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New York YC Wins 2024 Thayer Trophy Women's Team Race

3v3 format with spinnakers got spicey with breeze up in the finals

With winds gusting into the 20s and double-point scoring evening the playing field for the finals, a strong New York Yacht Club team sealed the deal in the last 10 yards of a dramatic race against Chesapeake Bay Yacht Racing Association to win the 2024 National Women's Invitational Team Race for the Thayer Trophy hosted by Corinthian Yacht Club in Marblehead.

New York YC came into the second day with six wins and only two losses. PRO Will Bailey and his race committee team held 80 percent of the first two round robins on day one, and although there were still five races to left to sail to determine the top four, New York had punched their ticket to the finals.

After a long wind delay Sunday morning, the breeze began to fill from the south and built steadily to 15 knots with gusts in the low 20s. That made things particularly sporty on the downwind legs. Racing was tight, spinnaker-handling mistakes were costly, and there were plenty of opportunities for conversions.

All of that came into play in the final race between Chesapeake and New York. Winning positions changed multiple times in the last few minutes of the race. Chesapeake had a tenuous 2, 3, 4 combination a stone's throw from the finish when New York went on the attack, forcing one of the Chesapeake boats to duck and slowing another enough to barely eke out a 1, 4, 5 to win the race and the event.

"Boat handling was key as the wind came up," said New York Team Captain Emily Maxwell. "There were definitely moments when that was a challenge. Our team really had to stay focused."

The loss was costly for Chesapeake as Eastern Yacht Club came on strong in the finals to edge them out on points to take third overall. Newport Harbor Yacht Club, took second, two wins behind New York.

Sunday's action was captured live and can be viewed on [Corinthian Yacht Club's YouTube channel](#). All the event information including detailed results are posted on [ThayerTrophy.com](#).

About The Thayer Trophy

Looking to create more opportunity for women sailors to compete at a high level, the Corinthian Yacht Club introduced the Thayer Trophy regatta in 2021. It is the only women's 3v3 team racing event held in keelboats with spinnakers, which add a degree of difficulty that has become a hallmark in the upper echelons of team-racing competitions.

The Thayer Trophy honors Corinthian's Joan and Elynore "Elli" Thayer's significant contributions to women's sailing: Joan as a passionate one-design skipper and organizer of the National Women's Sailing Association Conference, and Elli as the first women skipper in the 110 Class and Marblehead Racing Association officer for more than 20 years.

Corinthian Yacht Club Women's National Invitational Team Race
For The Thayer Trophy 2024 Final Results:

- 1st New York Yacht Club
- 2nd Newport Harbor Yacht Club
- 3rd Eastern Yacht Club
- 4th Chesapeake Bay Yacht Racing Association
- 5th Royal Thames Yacht Club
- 6th Corinthian Yacht Club



New York Yacht Club wins 2024 National Women's Invitational Team Race for the Thayer Trophy hosted by Corinthian Yacht Club, Marblehead MA (photo credit: Bruce Durkee)



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New York YC and Chesapeake Bay battle it out in the 2024 Thayer Trophy finals.

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