YRA of LIS TEAM RACING CHAMPIONSHIP
FOR THE GLENCAIRN TROPHY
Organizing Authority (OA): Yacht Racing Association of Long Island Sound
Hosted by Norwalk Yacht Club
October 2, 3, and 4, 2020
NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES
   1.1 The regatta will be governed by rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing, including Appendix D: Team Racing Rules.
   1.2 All competitors shall wear U.S. Coast Guard approved PFDs while on the water except for brief periods when changing or adjusting clothing or equipment.
   1.3 No change to the standing rigging is permitted except by direction from the race committee.
   1.4 All competitors shall wear face coverings when on the grounds or in the launches of the host club. Violation of this Rule shall not be grounds for protest by another competitor.

2. FORMAT
   2.1 This is a club-based 2-on-2 team-racing event.
   2.2 Each team will be composed of a two-boat Varsity and a two-boat Masters team.
   2.3 Racing will be in club-owned Ideal 18s; each boat shall sail with two persons.
   2.4 Subject to conditions, the format will be a single round robin with provisions for additional round robins of all teams, or teams may be split into groups for a preliminary round robin, followed by a championship series or round-robin. The principal race officer and event chairman may change the format or terminate or eliminate any stage, when conditions do not permit the completion of the intended stage.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY
   3.1 The Event will be held in the eight (8) Ideal 18s owned by the host club.
   3.2 An Invitation may be requested by e-mailing: sailingdirector@norwalkyachtclub.com
   3.3 Four (4) teams plus the team of the host club will compete in the event.
   3.4 Participation is by invitation to YRA LIS member clubs by the host club.
   3.5 Acceptance of a club’s entry will be at the sole discretion of the host club.
   3.6 All team members shall be members, spouses or dependents of members of the club they represent.
   3.7 Helms for the Masters teams shall be at least 45 years old; crews shall be at least 40, as of the day of the regatta.
3.8 No crew substitutions will be permitted without the approval of the principal race officer or event chairman.
3.9 The entry fee is $225. per club team. This covers the cost of staging the regatta, including trophies. Due to COVID-19 restrictions there will be minimal shore side activities associated with the event.

4 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
Friday, October 2
1730 - Competitors Briefing by ZOOM
Saturday, October 3 - Masters Division
0830 - Registration
0900 - Harbor Start
1000 - First Signal
No signal after 1500
Sunday, October 4 - Varsity Division
0830 - Registration
0900 - Harbor Start
1000 - First Signal
No signal after 1500
Informal Awards ceremony after the completion of racing

6 RACING AREA
Racing will be in waters south and/or south and west of the host club’s anchorage in Wilson Cove.

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
Sailing instructions will be distributed to teams electronically prior to the competitor’s meeting.

8 COURSE
Courses will be box courses as described in the sailing instructions.

9 SCORING
9.1 Scoring will be in accordance with Appendix D of the RRS, with modifications as described in the sailing instructions.
9.2 One completed round robin in the Masters Division shall constitute a Masters series, one completed round robin in the Varsity Division shall constitute a Varsity series, and one completed round robin in both divisions shall constitute a series for the Glencairn Trophy.
9.3 The Masters Team shall compete for the Aileen Trophy, and the Varsity Team shall compete for the Bumble Bee Trophy.
9.4 The combined teams of each club shall compete for the Glencairn Trophy. The winner shall be determined by summing the numerical value of each club’s
finishing place in the Masters and Varsity Divisions, and the low total wins. The other clubs shall be ranked in a similar fashion. Ties shall be broken using the greater number of race wins in both divisions or, if necessary, Rule D4.4 or D4.5.

10 PROTESTS
Protests will be decided by Three-Minute Justice, as described in the sailing instructions.

11 WAIVER AND DAMAGE FEE
All participants must sign a Waiver form regarding personal injury, including risks from COVID-19, and borrowed boat responsibility at registration. A damage fee of up to $1,000 per incident may be charged to a skipper’s credit card if there is damage to a boat. A credit card must be presented at registration for the damage fee. If the judges determine that the Right of Way skipper did not act appropriately to avoid a damage causing collision, the damage fee will be divided between the two skippers involved.

12 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY
The Waiver to be signed by each competitor at registration will be substantially in the form herein:

REGATTA WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY
For and in consideration of Norwalk Yacht Club (the “Organization”) allowing me, the undersigned, to participate in any capacity in an Organization sanctioned, licensed or approved event or activity (“Event” or “Events”); I, for myself, and on behalf of my spouse, children, heirs and next of kin, and any legal and personal representatives, executors, administrators, successors, and assigns, hereby agree to and make the following contractual representations pursuant to this Agreement (the “Agreement”):

A. RULES AND REGULATIONS: I hereby agree to abide by the rules, regulations, and policies of the Organization, including any and all COVID-19 related safety measures required by the Organization.

B. ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RISK: I knowingly, willingly, and voluntarily acknowledge the inherent risks associated with the sport of sailing, and that participation in any Organization involves risks and dangers including, without limitation, the potential for serious bodily injury (including broken bones, head or neck injuries), sickness and disease (including communicable diseases), trauma, pain & suffering, permanent disability, paralysis and death; loss of or damage to personal property; exposure to extreme conditions and circumstances; accidents involving other participants, event staff, volunteers or spectators; contact or collision with other participants or natural or manmade objects; adverse weather conditions; facilities issues and premises conditions; failure of protective equipment; inadequate safety measures; participants of varying skill levels; situations beyond the immediate control of the Event organizers and competition
management; and other undefined, not readily foreseeable and presently unknown risks and dangers (“Risks”).

C. ASSUMPTION OF RISK: I understand that the aforementioned Risks may be caused in whole or in part or result directly or indirectly from the negligence of my own actions or inactions, the actions or inactions of others participating in the Events, or the negligent acts or omissions of the Released Parties defined below, and I hereby voluntarily and knowingly assume all such Risks and responsibility for any damages, liabilities, losses, or expenses that I incur as a result of my participation in any Events. I also agree to be responsible for any injury or damage caused by me or any agents under my direction and control at any Event.

D. RELEASE: In consideration of my participation in any Event, I hereby release from liability and waive any claims against the owner or organizer of the Event, its licensees, competition managers, promoters, sponsors, advertisers, beneficiaries, venue providers, and supporting organizations, together with the officers, directors, employees, volunteers and contractors of them (the “Released Parties” or “Event Organizers”), with respect to any liability, claim(s), demand(s), cause(s) of action, damage(s), loss, or expense (including court costs and reasonable attorney fees) of any kind or nature (“Liability”) which may arise out of, result from, or relate in any way to my participation in the Events, including claims for Liability caused in whole or in part by the negligent acts or omissions of the Released Parties.

E. COMPLETE AGREEMENT AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSE: This Agreement represents the complete understanding between the parties regarding these issues and no oral representations, statements or inducements have been made apart from this Agreement. If any provision of this Agreement is held to be unlawful, void, or for any reason unenforceable, then that provision shall be deemed severable from this Agreement and shall not affect the validity and enforceability of any remaining provisions.

I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS DOCUMENT IN ITS ENTIRETY, UNDERSTAND ALL OF ITS TERMS AND CONDITIONS, AND KNOW IT CONTAINS AN ASSUMPTION OF RISK, RELEASE, AND WAIVER FROM LIABILITY

FURTHER INFORMATION
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