

**Rhode Island Yacht Club  
Cranston, RI**



**Ladies Cup Regatta  
Saturday, June 17, 2017**

Rhode Island Yacht Club is pleased to host the 2017 Ladies Cup Regatta celebrating the competitive spirit of women sailors in Narragansett bay. The Ladies Cup has awarded intermittently since its inception in 1898.

**NOTICE OF RACE**

**1 RULES**

- 1.1 The regattas will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 This is a non-spinnaker race only
  - 1.2.1 Only a single headsail, fully hanked to the headstay, is allowed, except during the rapid change of headsails
  - 1.2.2 Spinnakers, bloopers, etc. are prohibited

**2 ELIGIBILITY**

- 2.1 Racing is open to all boats which are compatible with at least one of the classes in which racing will be conducted.
- 2.2 In the spirit of the event, all boats shall be Helmed and/or Skipped by a female, and all crews including skipper shall be not less than 50% female. Professional skippers are not allowed to skipper boats.
- 2.3 Racing will be conducted in the following classes pending registration of an adequate number of boats.
  - 2.3.1 Mono-hull sailboats with a valid 2017 PHRF-NB certificate and rating
  - 2.3.2 International Optimist Dinghies
  - 2.3.3 Collegiate 420/Z420
  - 2.3.4 Rhodes 19's

*Note: Competitors are asked to provide their own boats. Please contact RIYC if you can make additional boats available for competitors that may find it difficult to transport boats to RIYC*

- 2.4 Eligible boats may enter by completing a separate entry form and waiver with the required fee to Rhode Island Yacht Club not later than 12:00 on June 16<sup>th</sup>.
- 2.5 Racers are permitted to race in both the one design and PHRF classes.

### **3 FEES**

- 3.1 PHRF \$35 per boat
- 3.2 International Optimist Dinghies \$10 per sailor
- 3.3 Collegiate 420/Z420 \$20 per team
- 3.4 Tickets for the Pre-Race breakfast, cookout and post racing party can be purchased during the day of the event at Rhode Island Yacht Club.

### **4 SCHEDULE**

08:30	Check-In Opens and Pre-Race breakfast
09:00	One Design Skippers Meeting
09:30	One Design Initial Warning Signal
9:30 – 12:30	One Design Racing
11:30- 1:30	Competitors and Spectators Cookout
13:00	PHRF Skippers Meeting
13:45	Warning signal for first class start
06:00	Awards ceremony and after party

### **5 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 5.1 Sailing Instructions will be available on the Rhode Island Yacht Club Website ([www.riyachtclub.org](http://www.riyachtclub.org)) on or about June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017

### **6 VENUE**

- 6.1 The course area will be in the upper Narragansett Bay, and will utilize fixed courses as indicated in the appendix to the Sailing Instructions as well as variable courses using dropped marks, or marks chosen from the list of government marks to be posted on a course board from the committee boat
- 6.2 Regatta headquarters and all off-water events will be held at the Rhode Island Yacht Club
- 6.3 Free moorings for competitors and spectators will be made available first come first served at Rhode Island Yacht Club. *Note: There should be adequate berthing for all participants and spectators however feel free to contact RIYC to confirm likely availability. Plan to bring your own dinghy as there will be limited transportation to/from the mooring field.*

## **7 SAFETY**

- 7.1 The race area utilizes navigable waters shared by commercial traffic and other stakeholders. The Sailing Instructions will contain specific instructions regarding the rights of commercial traffic and other vessels restricted in their ability to maneuver.
- 7.2 All PHRF competitors are required to maintain an active listening watch on the VHF channel 72.
- 7.3 All skippers are reminded they are responsible for the safety of their crew, and of the requirement to help any others in danger.

## **8 PRIZES**

- 8.1 Trophies will be presented to the top 3 boats in each class
- 8.2 Trophies for One Design Racing shall be awarded shortly after conclusion of the racing
- 8.3 Trophies for PHRF classes shall be awarded at the Award Ceremony
- 8.4 The Ladies Cup perpetual trophy will be engraved with the top finisher based on corrected time of the afternoon PHRF race adjusted as follows
  - 8.4.1 For purposes of awarding the Ladies Cup and in the spirit of the event, boats with a 100% female crew shall be provided with a 10 seconds/mile PHRF rating credit

## **9 LIABILITY**

- 9.1 The Skipper/Owner of each boat participating in the regatta shall be responsible for the behavior of each member of the crew of his/her boat, both while on the water and while ashore. The destruction of property, the breach of reasonable standards of good sportsmanship by any crew member, or any other person associated with the boat, or the failure of any of those persons to comply with any reasonable request of any race officer or their representatives may result in the disqualification of the boat, and its exclusion from the event.

## **10 FURTHER INFORMATION**

Please contact the event Chairwoman

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