



Chelsea Yacht Club

8-22 Front Street, Chelsea, NY

Chelsea Open Regatta

Saturday & Sunday, May 30th & 31st, 2026

****Notice of Race****

1. Rules

- 1.1. Races will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. The HRYRA 2026 Common Sailing Instructions will be incorporated in the regatta Sailing Instructions and may contain some modifications to the Racing Rules of Sailing.

2. Eligibility and Entry

- 2.1. The regatta is open to all cruising classes that have a PHRF rating issued by HRYRA or YRALIS. There will be 3 classes as defined in 6.1 of the HRYRA Common Sailing Instructions (2 spinnaker depending on PHRF, and 1 non-spinnaker) and the Ensign Class Fleet for boats conforming to the Ensign Class Rules.
- 2.2. Register for the CYC Open on the registration page
 1. Online - <https://chelseayacht.org/regatta/vSRXJ6ZH4f>
 - * Registrations must be received by 1800 on May 22nd.
 - ** Late entries will be accepted at the club on May 30th, 0800-0900.
- 2.3. Late registrations may be accepted by the Race Committee at its discretion.

3. Fees

- 3.1. Required regatta fee of \$80, (\$90 if paid after May 22nd) includes: Dinner for Skipper and 1 crew (additional adult dinners are \$40 each), continental breakfast both days, free overnight mooring.
- 3.2. Mailed checks for online registrations must be received by May 22nd, or be hand-delivered on Sat., May 30th.

4. Schedule

- 4.1. Registration, continental breakfast: Saturday, May 30th, 0800-0900.
- 4.2. Skipper's Meeting: Saturday, May 30th, 0930.
- 4.3. Dates of Racing: Saturday, May 30th and Sunday, May 31st.
- 4.4. Number of Races:
 - 4.4.a. HRYRA PHRF Fleets 1, 2, and 3, and Double Handed up to 5 races; 3 on Saturday, 2 on Sunday.
 - 4.4.b. Ensign Fleet, up to 6 races; 4 on Saturday, 2 on Sunday.
- 4.5. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race is:
 - 4.5.a. May 30th, 11:00.
 - 4.5.b. May 31st, 10:00.
- 4.6. No warning signal will be made after 16:00 on Saturday and 14:30 on Sunday.

5. Measurements

- 5.1. Each boat in HRYRA Fleets 1, 2, 3, and Double Handed shall have a currently valid PHRF certificate issued by HRYRA or by YRALIS.
- 5.2. Boats in the Ensign Fleet shall be in compliance with the Ensign Class Association rules.



6. Sailing Instructions

- 6.1. The Sailing Instructions will consist of the HRYRA 2026 Common Sailing Instructions (CSI) and Supplemental Sailing Instructions for this regatta.
- 6.2 The Supplemental Sailing Instructions will be posted on the official notice board and made available for download at www.chelseayacht.org and www.HRYRA.org websites prior to the first day of racing.
- 6.3. As a Registered Clean Regatta, no paper copies will be available. Racers are required to provide their own.

7. Venue

- 7.1. The racing area will be the waters of the Hudson River in the vicinity of Low Point.

8. The Courses.

- 8.1. Courses are provided in the Sailing Instructions, Attachment A and illustrated in Attachment B.

9. Penalty System

- 9.1. The Scoring Penalty will apply as described in the HRYRA Common Sailing Instructions, 14.

10. Scoring & Prizes

- 10.1. The regatta will be scored with no throw outs, using time-on-time correction based on PHRF.
- 10.2. Awards will be made to the skippers placing first, second, and third in each class.

11. Berthing

- 11.1. Moorings are available for Friday and Saturday night at no charge for yachts registered for the regatta. Please see the registration form for instructions on how to make a reservation for a free mooring.

12. Radio Communications

- 12.1. CYC Race Channel is VHF CH. 72.
- 12.2. CYC Launch Driver is VHF Ch. 68.
- 12.3. Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

13. Liability Disclaimer

- 13.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk: See RRS 4, "Decision to Race." Chelsea Yacht Club 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.

14. Further Information

- 14.1. As a Registered Clean Regatta, single-use water bottles are strongly discouraged in the regatta. Water stations will be available at CYC to fill water bottles.
- 14.2. For further information please contact CYC Fleet Captain, Peter McConnell, cycfleetcaptain@chelseayacht.org or Amy Cloutier, cycvcommodore@chelseayacht.org