



**September 9-16, 2017
Newport, Rhode Island**

NOTICE OF RACE

The Organizing Authority (OA) is the New York Yacht Club Regatta Association, Inc. (NYYC RA). The regatta website can be found at: <http://nyyc.org/yachting/invitational-cup/2017-invitational-cup>.

GENERAL FORMAT

The Rolex New York Yacht Club Invitational Cup is a fleet racing regatta held in Swan 42 Class yachts. The regatta is hosted by the New York Yacht Club (NYYC) in Newport, Rhode Island, in alternate years and was first held in 2009. Specific eligibility requirements are described in paragraph 4.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) as changed by Addendum Q - Umpired Fleet Racing, as may be modified in agreement with World Sailing (WS), and posted on the NYYC Invitational Cup website as Sailing Instruction Addendum Q.
- 1.2 The prescriptions of US SAILING to *The Racing Rules of Sailing* listed in Notice of Race Addendum A shall apply and will be posted on the regatta website.
- 1.3 The current Swan 42 Class Association Rules shall apply except as specifically changed in the Notice of Race or in the Sailing Instructions. The Swan 42 Class Association Rules will be posted on the regatta website as Notice of Race Addendum B and will be updated as any new version is published by the Class.
- 1.4 Swan 42 Class Association rules 4, 6, 7 and 9.2 do not apply.
- 1.5 **Minimum Equipment:** The minimum equipment required to be on board shall include:
 - Those items posted as Notice of Race Addendum C, Required Equipment and Modifications, on the NYYC Invitational Cup website;
 - Safety equipment as described in US Nearshore section of the 2015 US Safety Equipment Requirements (USSER) and posted on the regatta website as Notice of Race Addendum D. This changes Swan 42 Class Association Rule 21.4;
 - Optional equipment that was in place for the one design measurement of the yacht (Swan 42 Class Rules 21.2 and 21.3);
 - Corrector weights (if any) as listed on the yacht's One Design Certificate;
 - Anchor, chain and rode, all ready for immediate use, with a combined minimum weight of 16 kg;
 - Other specific items that may be designated by the Organizing Authority.
- 1.6 **Permitted Equipment:** Sailing Instruction Appendix 3 – Handling of Yachts will include lists of permitted and prohibited equipment and actions. The use of competitor-provided electronic devices that provide tactical or strategic information, such as phone/tablet applications, Velocitek, or other such device, will be permitted, but may not be connected (wired or wirelessly) to any instrument on the boat while racing.



- 1.7 WS Sailor Classification Code, Regulation 22 will apply. Information on how to apply can be found at www.sailing.org/classification. All crew members shall have a valid ISAF Sailor Classification as a Group 1 competitor except as noted in NOR 4.12.
- 1.8 On the water umpiring will be used as detailed in Sailing Instruction Addendum Q – Umpired Fleet Racing Rules. Event calls may be issued.
- 1.9 In addition to penalties that may be imposed by the Jury or the Umpires, the Sailing Instructions and charter agreement will contain language that permits the OA to revoke the charter of any Team that, in the opinion of the OA, the Race Committee or the Jury, is handling their yacht in an unsafe or dangerous manner.
- 1.10 New York Yacht Club, NYYC, the New York Yacht Club Regatta Association, Inc., the Club Burgee and other logos and marks are trademarks and Registered Trademarks in the United States and other countries. All Rights Reserved. All trademarks of the New York Yacht Club including the Burgee, Name, the New York Yacht Club Invitational Cup logos and marks, and event images may not be used by any club or individual without the permission of the club.
- 1.11 Banding of the spinnakers may only be done using the bands that are part of the provided spinnaker. No other banding is permitted. See RRS 55. Competitors are also reminded that the dumping of rubbish is prohibited by law. Attention is also drawn to the WS Code of Environmentally Friendly Behavior. (www.sailing.org/about/environment/index.php).
- 1.12 RRS 41 is changed by adding:
- (e) help to return a crewmember who was overboard to her boat. The boat shall then return to the location where the crewmember originally went overboard to resume racing.
- 1.13 RRS 62.1 is changed by adding new section (e) that applies to yachts and equipment assigned in accordance with NOR 2.2(c), as well as all provided sails:
- (e) catastrophic physical damage not falling within RRS 62.1 (b) which was due to defective supplied equipment and which a reasonably competent crew would not have been able to avoid or promptly repair.

2 INVITATIONS, YACHTS, SAILS AND WIND RESTRICTIONS

- 2.1 Teams (Yacht Clubs or other Sailing Organizations) will be invited in one of two categories as follows:
- a) The invitation includes the option to sail a Swan 42 Class yacht that is included in the Charter Pool provided by the Organizing Authority or that is owned by a member of the Invited Team; or
- b) The invitation is contingent on the Invited Team to bring their boat from outside the North American Charter Pool.
- 2.2 An Invited Team under NOR 2.1(a):
- a) may provide and sail a Swan 42 Class yacht that is owned by a member of that yacht club; or
- b) may charter a Swan 42 Class yacht that is in the Charter Pool and sail that yacht in the Invitational Cup provided that:
- They provide the Invitational Cup OA with a copy of the charter agreement no later than July 1, 2017; and
 - At least 50% of that Team, including the helmsman, compete together in one or more Swan 42 Class sanctioned regatta(s) in Newport during the summer of 2017 (tentatively the 163rd NYYC Annual Regatta presented by Rolex, Block Island Race Week, Sail Newport Regatta, 2017 Swan 42 Nationals)
- If both the above conditions are not met, the yacht and the Team will revert to the Charter Pool for an assignment in accordance with NOR 2.2(c); or
- c) will be assigned a Swan 42 Class yacht that is drawn from the Charter Pool.

- 2.3 All yachts, whether provided in accordance with NOR 2.1(b) or NOR 2.2 (a), (b) or (c), shall be considered to be chartered from the Organizing Authority and considered to be supplied equipment, including completing the charter agreement and insurance forms as provided by the OA.
- 2.4 The charter period and charter fee are described in NOR 5. The charter fee for yachts chartered in accordance with NOR 2.2 (b) or (c) shall be paid to the Organizing Authority. Any charter fee for yachts provided by a Team in accordance with NOR 2.1(b), NOR 2.2(a), or a charter fee for the period prior to the Invitational Cup shall be a private matter for the owner and charterer.
- 2.5 Sails for the Rolex New York Yacht Club Invitational Cup to be used during the charter period shall be provided by the Organizing Authority. The sails will include a mainsail, jib and spinnaker. Other sails, including any sails provided by the OA, shall not be used unless advised by the Organizing Authority.
- 2.6 Upper wind limits will apply due to the charter nature of the regatta. The Race Committee will not start a race in sustained wind velocity greater than 22 knots and may abandon a race in sustained wind velocity greater than 22 knots.
- 2.7 All yachts shall be kept in the dockage or mooring assigned by the Organizing Authority beginning no later than 1800 on Saturday, September 9, through Sunday, September 17, unless specific exemption has been granted by the OA.
- 2.8 All yachts shall be standardized by the Organizing Authority to ensure as level a playing field as possible. Specific permitted and restricted actions will be included in the "Handling of Boats" addendum to the Sailing Instructions. This includes, but is not limited to, the following provisions:
- a) Rigs will be tuned equally and preset by the OA before the regatta to match the provided sails. Rig tension shall not be adjusted by the competitors.
 - b) Mast jack tension shall be determined and preset by the OA and shall not be adjusted by the competitors.
 - c) Forestay length shall be preset by the OA and shall not be adjusted by the competitors.
 - d) The OA may adjust the rig tune, mast jack tension and/or forestay length of the entire fleet to match anticipated conditions.
 - e) Competitors wishing to change any rig tuning adjustments shall request to the OA in writing that the change be made by the OA. Requests on the water may be made by VHF, but a written report of the request shall be submitted immediately after coming ashore. The OA has final authority in deciding whether an adjustment will be made.
 - f) The OA will provide bottom cleaning for all yachts. Competitors shall not clean, sand or fair the bottom or foils of their yacht, or so cause or arrange.
 - g) Yachts shall not be hauled from September 8-17 without specific permission from the OA and/or the Jury.
 - h) Minimum water and fuel tank levels will be promulgated by the OA. The OA will equalize the water and fuel tanks on all yachts prior to racing and may inspect the levels during the event.

3 ADVERTISING

- 3.1 WS Advertising Code, Regulation 20, will apply. Advertising on the supplied equipment is available to the OA in accordance with WS Regulation 20.4.2.
- 3.2 Competitors are permitted to place advertising of their own choice on each side of the hull, so as not to interfere with any event advertising, from amidships (50% LOA) aft with the total area of the graphics on each side to be contained within a contiguous area no larger than one square metre. Competitors shall provide their own graphics and shall remove them at the completion of the event. Competitors are requested to respect the brand exclusivity of the Official Sponsors of this event.
- 3.3 While racing, yachts shall display flags as described in the Sailing Instructions for each day of racing as provided by the OA. Other flags may be provided by the OA and shall be displayed as described in the Sailing Instructions. The OA may display graphics on the hull, spars and sails at its discretion.

- 3.4 While on the moorings and transiting to and from the race course, competitors are requested to display the event “battle flags” provided at registration whenever a headsail is not set. Competitors may also display flags bearing private marks signifying their team or their Club by flying them below the event “battle flag”; however, except as permitted in NOR 3.2, competitors shall not display flags or other signage bearing commercial branding.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 Entry to the regatta is by invitation from the Organizing Authority to a “Team” (Yacht Club, Sailing Organization or other Team) as follows:
- a) Teams who are invited to compete in a boat provided by the OA in accordance with NOR 2.1(a); OR
 - b) Teams who are invited on the condition that they bring a Swan 42 in accordance with NOR 2.1(b).
- 4.2 **Acceptance Form & Deposit:** Acceptance of the invitation shall be made by submitting the Acceptance Form found on the NYYC Invitational Cup website no later than the date specified in the letter of invitation (unless extended by the OA), together with the non-refundable entry deposit of US\$5,000.
- 4.3 **Resolute Cup Qualifiers:** Teams qualifying in September through the 2016 Resolute Cup, which serves as a qualifying series for U.S. teams, shall submit both the Acceptance Form and Entry Form Part I no later than November 1, 2016 (unless extended by the OA), together with the entry fee of US\$10,000 (non-refundable entry deposit of US\$5,000 plus entry fee balance of US\$5,000).
- 4.4 **Order of Acceptance:**
- a) An invited Team that provides its own Swan 42 Class yacht in accordance with NOR 2.1(b) or NOR 2.2(a) will be accepted for entry into the regatta.
 - b) Based upon the availability of charter yachts in the NYYC Charter Pool, the Organizing Authority will award any remaining spots in the order of receipt of both the submitted Acceptance Form and entry deposit from other invited Teams who have accepted the invitation. The entry deposit will be refunded to any invited Team for which a charter yacht is not available in the Charter Pool.
- 4.5 **Entry Form Part I – Entry Fee:** An Entry Form will be sent to those Yacht Clubs or Sailing Organizations selected as described in NOR 4.3 and 4.4. Entry shall be made by completing Entry Form Part I, and submitting it, together with the US\$5,000 balance of the entry fee, to New York Yacht Club no later than November 1, 2016 (unless extended by the OA). The balance of the entry fee is non-refundable after February 1, 2017.
- 4.6 **Entry Form Part II - Crew List:** Not later than the Crew Deadline of August 1, 2017, Entry Form Part II shall be submitted to the New York Yacht Club and shall include information for each competitor regarding Club membership, nationality and sailor classification. Registration for the event will not be complete until all information has been received, checked and verified.
- a) Crew lists will be posted on the event website and on the official notice board at the NYYC Sailing Center as soon as practicable after receipt.
 - b) A comprehensive sailing resume for the Helmsman and Tactician shall be submitted either before or with the Crew List. The OA reserves the right to approve the Helmsman and Tactician or declare either ineligible. The OA will endeavor to give its approval/denial within one week of submission. Early submission is encouraged.
 - c) A Team may designate a co-helmsman who will serve in that capacity approximately 50% of the time while racing. A schedule of when each helmsman will steer must be submitted to the OA no later than the Captains’ Meeting. Only one helmsman may use the allocated weight described in NOR 4.11(a).
- 4.7 **Team Composition:** Teams shall consist of eligible crew members, including the Owner’s Representative as described in NOR 4.12 below, as follows:
- a) The crew sailing on the yacht shall comply with the requirements of NOR 4.8, 4.9, 4.10 and 4.11 at all times except as noted in NOR 4.12 or unless specifically waived by the Jury.

- b) Each Team shall sail with the same number of crew members each day except with the permission of the Jury.
 - c) Crew may not be changed between races on a given day except with the permission of the Jury.
- 4.8 **Yacht Club Membership:** The helmsperson and tactician, and all but two members of the remaining crew, shall have been year-round full members of the Invited Yacht Club, Sailing Organization or Team as of March 15, 2016. Up to two spouses of members and/or member's children under the age of 25 on the first day of racing are also eligible to count as members. Exceptions may be granted upon written application to the OA.
- 4.9 **Nationality:** All but two of the crew shall hold a passport for the country of the Invited Team's primary location. In special circumstances, an exception may be granted upon application to the Organizing Authority. Passports (or photocopies of the data page) for all crew shall be available at registration.
- 4.10 **WS Classification:** WS Sailor Classification Code, Regulation 22, will apply. A World Sailing representative may be present during the event and may carry out spot checks regarding sailor classification. Attention is drawn to WS Regulations 22.5.1 to 22.5.6.
- a) All crew members shall have a valid WS Sailor Classification as a Group 1 competitor. No member of the crew may be classified Group 3 except as permitted under NOR 4.12. All unclassified sailors shall be deemed to be Group 3 and ineligible to sail.
 - b) The Classification Protest time limit is 1800 Sunday, September 10, 2017. At their discretion, this time limit may be extended by the Jury if the Crew List has been changed after the Crew Deadline on August 1, 2017.
- 4.11 **Weight limit:** Crew weigh-ins will be conducted at registration and calculated in kilograms. The total crew weight shall be in accordance with Swan 42 Class Association Rule 8.1 (900 kg). There will not be random weigh-ins made during the regatta. Swan 42 Class Association Rules 8.3.3 and 8.3.4 shall not apply.
- a) In accordance with Swan 42 Class Association Rule 8.1.2, the owner or charterer may elect to weigh-in or shall be allocated a weight of 85 kg. For the Invitational Cup, only the helmsperson may elect to take this allocated weight allowance.
 - b) In accordance with NOR 4.12(d), a Team may elect to use an allocated maximum weight of 85 kg for the owner's representative on a chartered yacht drawn from the charter pool [see NOR 2.2(c)].
 - c) In accordance with NOR 4.12(e), an owner's representative on a yacht provided by a Team shall weigh-in with the Team and there is no maximum weight allocation.
- 4.12 **Owner's Representative:**
- a) All yachts shall have an owner's representative who will serve as the yacht's liaison to the OA Technical Committee. The owner's representative may serve as a contributing member of the crew, but shall not serve as helmsman or tactician under any circumstance other than in an emergency. Further, if the owner's representative has a Group 3 sailor classification, they shall also not serve as a primary trimmer (mainsail, jib or spinnaker).
 - b) The owner's representative is exempt from the requirements in NOR 4.8, 4.9 and 4.10 and may have a Group 3 WS Sailor Classification as refined in NOR 4.12(c) below.
 - c) All owners' representatives shall be nominated by the owner no later than August 1, 2017, and approved by the Organizing Authority no later than August 8, 2017, unless extended by the OA. The OA retains the right to reject a nominated owner's representative.
 - i) The owner's representative shall:
 - be the chartered yacht's designated boat captain and fit the following parameters:
 - Hired for regular maintenance, care, and delivery of the boat as the designated yacht captain.

- The individual must have as his/her primary (greater than 50%) livelihood the maintenance and care of boats with specific duties assigned as part of this activity.
- Shall be employed on a full-time or part-time basis by the owner of the yacht upon which he/she races;

OR

- be the owner or a regular crew member of the chartered yacht and approved by the OA;

OR

- be of similar experience and approved by the OA.

- d) The owner's representative on yachts assigned from the charter pool [NOR 2.2(c)] shall count toward the total crew weight as described in NOR 4.11. A Team may elect to have the owner's representative weigh-in with the Team at registration or use an allocated maximum weight of 85 kg in accordance with NOR 4.11b.
- e) The owner's representative on yachts provided in accordance with NOR 2.1(b) or NOR 2.2(a) or (b) shall count toward the total crew weight as described in NOR 4.11 and shall weigh-in with the Team at registration. There is no maximum weight allocation.

4.13 **Crew substitution:** Prior to 1800 on September 10, 2017, a substitution to the submitted Crew List may only be made with the permission of the Organizing Authority. After that time, a substitution may only be made with permission of the Jury.

4.14 **Check-in:** All Teams shall register during the registration times on Saturday, September 9, 2017. Registration will take place in the NYYC Sailing Center at Harbour Court in Newport, RI. All teams shall be registered and have taken possession of their yacht no later than 1800 on Saturday, September 9, 2017, unless specifically excused by the OA.

5 FEES

5.1 **Entry Fee:** The entry fee is US\$10,000 and shall be paid in accordance with NOR 4.2 and 4.5. Wiring information will be provided upon request.

5.2 **Charter Period:** The charter period is defined as Saturday, September 9, through Saturday, September 16, inclusive. All yachts shall be made available to the OA prior to the charter period in accordance with NOR 7.2.

5.3 **Charter Fee:** The fee to charter a yacht from the NYYC Charter Pool is US\$20,000 and shall be paid in full no later than April 1, 2017 (unless extended by the OA). All Teams, including those providing boats in accordance with NOR 2.1(b) or NOR 2.2(a) or (b), shall complete the charter agreement and pay the charter fee unless specific arrangements have been made with the OA. Details will be sent to Teams that will be provided a yacht from the NYYC Charter Pool.

5.4 **Social Tickets:** The entry fee includes eleven tickets to the Opening Reception and the Final Awards Banquet. A team with more than eleven crew members sailing at the same time will be allotted extra tickets. Additional tickets will be available for purchase.

5.5 **Insurance Fee:** There is a mandatory insurance fee for all yachts whether chartered or provided by a Team, to cover hull and rig damage and liability against third party claims. In 2015, the insurance fee was US\$1,000. The amount for 2017 will be confirmed by November 1, 2016, and shall be paid in full no later than August 1, 2017 (unless extended by the OA).

5.6 **Damage Deposit:** In addition, all Teams, including those providing their own yacht, shall provide a damage deposit no later than August 1, 2017, via a check payable to "New York Yacht Club Regatta Association, Inc." or cash or a wire transfer. In 2015, the damage deposit was \$18,000. The amount for 2017 will be confirmed by December 2016. The deposit is a per-incident maximum and will have to be replenished after each incident. Any portion of the damage deposit that is not used shall be returned via check or wire transfer when all damage claims are settled.

5.7 **Wiring Fees:** Any wiring costs are the responsibility of the Team.

6 PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Saturday, September 9	0900-1100	Registration – Sailing Center
	1100-1130	Safety Briefing – North Sails (mandatory for helmsmen, tacticians and mainsail trimmers) Arcadia Room Charter Pool yachts available after Safety Briefing
	1600-1800	Registration – Sailing Center
	1700-1800	Swan 42 Performance Symposium (<u>mandatory</u> for helmsmen, tacticians and mainsail trimmers) Arcadia Room
	1800	Owner’s Representative and Technical Committee Meeting (<u>mandatory</u> for the Owner’s Representative and a minimum of one additional representative per boat) – Arcadia Room
Sunday, September 10	0900-1100	Late Registration (as needed) - Sailing Center
	1300-1500	Mandatory Practice Starts and Racing
	1600-2000	Hospitality Center - Lower Lawn
	1700-1800	Racing and Local Knowledge Seminar – Arcadia Room
	1800	Classification Protest Time limit
Monday, September 11	1300-1500	Mandatory Practice Starts and Racing
	1600-1800	Hospitality Center – Lower Lawn
	1730-1800	Meeting with Umpires (<u>mandatory</u> for helmsmen and tacticians) – Arcadia Room
	1800-1830	Captains’ Meeting (<u>mandatory</u> for helmsmen and tacticians) – Arcadia Room
	1830-2000	Opening Ceremony & Reception Marquee (Jacket & Tie)
Tuesday, September 12	1100	Race Day 1 - First Warning Signal
	1600-2000	Hospitality Center – Lower Lawn
	1800	Daily Awards at the Hospitality Center
Wednesday, September 13	1100	Race Day 2 - First Warning Signal
	1600-2000	Hospitality Center – Lower Lawn
	1800	Daily Awards at the Hospitality Center
Thursday, September 14	1100	Race Day 3 - First Warning Signal
	1600-2000	Hospitality Center – Lower Lawn
	1800	Daily Awards at the Hospitality Center
Friday, September 15	1100	Race Day 4 - First Warning Signal
	1600-2000	Hospitality Center – Lower Lawn
	1800	Daily Awards at the Hospitality Center
Saturday, September 16	0900	Parade of Nations – Newport Harbor
	1100	Race Day 5 - First Warning Signal
	1600-1800	Hospitality Center – Lower Lawn
	1800	Awards Banquet - Cocktails
	1900-2300	Awards Banquet - Dinner Marquee (Jacket & Tie)

7 MEASUREMENT

- 7.1 Yachts may be inspected at random during the regatta beginning September 9, 2017.
- 7.2 All yachts, including those provided by a Team [NOR 2.1(b) or NOR 2.2(a)], shall be made available to the OA to standardize the yacht in accordance with NOR 2.8 and the Handling of Boats addendum in the Sailing Instructions during a time period on Wednesday, September 6, Thursday, September 7 and/or Friday, September 8, 2017, to be specified. The yachts will NOT be available to sail during their scheduled standardization/inspection period.

8 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available no later than August 25, 2017, on the NYYC Invitational Cup website.

9 VENUE

Races will be held off Newport, RI, on Rhode Island Sound or on Narragansett Bay.

10 COURSES

Drop mark courses will be used and defined in the Sailing Instructions.

11 PENALTY SYSTEM

11.1 In addition to the penalties described in SI Addendum Q – Umpired Fleet Racing, the Jury may impose suitable penalties, other than disqualification, for violations of the Class Rules, the USSER or other non-Part 2 rules. This changes RRS 64.1. Additional details will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

11.2 Decisions of the Jury will be final as provided in rule 70.5.

12 SCORING

12.1 Twelve races are scheduled. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

12.2 A yacht's series score shall be the total of all of her race scores. No score will be excluded. This changes rule A2.

13 SUPPORT BOATS

Support boats, including coach and spectator boats associated with a Team, shall not have contact with a racing yacht from the time the yacht first leaves her mooring until after the last yacht has finished the final race of the day. Coach boats shall register with the OA.

14 BERTHING

Moorings will be arranged for the fleet by the Organizing Authority beginning Wednesday, September 6, 2017, through Sunday, September 17, 2017.

15 PRIZES

15.1 Prizes will be awarded to the top three teams. The winning Yacht Club's or Sailing Organization's name will be engraved on the NYYC Invitational Cup, which shall remain in the custody of New York Yacht Club. A replica traveling trophy will be awarded to the winning team and shall be returned to New York Yacht Club no later than one month prior to the subsequent Invitational Cup, or as agreed with the OA. The cost involved in the round-trip shipment of the traveling trophy shall be the sole responsibility of the winning club, but the OA will work with said club to ensure appropriate transport. The OA will have final approval of the shipping method to be used. NYYC will insure the trophy during transport. The winning club will insure the trophy while it is in their possession, and shall supply the OA with a certificate of insurance.

15.2 The Resolute Trophy will be awarded to the top non-North American team.

15.3 The Corinthian Spirit Award will be awarded to the Yacht Club or Sailing Organization that has been a gracious competitor and exhibits a spirit of camaraderie, is seen as helpful to both competitors and race officials, and generally contributes positively to the atmosphere of the event. Each team may cast one vote (and may not vote for itself). Additionally, the OA may also cast a vote. Votes will be delivered to the OA Saturday morning before the winner of the Invitational is officially determined.

15.4 Prizes will be awarded daily to the top three teams in each race.

15.5 Participation awards will be presented to each team.

16 CAMERAS ONBOARD

16.1 The Organizing Authority may place a TV camera person onboard one or more yachts during racing without limitation and may switch them between races or days. Teams may have a camera person

onboard on multiple days and shall follow the direction of the OA with regards to the assignments of a camera person.

- a) It is the intention that the camera person remains in a neutral position and does not interfere with the activities of the crew.
- b) The camera person shall not count in any of the limitations or requirements described in NOR 4.

16.2 The Organizing Authority may place static cameras onboard one or more yachts during racing and may switch them between races or days.

17 MEDIA WAIVER AND DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

17.1 **Liability & Media Waivers:** All competitors shall sign the online Liability & Media Waiver available on the NYYC Invitational Cup website and submit it no later than registration.

17.2 Competitors participate in this regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority, Presenting Sponsor and affiliated companies, and other sponsors will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta. Attention is also drawn to USSER 1.02, Overall: Responsibility, as well as the "Waiver and Release of Liability" as stated on the entry form.

18 INSURANCE

All Teams shall meet the insurance requirements in NOR 5.5 and 5.6.

19 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please visit the regatta website or contact the Event Chairman or the New York Yacht Club Sailing Office.

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