15.1 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the race committee finish vessel docks. The docking time will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 15.2 RRS 61.1(a) is changed, adding: Immediately after finishing, a protesting boat shall notify the race committee of her intent to lodge a protest and the identity of the boat she intends to protest.
- 15.3 Written hearing requests, such as protests and requests for redress, may be filed in person and delivered to the protest committee desk located in the AYC Main Clubhouse. All such requests shall be delivered within the appropriate time limit. Protest forms are available at the protest committee desk.
- 15.4 Notice of hearings will be posted on the Official Notice Board as soon as possible after the protest time limit has expired.
- 15.5 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted on the Official Notice Board to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

- 15.6 A boat disabled by a breakdown that is no fault of its team may seek redress from the jury. Every effort must be made to finish the race, provided that continuing to race will not cause further damage to the boat or danger to her crew. This changes RRS 62.1.
- 15.7 Redress will not be granted if, in the opinion of the jury, the breakdown resulted from carelessness, poor seamanship or incompetence.
- 15.8 Any team requesting redress because of a breakdown shall notify the signal vessel on VHF Channel 05A at the first reasonable opportunity.

## **16 SCORING**

- 16.1 One completed race will constitute a series.
- 16.2 If fewer than five (5) races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores without exclusion. If five (5) or more races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. This changes RRS A2.
- 16.3 Boats scored "TLE" will receive 1 point more than the number of boats that started in that race. This changes RRS APPENDIX A.
- 16.4 Boats with an abled-bodied crew will receive a 20% scoring penalty as per SI 19.2.

## **17 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 17.1 Prior to the warning signal of her first race each day, a boat shall sail past the stern of the race committee signal vessel, hail her sail number and be acknowledged by the race committee.
- 17.2 [DP] A boat that retires from a race or does not intend to compete in a race after checking in shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- 17.3 [DP] Injuries should be reported to the race committee as soon as possible.
- 17.4 [DP] All boats and support vessels shall comply with RRS 37, SEARCH AND RESCUE INSTRUCTIONS, when flag V (white rectangle with red X) is displayed with 1 sound, and, if possible, monitor VHF Channel 05A for search and rescue instructions.

## **18 SUPPLIED BOATS**

- 18.1 Boats will be provided for all competitors, who shall not modify them in any way except as follows:
- (a) A compass may be tied or taped to the hull or spars.
  - (b) Wind indicators, including yarn or thread, may be tied or taped anywhere on the boat.
  - (c) Adhesive tape may be used anywhere above the water line.
  - (d) The race committee will consider requests to further modify the boats and equipment that are adaptive aids specific to a disabled sailor. Requests are to be submitted in advance and in writing.
  - (e) Jib leads on the clew may be adjusted.
- 18.2 All equipment provided with the boats for sailing purposes shall be carried aboard while afloat including sail covers and dock lines.
- 18.3 All sailors must remain aft of the mast during a race.
- 18.4 All skippers shall report any damage or loss of equipment, however slight, to the race committee immediately after finishing the race. The penalty for a breach of this instruction, unless the jury is satisfied that the competitor made a determined effort to comply, will be disqualification from the race most recently sailed.

## **19 BOATS, CREW AND AB ASSIGNMENTS**

- 19.1 Boat assignments for the regatta will be made by the OA before the Competitors Meeting on Thursday May 30, 2024. Teams will sail the same boat throughout the regatta unless there is a breakdown and approval to substitute another boat is received from the OA.
- 19.2 The OA will endeavour to pair sailors who register without a disabled crewmate for the regatta. If the OA is unable to do so, it may substitute an abled-bodied crew for the second disabled sailor which will result in a 20% scoring penalty. This will not be grounds for redress.
- 19.3 All AB assignments for boats not providing their own AB will be made by the OA.
- 19.4 In the event of an emergency that prevents a skipper or crew member from sailing in a race, an alternate may be approved or provided by the OA.
- 19.5 The penalty for a breach of SI 19.1 will be disqualification from all races sailed in contravention of the instruction.

## **20 SAIL CONFIGURATION**

- 20.1 When signal flag R is displayed from the race committee signal boat prior to the warning signal, each boat shall sail with a reefed mainsail.

## **21 SUPPORT TEAMS**

- 21.1 Instructors, coaches, spectators and other support persons shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the warning signal until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals postponement or abandonment. Coaching is not permitted after a general recall. All support boats shall stay at least 100 yards away from any racing boat and from the starting and finishing area and shall move slowly and with minimal wake.
- 21.2 Coaches and other support personnel are required to monitor VHF channel 05A and follow any instructions issued by the race committee.

## **22 TRASH DISPOSAL**

- 22.1 Trash may be placed aboard official or support person vessels.

## **23 PRIZES**

- 23.1 Prizes will be awarded in the Regatta Tent to first through third places following the completion of racing on Thursday May 30, 2024.
- 23.2 Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the OA.

## **24 RISK STATEMENTS**

- 24.1 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 and/or Larchmont 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 and/or Larchmont 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 and/or Larchmont 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 and/or Larchmont 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.

## **25 CONTACT INFORMATION**

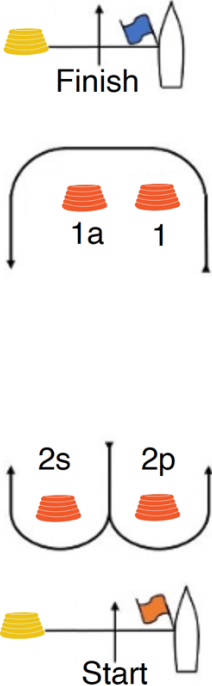
- 25.1 For further information please contact:

American Yacht Club, 499 Stuyvesant Avenue, Rye NY 10580, +1 (914) 967-4800  
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Edward Padin, Siobhan Reilly and William Sandberg – Event Chairs  
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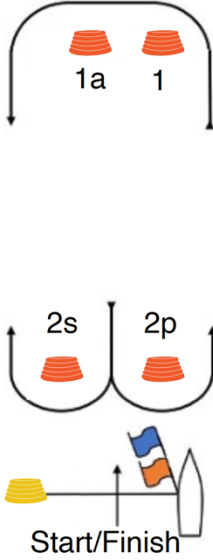
**APPENDIX A**  
**COURSE DIAGRAMS**  
 Schematic – not to scale

**Course 3**



Course 3  
 Start – 1 – 1a – 2p/2s – Finish.

**Course 4**



Course 4  
 Start – 1 – 1a – 2p/2s – 1 – 1a – Finish.

## APPENDIX B

- 1 All disabled sailors must use adaptive seats while racing except for blind skippers.
- 2 All competitors shall wear a personal floatation device (PFD) while on the water, other than for brief periods while adding or removing clothing.
- 3 A designated AB will be on board each boat during all racing.
- 3.1 All ABs will be assigned to boats in accordance with SI 19.
  - (a) The primary duty of the designated AB is the safety of all team members and of the boat. This includes to steer the Ideal 18 for brief periods of time but only to regain control of an out-of-control boat, or to avoid an imminent collision.
  - (b) It is the intent of the regatta that disabled sailors shall perform all possible activities on board the boat. Duties of the designated AB include assisting with activities that the disabled sailors are not able to complete due to their disability but only at the direct request and under the direct supervision of one of the disabled team members.
  - (c) The designated AB may perform the following activities while racing if such activities conform to the spirit and intention of SI Appendix B 3.1(b):
    - i. Cleat or uncleat any Ideal 18 running rigging at any time.
    - ii. Trim either the main sheet or the jib sheet, but not both, as the Ideal 18 rounds the leeward mark, or during the pre-start as a boat assumes her proper course to start.
    - iii. Release the main sheet as the Ideal 18 prepares to round the windward mark.
    - iv. Help the skipper with concentration as it applies to sailing too low or too high.
    - v. Hold out the jib wing-on-wing on downwind legs only on the side opposite from the forward crew unless that person's disability prevents winging the jib on their side.
    - vi. AB for a blind crew will act as "sighted guide" and may call tactics and provide sail trim directions as appropriate.
  - (d) The designated AB may sit on the windward rail of the boat at any time and may hike out. Only two of the three competitors may be on one side of the boat at any time while racing. All sailors shall sit aft of the mast.
  - (e) It is the skipper's responsibility to ensure that the crew and AB are acting in accordance with all provisions of the Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions and any other rules governing the regatta.
- 4 The number of partners in the mainsheet of the Ideal 18s may be reduced from three to two if sailing under full main and jib at the discretion of the competitor.

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