



# 2026 Robie Pierce Women's Regatta

Thursday, May 28, 2026  
Organizing Authority (OA):  
American Yacht Club & Larchmont Yacht Club

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SIs)

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 is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the Ideal 18 Class Rules, except as altered by the SIs.
- 1.2 Appendix T, Arbitration, will apply as changed below:  
After the last sentence of Appendix T4, Arbitration Meeting Outcomes, add the following: If a protest hearing is held, the arbitrator will not be a member of the panel that hears the protest but will be permitted to observe the testimony presented and offer evidence. This changes RRS Appendix T4 and RRS 63.3(a).
- 1.3 RRS 44.3, PENALTIES AT THE TIME OF AN INCIDENT - Scoring Penalty, will apply and is modified to not require the use of a yellow flag.
- 1.4 RRS 40.1, PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICE Basic Rule will apply.

### 2 CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Any changes to the SIs will be posted on the regatta website and the "Official Notice Board" no later than 0900, Thursday, May 28, 2026. The Official Notice Board will be located under the regatta tent near the Junior American Yacht Club clubhouse (the "Regatta Tent").
- 2.2 As a courtesy, notices may also be transmitted via WhatsApp. Failure to do so will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 60.1.
- 2.3 Oral changes may be made on the water via VHF radio on Channel 05A and acknowledged by each boat.

### 3 COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 3.2 Each boat shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on Channel 05A.
- 3.3 On the water, the race committee may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF Channel 05A.
- 3.4 [DP] While racing, from the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

### 4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole in front of the Junior American Yacht Club clubhouse.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 60 minutes" in Race Signal AP.

## **5 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

All regatta scheduled events will be held at the American Yacht Club in 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

## **6 DIVISIONS AND CLASS FLAGS**

6.1 There may be two divisions if there are not enough disabled skippers.

6.2 Division 1 shall have either:

(i) a disabled skipper, a disabled crew and a designated able-bodied sailor (an "AB") as described in SI Appendix B, or

(ii) (at the direction of the OA) a disabled skipper, an AB, and an able-bodied crew pursuant to SI 18. The class flag for Division 1 will be the Numeral Pennant 1.

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 SI 18. The class flag for Division 2 will be the Numeral Pennant 2.

6.4 No sailor categorized as Group 3 according to World Sailing Regulation 22 shall be allowed to sail as an AB.

## **7 RACING AREA**

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

## **8 COURSES**

8.1 The diagrams in SI Appendix A show the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

8.2 In the event one of the gate marks is missing the remaining gate mark shall be rounded to port.

8.3 No later than the Warning Signal, the signal vessel will display each division's course number and approximate bearing to the windward mark.

## **9 SAIL CONFIGURATION**

When signal flag R is displayed from the race committee signal vessel prior to the warning signal, each boat shall sail with a reefed mainsail.

## **10 MARKS**

10.1 Original marks will be orange inflatables.

10.2 The offset mark will be an orange inflatable or hippity hop.

## **11 THE START AND FINISH**

11.1 Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26.

11.2 The start/finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel and the course side of a yellow inflatable at the opposite end. This changes Race Signals.

11.3 If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to hail her sail number via the VHF channel. A boat may not request redress based on, failure of the race committee to hail her number, failure of her to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed. This changes RRS 61.3.

11.4 A boat that does not start within 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.

## **12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the mark (or move the finishing line) to a new position. When a change of course is signalled, there may not be an offset mark.

### 13 TIME LIMITS

13.1 RACE TIME LIMIT (see RRS 35), and the Finishing Window are shown in the table below:

Race Time Limit	Finishing Window
60 Minutes	20 Minutes

13.2 The “Finishing Window” is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course. Boats failing to sail the course within the Finishing Window, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, and A5.2.

### 14 HEARING REQUESTS

- 14.1 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last race committee vessel docks. The docking time will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 14.2 RRS 60.2 is changed to add: Immediately after finishing, a protesting boat shall notify the race committee of her intent to lodge a protest and the identity of the boat she intends to protest.
- 14.3 Written hearing requests, such as protests and requests for redress, may be filed in person and delivered to the registration table under the Regatta Tent. All such requests shall be delivered within the appropriate time limit. Protest forms are available at the protest committee desk.
- 14.4 Notice of hearings will be posted on the Official Notice Board no later than 30 minutes after the protest time.
- 14.5 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted on the Official Notice Board to inform boats under RRS 60.2(d).
- 14.6 A boat disabled by a breakdown that is no fault of its team may seek redress from the jury. Every effort must be made to finish the race, provided that continuing to race will not cause further damage to the boat or danger to her crew. This changes RRS 61.1.
- 14.7 Any team requesting redress because of a breakdown shall notify the race committee signal vessel on VHF Channel 05A at the first reasonable opportunity.

### 15 SCORING

- 15.1 One completed race will constitute a series.
- 15.2 If fewer than five (5) races are completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores without exclusion. If five (5) or more races are completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. This changes RRS A2.
- 15.3 Boats scored “TLE” will receive 2 points more than the number of boats that finished in that race, except she shall not be scored worse than DNF. This changes RRS APPENDIX A.
- 15.4 Division 1 boats with an able-bodied crew will receive a 20% scoring penalty as per SI 18.2.

### 16 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 16.1 Prior to the warning signal of her first race each day, a boat shall sail past the stern of the race committee signal vessel, on starboard tack, hail her sail number, and be acknowledged by the race committee.
- 16.2 [DP] A boat that retires from a race or does not intend to compete in a race after checking in shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- 16.3 [DP] Injuries should be reported to the race committee as soon as possible.
- 16.4 [DP] All boats and support vessels shall comply with RRS 37, SEARCH AND RESCUE INSTRUCTIONS, when flag V (white rectangle with red X) is displayed with 1 sound, and monitor VHF Channel 05A for search and rescue instructions.

### 17 SUPPLIED BOATS

- 17.1 Boats will be provided for all competitors, who shall not modify them in any way except as follows:
  - (a) A compass may be tied or taped to the hull or spars.
  - (b) Wind indicators, including yarn or thread, may be tied or taped anywhere on the boat.
  - (c) Adhesive tape may be used anywhere above the water line.
  - (d) The race committee will consider requests to further modify the boats and equipment that are adaptive aids specific to a disabled sailor. Requests are to be submitted in advance and in writing.
  - (e) Jib leads on the clew may be adjusted.
- 17.2 [DP] All equipment provided with the boats for sailing purposes shall be carried aboard while afloat including sail covers and dock lines.

- 17.3 All sailors must remain aft of the mast during a race.
- 17.4 All skippers shall report any damage or loss of equipment, however slight, to the race committee immediately after finishing a race. The penalty for a breach of this instruction, unless the jury is satisfied that the competitor made a determined effort to comply, will be disqualification from the race most recently sailed.

## **18 BOATS, CREW, AND AB ASSIGNMENTS**

- 18.1 Boat assignments for the regatta will be made by the OA before the Competitors Meeting on Friday, May 29, 2026. Teams will sail the same boat throughout the regatta unless there is a breakdown and approval to substitute another boat is received from the OA.
- 18.2 For Division 1 (disabled skipper), the OA will endeavour to pair sailors who register without a disabled crewmate for the regatta. If the OA is unable to do so, it may substitute an able-bodied crew for the second disabled sailor which will result in a 20% scoring penalty. This will not be grounds for redress.
- 18.3 For Division 2 (able-bodied skipper), the OA will provide the able-bodied skipper.
- 18.4 All AB assignments for boats not providing their own AB will be made by the OA.
- 18.5 In the event of an emergency that prevents a skipper or crew member from sailing in a race, an alternate may be approved or provided by the OA.
- 18.6 The penalty for a breach of SI 18.1 will be disqualification from all races sailed in contravention of the instruction.

## **19 SUPPORT TEAMS**

- 19.1 Instructors, coaches, spectators and other support persons shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the warning signal until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals postponement or abandonment. Coaching is not permitted after a general recall.  
All support boats shall stay at least 100 yards away from any racing boat and from the starting and finishing area and shall move slowly and with minimal wake.
- 19.2 Coaches and other support personnel are required to monitor VHF channel 05A and follow any instructions issued by the race committee.

## **20 TRASH DISPOSAL**

Trash may be placed aboard official or support person vessels.

## **21 PRIZES**

- 21.1 Prizes will be awarded at the conclusion of racing on Thursday, May 28.
- 21.2 Prizes will be awarded to first through third places in Division 1. The number of prizes (if any) for Division 2 will be at the discretion of the OA.
- 21.3 Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the OA.

## **24 RISK STATEMENTS**

Competitors are reminded of the RISK STATEMENT to which they agreed, as stated in the Notice of Race.

## **25 CONTACT 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](http://www.AmericanYC.org).

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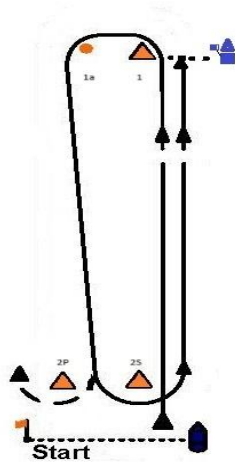
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# APPENDIX A

## **COURSE DIAGRAMS**

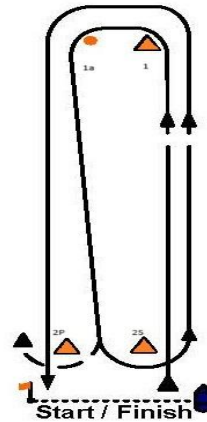
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### Course 3



Course 3  
Start – 1 – 1a – 2p/2s – Finish.

### Course 4



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Start – 1 – 1a – 2p/2s – 1 – 1a – Finish.

## **APPENDIX B**

- 1 All Division 1 disabled sailors must use adaptive seats while racing except for blind skippers. All Division 2 disabled sailors and able-bodied skippers must remain seated in their seats.
- 2 All competitors shall wear a personal flotation device (PFD) while on the water, other than for brief periods while adding or removing clothing.
- 3 A designated AB will be on board each boat during all racing.
- 3.1 All ABs will be assigned to boats in accordance with SI 18.
  - (a) The primary duty of the designated AB is the safety of all team members and of the boat. This includes to steer the Ideal 18 for brief periods of time but only to regain control of an out-of-control boat, or to avoid an imminent collision.
  - (b) It is the intent of the regatta that disabled sailors shall perform all possible activities on board the boat. Duties of the designated AB include assisting with activities that the disabled sailors are not able to complete due to their disability but only at the direct request and under the direct supervision of one of the disabled team members.
  - (c) The designated AB may perform the following activities while racing if such activities conform to the spirit and intention of SI Appendix B 3.1(b):
    - i. Cleat or uncleat any Ideal 18 running rigging at any time.
    - ii. Trim either the main sheet or the jib sheet, but not both, as the Ideal 18 rounds the leeward mark, or during the pre-start as a boat assumes her proper point of sail to start.
    - iii. Release the mainsheet as the Ideal 18 prepares to round the windward mark.
    - iv. Help the skipper with concentration as it applies to sailing too low or too high.
    - v. Hold out the jib wing-on-wing on downwind legs only on the side opposite from the forward crew unless that person's disability prevents winging the jib on their side.
    - vi. An AB for a blind skipper will act as "sighted guide" and may call tactics and provide sail trim directions as appropriate.
  - (d) The designated AB may sit on the windward rail of the boat at any time and may hike out. Only two of the three competitors may be on one side of the boat at any time while racing. For the avoidance of doubt, in the case where a blind skipper and the disabled crew are on the same side of the boat, the AB must sit on the opposite side. All sailors shall sit aft of the mast.
  - (e) It is the skipper's responsibility to ensure that the crew and AB are acting in accordance with all provisions of the Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions and any other rules governing the regatta.
- 4 The number of partners in the mainsheet of the Ideal 18s may be reduced from three to two if sailing under full main and jib at the discretion of the competitor.

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