



2026 Robie Pierce Women's Regatta

Thursday May 28, 2026

Organizing Authority (OA):

Larchmont Yacht Club & American Yacht Club

Notice of Race

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1. The notation '[DP]' in a rule means that the penalty for a breach of the rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

1 RULES

- 1.1. The event will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2. Appendix T, Arbitration, as modified in the sailing instructions, will apply.
- 1.3. RRS 44.3, Penalties at the Time of an Incident - Scoring Penalty, will apply.
- 1.4. RRS 40.1, Personal Flotation Device, will apply.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The SIs will be available online at www.robiepiercedesignregatta.com by Tuesday, May 26, 2026.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located under the regatta tent near the Junior American Yacht Clubhouse (the "Regatta Tent"). As a courtesy, notices may also be transmitted via WhatsApp. Failure to do so, or the failure to receive any such transmissions will not be grounds for redress.
- 3.2. [DP] Each boat shall carry a radio capable of communicating on the VHF Channel 5A.
- 3.3. [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, physical need, or to report a protest or withdrawal, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not freely available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones and data communication devices.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. All women sailors with a physical or neurological disability are eligible to compete.
- 4.2. Eligible skippers, crews, and able-bodied sailors ("AB"s) must enter the event by registering online at www.robiepiercedesignregatta.com. For registration questions, email Siobhan Reilly at Reillyhere@gmail.com.
- 4.3. Participants are encouraged to provide their own ABs; but for those participants unable to provide an AB, the OA will assign one if requested no later than 1700 on May 15, 2026.
- 4.4. Entry deadline is 1700 May 22, 2026.

5. FEES

- 5.1. There is no entry fee for this regatta.
- 5.2. A \$1,000 refundable damage deposit via credit card will be required for insurance purposes from each skipper.
- 5.3. Registration is limited to 20 boats on a first-come, first-served basis.

6. DIVISIONS

- 6.1. There may be two divisions.
- 6.2. Division 1 shall have either: (i) a disabled skipper, a disabled crew and an AB as described in SI Appendix B (AB), or (ii) (at the direction of the OA) a disabled skipper, an AB, and an able-bodied crew pursuant to the SIs.
- 6.3. If there is a Division 2, boats in this division shall have an able-bodied skipper, a disabled crew, and an AB, pursuant to the SIs.
- 6.4. No sailor categorized as Group 3 according to World Sailing Regulation 22 shall be allowed to sail as an AB.

7. ADVERTISING

- 7.1. No competitor advertising will be permitted.
- 7.2. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA.

8. BOATS

- 8.1. Races will be conducted in Ideal 18s provided by the OA.
- 8.2. Boats will be randomly assigned by the OA and sailed by the same team for the entire regatta except with permission of the OA.
- 8.3. All boats are to be sailed as provided by the OA with the exception of personal adaptations pre-approved by the OA that may need to be added by a sailor for his or her safety and comfort while sailing.
- 8.4. In the case of a serious breakdown of equipment, a spare boat may be substituted by the OA for the original boat.

9. SCHEDULE

All regatta scheduled events will be held at the American Yacht Club, Rye NY

Thursday, May 28

0800 – 0900	Registration and Continental Breakfast – Regatta Tent
0915	Competitors’ Meeting – Regatta Tent
1000 – 1100	Practice sailing
1100	First Warning
	Awards Ceremony following the completion of racing – Regatta Tent

10. VENUE

The racing area will be in the waters off American Yacht Club.

11. COURSES

Courses will be windward-leeward as described in the SIs.

12. SCORING

- 12.1. One completed race constitutes a series.
- 12.2. The race committee intends to run multiple races. When fewer than five races are completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 12.3. When five or more races are completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 12.4. Division 1 boats sailing any races with a disabled skipper, an AB and an able-bodied crew will be assessed a 20% scoring penalty for those races.

13. PRIZES

- 13.1. Prizes will be awarded at the conclusion of racing on Thursday, May 28.
- 13.2. Prizes will be awarded for first through third place for Division 1. The number of prizes (if any) for Division 2 will be at the discretion of the OA.
- 13.3. Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the OA.

14. DOCKAGE AND LAUNCHING

Boats will be available at the dock each morning. All boats shall remain in the water for the duration of the regatta unless the OA deems it necessary to haul a boat for repair.

15. HOUSING AND TRANSPORTATION

15.1. Competitors are responsible for arranging their own housing and transportation.

15.2. Limited housing may be available in member homes for those without adaptive needs and will be allocated on a first-come first served basis. Housing Request forms can be found on the website at: www.robiepiercedesignregatta.com.

The Deadline for housing requests is 1700, Monday May 1, 2026.

15.3. Area hotel information can be found on the regatta website. It is suggested that room reservations be made early, as this is a busy time of year.

16 RISK STATEMENT

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 and any related activity sponsored, undertaken, administered, managed, or allowed to be conducted by American Yacht Club, Larchmont Yacht Club, the owner, helmsman and each crew member agree, understand and accept, for themselves and their respective successors, assigns, representatives, administrators, executors, agents, heirs or any person acting or purporting to act on their behalf ("Releasers") that sailing is an inherently dangerous and unpredictable activity due to multiple factors that cannot be anticipated or predicted with certainty, including but not limited to weather, equipment failure or malfunction, and the actions of others on or off the water, injury, sickness and disease (including communicable diseases such as Covid-19). Releasers also agree, understand and accept that sailing presents inherent risks of serious bodily injury (including permanent disability, paralysis, and death, whether by drowning or otherwise, sickness and disease (including communicable diseases), property damage and other economic loss. Accordingly, and in consideration for being permitted to enter into and participate in this or any other sailing event sponsored, undertaken, administered, managed or allowed to be conducted by American Yacht Club and Larchmont Yacht Club, Releasers forever release and waive, to the fullest extent allowed by law, any and all claims, actions, accounts, causes of action and choses in action, whether in law, equity or admiralty, that Releasers now have, may have had or may come to have, against American Yacht Club, Larchmont Yacht Club, including its officers, directors, trustees, members, employees, agents, volunteers, staff, committees, and anyone acting on its behalf ("Releasees"), for anything arising out of or relating to Releasers' participation in such sailing events (including contracting communicable diseases such as Covid-19). Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, and without in any way limiting or lessening the effect or breadth of the foregoing release and waiver, and solely for the avoidance of doubt and clarification, Releasers agree, acknowledge and understand that this release and waiver applies to any and all claims of any kind at all against Releasees arising out of or relating to injuries, deaths, sickness and disease (including communicable diseases such as Covid-19), damage to vessels or damage to personal property sustained during or as a result of any and all sailing events sponsored, undertaken, administered, managed or allowed to be conducted by American Yacht Club and Larchmont Yacht Club.

17 GREEN REGATTA

[DP][NP] In an effort to promote sustainability and reduce the amount of waste in Long Island Sound, competitors are encouraged to utilize reusable water bottles and avoid the use of any single-use plastics.

18 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact the American Yacht Club, 499 Stuyvesant Ave, Rye, NY 10580. (914) 967-4800, or the website www.AmericanYC.org.

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