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# NATIONAL WOMEN'S INVITATIONAL TEAM RACE

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JUNE 22-23 2024 MARBLEHEAD  
CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB

## NOTICE OF RACE

Organizing Authority (OA): Corinthian Yacht Club

### 1. RULES

1.1. The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) including Appendix D, Team Racing Rules.

1.2. The format of the event will be 3 vs 3 team racing. It is the intent to sail with spinnakers, weather permitting. The number of races will be described in the Sailing Instructions and at the Competitor's Meeting and may be adjusted by the Organizing Authority due to weather and/or time considerations on land where possible or on the water verbally.

1.3. If restrictions due to Covid-19 cause the event to be canceled, all registration fees are fully refundable; we advise teams not to make any travel plans before May 1. We will have a regular cadence of communication regarding the event and will abide by Massachusetts state COVID-19 mandates.

1.4. If the event is able to go on as scheduled but with covid precautions/ limitations in place, a partial entry-fee refund may be given.

### 2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1. The Sailing Instructions will be available electronically and will be sent via email to the Lead Contact identified for each participating team. They will also be posted to the Corinthian Yacht Club website ([www.corinthianyc.org](http://www.corinthianyc.org)) in advance of the event.

2.2. Any changes in the sailing instructions will be provided electronically if possible or announced orally before the first race in which they are to take effect. A notice board will be set out outside the burgee bar of the club. Changes to the sailing instructions will be posted to the board as soon as practical by the OA.

### **3. COMMUNICATIONS**

Competitors are required to bring their own VHF (one per skipper). The race committee may communicate with competitors via VHF. While racing, a boat shall neither make nor receive radio communications not available to all boats other than for emergency purposes as described in the Sailing Instructions. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

### **4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

4.1. Invitations will be issued to yacht clubs and sailing organizations. To allow teams to field the most competitive team possible, there is no requirement that all team members be members of the invited yacht club/sailing organization, provided that at least 70% of team members are from an invited yacht club/sailing organization.

4.2. All competitors shall be members of US SAILING or their respective national sailing authority.

4.3. The closing date for receipt of payment of the entry fee is March 31, 2024. Due to interest, applications will be accepted in the order they are received. If the event is not yet full by March 31, 2024, additional invitations will be extended.

4.4. A final roster of sailors shall be submitted to the organizing authority not later than June 1, 2024.

### **5. FEES**

5.1. The entry fee will be \$2,300 per team. Included in the fee is continental breakfast and lunch both days, dinner Saturday evening and refreshments at the awards ceremony for participating sailors, up to 15 per team.

5.2. Each skipper will be liable for the cost of damage to boats, equipment, and property up to a maximum of \$500 per incident. A deposit for this amount will be required at registration by providing a Visa or MasterCard (no debit-cards) at check-in and before a team may sail. When a team is assessed as liable for damage, it shall restore the deposit to the original value in order to continue sailing. Damage attributed to competitors generally or to an unidentified team will be attributed equally between all teams. A team may apply to the protest committee to determine their responsibility for any damage. If the damage deposit is partially or wholly used, the skipper may be required to replenish the deposit.

### **6. CREW LIMITATIONS**

6.1. Each participating team shall consist of skippers and crews for three boats. Each boat shall be sailed by up to 5 female crew, including the skipper (crew weight should not exceed 700 pounds).

6.2. Crews shall remain consistent throughout the entirety of the event. Requests for exceptions shall be submitted to the Event Chair or Principal Race Officer for approval. All competitors shall sign a COVID protocol declaration, a boat damage waiver, and an event liability release.

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## **7. ADVERTISING**

A boat and her crew shall comply with World Sailing Regulation 20, Advertising Code.

## **8. SCHEDULE**

### **Saturday, June 22**

0800 Registration and breakfast

0900 Competitors' meeting, racing to follow

1000 No warning signal may be made before this time

1830 Dinner (approximate, timing dependent on conclusion of races)

### **Sunday, June 24**

0800 Breakfast

0900 Competitors' meeting, racing to follow

1000 No warning signal may be made before this time

1630 Awards (approximate, timing dependent on conclusion of races)

## **9. CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT**

9.1. RRS 40 is changed to require that each competitor wear an appropriate life jacket that is 100% dependent on foam for flotation and the appropriate size for the sailor, at all times, while on the water, except for brief periods while removing or adding or removing clothing.

9.2. Sonar type boats will be supplied by the Corinthian Yacht Club and configured to Marblehead Harbor Fleet specifications. Rules governing the care and handling of the boats and sails shall be described in the Sailing Instructions.

## **10. VENUE**

The event will be sailed in the waters outside of Marblehead Harbor.

## **11. COURSES**

The course will be drop marks and will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

## **12. PENALTY SYSTEM**

Races will be umpired in accordance with Appendix D as modified by the event sailing instructions.

## **13. SCORING SYSTEM**

Scoring will be in accordance with Appendix D, except as modified by the Sailing Instructions.

## **14. RISK ASSESSMENT**

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 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.

## **15. PRIZES**

Prizes will be awarded to the teams finishing first through third place. Additionally, the first- place team will be awarded and have their yacht club name engraved on the Thayer Trophy perpetual trophy. This trophy will remain in the Corinthian Yacht Club trophy room. A suitable keeper trophy will be awarded.

## **16. FURTHER INFORMATION**

For additional information, please contact Regatta Chair Miranda Bakos ([mirandabakos@gmail.com](mailto:mirandabakos@gmail.com)), or Sailing Committee Chairs Langdon Mitchell ([langdonmitchell@gmail.com](mailto:langdonmitchell@gmail.com)) and David Larson ([dfhlarson@gmail.com](mailto:dfhlarson@gmail.com)).

For information regarding the Corinthian Yacht Club [http //www.corinthianyc.org](http://www.corinthianyc.org).



**THAYER TROPHY OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM**

TEAM NAME

TEAM CONTACT ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP

EMAIL ADDRESS AND PHONE

I agree to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and all other rules that govern this event. In particular, I have read 5.2 & 14 of the notice of race and confirm that I agree to its provisions throughout the event.

Signed .....

On behalf of the team entered

**NOTES**

All helms will be required to sign a copy of this declaration at registration. An additional disclaimer may be required at registration from a parent or guardian of any competitor that is under 18 years of age. This is available in advance on request.

**Entry Form and Entry Fee (payable to Corinthian Yacht Club) may be mailed to:** Corinthian Yacht Club, PO Box 401, Marblehead, MA 01945. Attention Miranda Bakos, Sailing Committee and Regatta Chair. Alternatively, Entry Form may be emailed to [mirandabakos@gmail.com](mailto:mirandabakos@gmail.com) **with copy to** Langdon Mitchell ([langdonmitchell@gmail.com](mailto:langdonmitchell@gmail.com)) and David Larson ([dfhlarson@gmail.com](mailto:dfhlarson@gmail.com)), with Entry Fee mailed to CYC address above.

- The Organizing Authority shall provide written confirmation of acceptance when application and entry fee is received.
- Competitors should note that this event is possible due to generous boat donations from the Boston, Corinthian, Eastern and Pleon Yacht Clubs. In light of this, any contact between boats will be reviewed by umpires and/or members of the Organizing Authority and will likely result in scoring penalties and/or disqualifications.