



THE PALMER TROPHY
GRANDMASTERS TEAM RACE AT NHYC
2024 NOTICE OF RACE

NEWPORT HARBOR YACHT CLUB
APRIL 14-16, 2024

1. **GENERAL**

- 1.1. The Organizing Authority is the Newport Harbor Yacht Club.
- 1.2. US SAILING is the national authority of the venue. The US Sailing website provides a downloadable copy of all the US Sailing prescriptions.
<http://www.ussailing.org/competition/rules-officiating/racing-rules/>

2. **RULES**

- 2.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing, Appendix D Team Racing Rules, and any Federal, State and Local ordinances with jurisdiction over this event. Any changes to the RRS will be stated in the sailing instructions.
- 2.2. The prescription to rule 63.2 is deleted.
- 2.3. The Harbor 20 Class rules will not apply.
- 2.4. RRS D2 Umpired Races will apply.
- 2.5. In accordance with RRS 70.5(a), decisions of the protest committee are final. US Sailing's permission has been granted. If the requirements are not met, the decisions of the protest committee may be appealed. US Sailing's permission is limited to the qualifying series. Competitors may appeal decisions of the protest committee in the Championship Series. The qualifying series include all round-robins and knockout matches prior to the "Finals", which is the Championship Series.

3. **BOATS**

- 3.1. Harbor 20 type boats will be provided by the OA for competing teams.

4. **ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 4.1. Only yacht club teams invited by the OA will be eligible to enter this event.
- 4.2. Acceptance of the invitation shall be made by submitting the electronic entry form and paying the \$1,000USD non-refundable entry bond no later than January 31, 2024.
- 4.3. Team Composition:
 - 4.3.1. Each team shall consist of 6 sailors;
 - 4.3.2. All shall be bona fide members or spouses, in good standing, of the yacht club they represent;
 - 4.3.3. All helmspersons shall be 60 years of age or older by April 14, 2024;
 - 4.3.4. At crew shall be 50 years of age or older by April 14, 2024;
 - 4.3.5. All helmspersons shall be current members of a World Sailing National Authority (MNA) during the regatta.
- 4.4. Each team shall submit a crew list and eligibility affidavit (provided) which will include information for each competitor, their club membership, MNA membership, and age to NHYC, along with the balance of the entry fee by March 1, 2024. The OA reserves the right to make reasonable exceptions to the eligibility requirements on a case by case basis. Requests for exceptions shall be made in writing and submitted to the NHYC Race Office by March 1, 2024.

4.5. Crew substitutions are not allowed, except in an emergency as approved by the OA. Requests for substitutions may be submitted in writing to the NHYC Race Office.

5. **FEES**

5.1. The entry fee for this regatta is \$4,000USD, which includes the \$1,000USD non-refundable entry bond. All entry fees are non-refundable after March 1, 2024. The entry fee includes 6 tickets to all social functions. Additional tickets will be available for purchase.

5.1.1. Payable via Check: Newport Harbor Yacht Club, c/o Race Office, 720 West Bay Ave., Newport Beach, CA 92661

5.1.2. Payable via Wire Transfer: Please contact the NHYC Race Office (race.office@nhycstaff.org)

5.2. A damage deposit of \$2,000USD shall be paid at registration. This deposit is the maximum payable by the team as a result of any one incident where there is damage to a boat or an official vessel. In the event a deduction from the damage deposit is required by the OA, it may further require that the deposit be restored to its original amount before the team will be permitted to continue in the event.

5.3. Unreported non-attributable damage will be charged equally to all the teams who have used the boat between the last known time when the boat was not damaged and when the damage is discovered.

5.4. Any deposit remaining at the conclusion of the event will be refunded within thirty (30) days.

6. **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

6.1. Boats will be available for practice sailing on Sunday April 14, 2024, beginning at 1000. Please contact the NHYC Race Office (race.office@nhycstaff.org) to reserve boats.

6.2. The schedule and shoreside events are subject to change depending on Covid related restrictions imposed by Federal, State and local jurisdictions.

	Sunday April 14	Monday April 15	Tuesday April 16
Check In	0900-1200		
Breakfast	0900-1030	0800-0900	0800-0900
Practice	1000-1200		
Daily Briefing	1200	0900	0900
First Warning	1300	1030	1030
Umpire Debrief & Refreshments	After Racing	After Racing	
Regatta Dinner		1830	
Awards Ceremony			After Racing

7. **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

7.1. The sailing instructions will be available no later than Saturday, April 13, 2024 on the race website, www.baldwincup.com, and at check in.

8. **FORMAT**

8.1. The format will be based on the number of teams registered and the weather conditions. Possible formats include but are not limited to: Round Robin, Split Fleet Round Robin, and Elimination Ladder, followed by Quarterfinals, Semifinals and Finals. The format to be

attempted, contingency formats (if any), and changes to the format will be described fully in the sailing instructions.

9. **COURSE**

9.1. The course may be a box, digital “N” or any variation of a triangular course. Course diagrams will be provided in the sailing instructions.

10. **VENUE**

10.1. Races will be conducted in the harbor north of the NYHC main dock.

11. **SCORING**

11.1. Scoring will be in accordance with Appendix D, except as modified by the sailing instructions.

12. **PRIZES**

12.1. Trophies will be awarded on Tuesday, April 16th after racing. All teams and officials are expected to attend.

12.2. The winning team members’ names will be commemorated on the Palmer Trophy, a perpetual trophy.

13. **CODE OF CONDUCT**

13.1. Competitors shall comply with any reasonable request from any official, including attendance at official functions and shall not behave so as to bring the event or the sport into disrepute.

13.2. Participation in this regatta is by invitation. Any team who, in the opinion of the OA, has demonstrated poor seamanship, poor sportsmanship, or misconduct may have their invitation revoked and be excused from the regatta. In addition, and separate from the decision of the OA, the protest committee may initiate proceedings under RRS 69.

13.3. No competitor shall consume alcoholic beverages on race days either on or off the water until they have finished their final race each day.

13.4. The following actions are strictly prohibited while afloat:

13.4.1. The use of tobacco or cannabis products;

13.4.2. Urination into the harbor.

14. **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

14.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The OA 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.