



2024 ORC World Championship

New York Yacht Club Bid

Letter From the Commodore



NEW YORK YACHT CLUB

Committee and Congress Members,

On behalf of the Flag Officers, trustees and members of the New York Yacht Club, I'm pleased to extend our offer to host the 2024 ORC World Championship. From its earliest days, the Club has been a staunch supporter of offshore handicap racing. Our first club event was a series of races from New York to Newport in 1844, and in 1866 we hosted the first Transatlantic Race. More recently we held the IMS World Championships in 2000 and the IRC North American Championship in 2010. For the past 4 years we have been invested in ORC as the primary handicap rating in our events and have seen great growth in that fleet.

Newport is known for its beauty and rich maritime heritage, and whether you choose to relax on the terrace and enjoy the spectacular view of the harbor, or take advantage of all that our charming "City by the Sea" has to offer, you will be surrounded by history and splendor. From our world class Race Committee, to unparalleled shoreside amenities, to our experienced professional staff, the New York Yacht Club is uniquely qualified to host such a prestigious regatta.

We look forward to welcoming you to Newport and Harbour Court.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Zabetakis, MD
Commodore

Letter From US Sailing

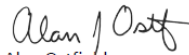
September 23, 2022

As the national governing body of the sport of sailing in the United States, we write in support of the bid proposal submitted by the New York Yacht Club to host the ORC World Championship in Newport in 2024.

The past several years have seen strong growth of ORC in the United States. As one of three major rules races use in the US, all of which are administered by the Offshore Office of US Sailing, we are pleased to support our members' racing under the ORC rule. ORC is valued by our racers as a fair, accurate rule, and it is also valued by our race organizing authorities. A major goal of US Sailing is to grow the sport in the United States. Having the New York Yacht Club host the ORC World Championship in Newport in 2024 will help us work towards that goal.

We urge the Offshore Classes & Events Committee, and the ORC Congress, to approve the bid of the New York Yacht Club to host the ORC World Championship in Newport in 2024.

Sincerely,



Alan Ostfeld
CEO, US Sailing



Rich Jepsen
President, US Sailing



Matt Gallagher
Chair, Offshore & Technology Division, US Sailing
ORC Congress member and Member, New York Yacht Club



1 Roger Williams
University Way
Bristol, RI 02809

P 401.342.7900
F 401.342.7940
info@ussailing.org
www.ussailing.org

The New York Yacht Club

The New York Yacht Club was founded in 1844 and has had a storied 178-year history. Racing sailboats has long been part of the DNA of the Club – the first Annual Regatta was run in 1846 and the 168th edition was successfully held in June of 2022. In 1851, John Cox Stevens, the first commodore of the NYYC, brought his yacht *America* to England and won the Royal Yacht Squadron's Hundred Guinea Cup which later became known as America's Cup. The NYYC defended that trophy from 1870 until 1983.

Today, the New York Yacht Club continues to lead the sailing community in many facets. In addition to annually hosting high level events in all disciplines, the club is instrumental in supporting both professional and Corinthian sailing. Whether it is through backing *American Magic*, the Club's challenger for the 36th and 37th America's Cup, its fleet of 20 IC37s, or the support of women in sailing with the Women's 2v2 Team Race and biennial Women's Championship, the New York Yacht Club is at the forefront of competitive sailing.



Race Management

The New York Yacht Club Race Committee is the best in the business. Comprised of dedicated and skilled member volunteers, participation on the Race Committee is an honor at NYYC and excellence is assured.

The Club's race management resources are second to none and can accommodate any major regatta requirement. In addition to the club-owned fleet, which includes a signal boat, 28' Protector and 15 Ribcraft, we have access to a plethora of other support boats to fill in any event needs.

The Race Committee is supported by a Sailing Office comprised of three fulltime sailing professionals along with a Waterfront Department with two fulltime bosuns.



Communications and Media

The New York Yacht Club boasts a fulltime Communications Department staffed with media professionals at the top of their game. Print coverage, race tracking, social media integration, leaderboards, announcing, and live streamed broadcasts with graphic overlays are just some of the ways events are covered here and shared with the worldwide sailing community.



Visiting media and photographers will find themselves well accommodated with organized access to the racing and a full-service media center.



Major Regattas Hosted

Annually / Reoccurring

- Annual Regatta – 169th edition will take place in 2023 with 120+ entries
- Race Week at Newport presented by Rolex – first run in 1998 and averages 80 entries
- The Transatlantic Race in conjunction with the RYS, the RORC, and the Storm Trysail Club
- The Women's 2v2 Team Race, Morgan Cup, Hinman and Grandmasters Team Races
- Women's Championship Regatta
- IC37 Nationals and North Americans
- The Rolex NYYC Invitational Cup (odd years)
- The Resolute Cup (even years)

Other Major Regattas

- 2022 Global Team Race Regatta
- 2022 Bermuda Short-Handed Return
- 2021 ORC East Coast Championship
- 2019 175th Anniversary Regatta
- 2018 Global Team Race Regatta
- 2017 J Class World Championship
- 2017 Melges 20 World Championship
- 2015 InterCollegiate Sailing Assoc. Nationals Championship
- 2014 Etchells Worlds
- 2014 J/70 Worlds
- 2013 Farr 40 Worlds
- 2013 Laser Master North Americans

Upcoming Major Regattas

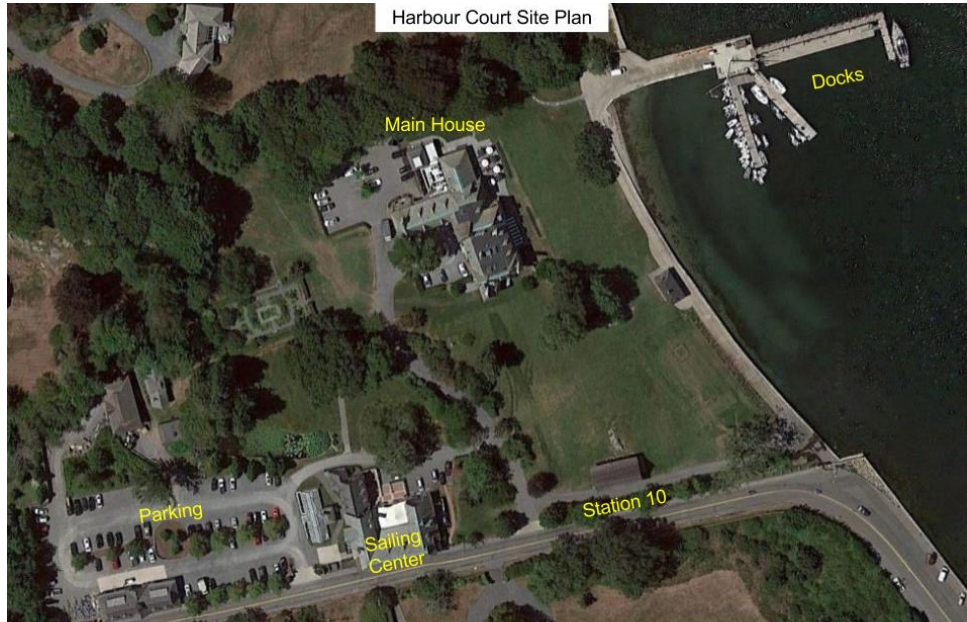
- ILCA Masters North Americans
- 5.5 Metre World Championship



- 2012 Melges 32 World Championship
- 2011 US Sailing Youth Championship with Sail Newport and Ida Lewis
- 2010 12 Metre North American Championship
- 2010 ISAF Women's Match Racing World Championship
- 2010 Etchells US Championship
- 2008 InterCollegiate Sailing Assoc. Nationals Championship
- 2008 Lightning North American Championship
- 2006 Farr 40 World Championship
- 2006 World Blind Sailing Championship with Sail Newport



Facilities at NYYC - Harbour Court



- Full restaurant, mobile catering capability, bar, and informal dining
- Guest rooms including apartment options
- Docks, launch service and moorings
- Sailing Center that includes meeting rooms, tented courtyard, bathrooms and showers
- Sailing Office, Jury rooms, and media accommodations



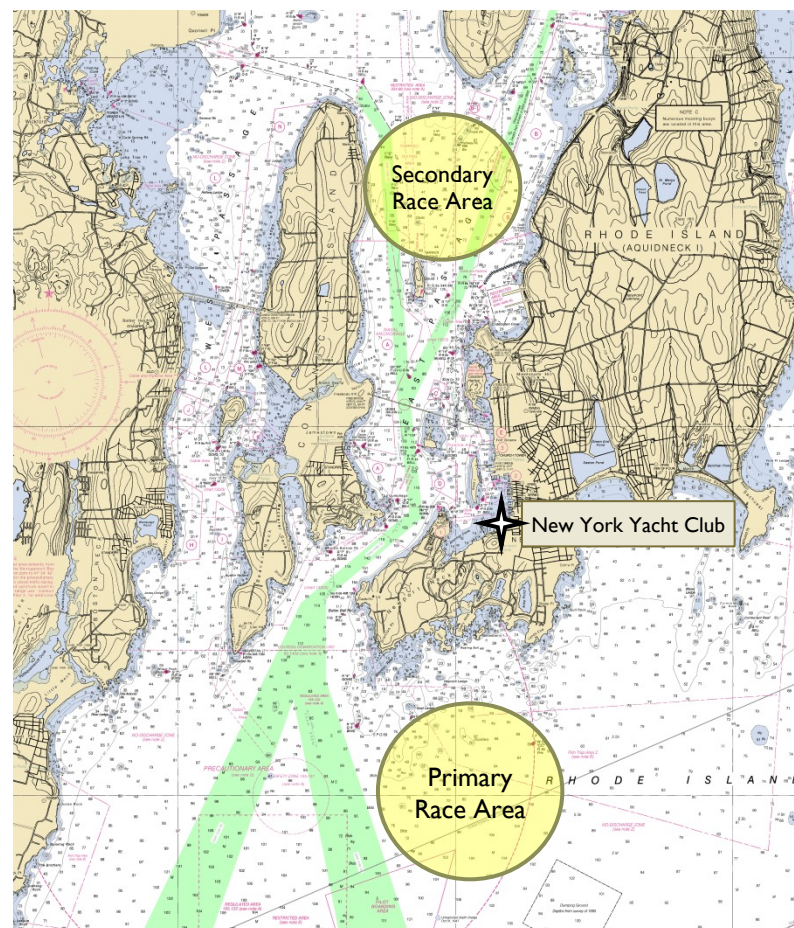
Sailing Venue

The primary race area is on Rhode Island Sound at the mouth of Narragansett Bay. This area provides an unobstructed race course in any wind direction with limited current impact.

A secondary race area is available north of the Newport Bridge on Narragansett Bay. This area offers more protected waters and is an ideal setting in certain wind conditions. Normal currents run up to a knot.

With the available sailing areas, a fleet of up to 160 boats divided into sections could easily be accommodated.

Typical weather conditions for Newport from June through September have temperatures between 72-85°F (22-29°C) with prevailing and reliable southwesterly breezes between 12-20 knots. Frontal passages may bring northwest or northeast breezes.



Commitment to ORC

New York Yacht Club began the transition to ORC in 2018 and since 2021 has been using ORC as the only VPP handicap option in our regattas. The response has been strong with fleets of 49 and 43 boats respectively at the 167th and 168th Annual Regattas, 22 in the 2021 ORC East Coast Championships, and 23 in the 2022 Race Week at Newport presented by Rolex. NYYC has been a forerunner in building support for ORC among other leading clubs in the United States.



Anticipated Entries and Countries

The United States boasts an active and quickly growing ORC fleet with over 900 certifications being issued in 2022. This foundation continues to strengthen and we anticipate strong participation at this event from local and visiting yachtsman throughout the United States and Canada.

We enjoy long-standing relationships with many leading clubs around the world and regularly see international representation each season at our standing and special events. Newport as a venue is on every serious sailor's bucket list. As host of the biennial Rolex NYYC Invitational Cup, the premier international Corinthian championship, our status as a world-class venue and destination continues to grow. Since the first edition in 2009, 41 yacht clubs from 21 countries have competed at this prestigious event.

Commencing with our selection for the 2024 Offshore World Championship, a full marketing effort will be deployed to encourage as much participation as possible from teams based both overseas and in North America.



Rise of ORC in the United States

In addition to the New York Yacht Club, many other major clubs and races in the United States have embraced the ORC rule. Both the Chicago Yacht Club Race to Mackinac and the Bayview Mac Race, the two largest freshwater distances races in the United States, are now using ORC to score their performance divisions. Other events using ORC include Rolex Big Boat Series (St. Francis Yacht Club), Block Island Race Week (Storm Trysail Club) and events hosted by Annapolis Yacht Club.

ORC certificates in the United States, by year

Year	ORC Club	ORCi	Total
2018	135	58	193
2019	211	75	286
2020	228	66	294
2021	744	271	1015
2022	611	298	909

Financial Outlook

The New York Yacht Club has vast experience running large scale events and sticking to budgets. Delivering unparalleled value and sailor experience is our priority. A preliminary budget has been assembled to forecast scenarios at multiple levels of participation and the Club will work diligently to ensure that entry fees remain appropriate.

New York Yacht Club has a long standing history with many top yachting sponsors. Our Sponsorship Committee works diligently to secure sponsorship dollars to balance the budget along with entry fees. Recent corporate partners include Rolex, BMW, AIG, Helly Hansen, Safe Harbor Marinas, and Hammett's Hotels, among others.



Proposed Dates and Schedule

September 27-October 5, 2024

Friday, 9/27

Registration & Measurement

Saturday, 9/28

Registration & Measurement

Sunday, 9/29

Registration & Measurement

Practice Race

Opening Ceremony

Monday, 9/30

Long Offshore Race

Tuesday, 10/1

Long Offshore Race (con't)

Wednesday, 10/2

Inshore Race Day 1

Post-Race Social

Thursday, 10/3

Inshore Race Day 2

Regatta Dinner

Friday, 10/4

Short Offshore Race

Post-Race Social

Saturday, 10/5

Inshore Race Day 3

Awards Ceremony

Logistics

BOAT

New York Yacht Club Harbour Court is located in Newport, RI. There are several major boatyards, sailmakers and chandleries in close proximity that can handle any size boat or repair.

Dockage and moorings are available throughout the area at a number of locations in Newport and the surrounding areas. Safe Harbor Marinas, Sail Newport and Oldport Marine will provide docking and services packages for the regatta competitors to help ease shoreside logistics.



Logistics

TRAVEL

Two airports serve the area: TF Green in Providence, RI, is 35-45 minutes away while Boston Logan International Airport in Boston, MA, is 80-95 minutes away. Regularly scheduled shuttle service is available from both locations as well as car rentals and taxis.

Cabs, pedicabs and bike rentals are common throughout the Newport area.

LODGING

There are a vast number of lodging options throughout the area including short-term housing rentals, bed and breakfasts, and hotels.

LOCAL ATTRACTIONS

Newport and the surrounding area boast a plethora of things to do and see. From historic mansions to world class beaches to plenty of shopping, there is something for everyone.

