



MANHATTAN SAILING CLUB



NOTICE OF RACE

Fifth Dennis Conner International Yacht Club Challenge

August 17, 18 & 19, 2012

Organized by the
New York Harbor Sailing Foundation, Inc.

Hosted by Manhattan Sailing Club
and helping to celebrate the Club's Silver Jubilee
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Invitation from Dennis Conner

Greetings sailors from around the world!

Come to New York City and participate in the Fifth Dennis Conner International Yacht Club Challenge!

This will be a great regatta on J/24 sailboats in New York Harbor. The boats will be provided by the Manhattan Sailing Club which is celebrating its Silver Jubilee!

The purpose of this regatta is to promote international goodwill through friendly competition. There will be three days of racing and four days of social events.

This is a regatta for amateur club sailors. If you have dreamed of visiting New York City, here is your opportunity. And because our goal is to create international goodwill, I encourage your club to bring a "social team" of friends, spouses & family.

I look forward to meeting you in Manhattan at the Fifth Dennis Conner International Yacht Club Challenge in August 2012!



1. Name of Event: The name of the event shall be the "Dennis Conner International Yacht Club Challenge."

2. Purpose of Event: The purpose of the Dennis Conner International Yacht Club Challenge is to bring together yacht clubs from around the world to create international goodwill through friendly competition.

3. Entries: This is an invitational regatta. Any yacht club can request an entry. The Selection Committee will review interested yacht clubs and issue invitations on the basis of geographic location and order of response. The goal is to get a field of entries from around the world.

4. Rules: The regatta will be raced according to the International Racing Rules of Sailing as adopted by US Sailing.

5. Yachts & Equipment: This regatta will be raced on identical J/24 sailboats provided by the Manhattan Sailing Club. The club will provide all sails, sheets and other racing equipment. Teams must use the equipment provided. No additional boat equipment may be brought aboard by any teams. Teams will switch boats after each race.

6. Schedule of Events (subject to change):

Wednesday, August 15, 2012

1100 - Practice Sailing (optional)

Champagne rides to the Statue of Liberty when your team arrives.

1800 – Welcoming Reception on floating clubhouse in harbor (optional)



Thursday, August 16, 2012
1100 – Practice Sailing & Non-Scoring
Friendship Race in the Harbor
(optional)
Champagne rides to the Statue of
Liberty when your team arrives.
1800 - Opening Ceremony



Friday, August 17, 2012
1100 – Race 1 followed by Races 2 & 3
1800 – Regatta dinner & party

Saturday, August 18, 2012
1100 - Race 4 followed by Races 5 & 6
1800 – Dinner and Party on the Floating Clubhouse in the Harbor

Sunday, August 19, 2012
1100 – Race 7 followed by Race 8
1800 – Dinner & Awards Ceremony

7. Racing Area: Races will be held in New York Harbor. The scenery is spectacular with the skyline of Manhattan on one side and the Statue of Liberty on the other. The start and finish of all races will be from the Manhattan Sailing Club's floating clubhouse which is permanently anchored north of Ellis Island.

8. Courses: Courses will be windward-leeward. Inflatable marks will be set by Race Committee. Because the starting location is fixed, races may start in any direction, including upwind or downwind.





- 9. Crew:** This is an amateur competition designed to encourage foreign club sailors to visit New York City. Unlimited crew substitution, addition or subtraction, regardless of weight, is allowed during the regatta as long as these crew rules are observed:
- Yacht clubs must be represented by amateur crews who are not paid to participate in this event.
 - At least 2 members of each crew must be members of the yacht club they represent for one year or more.
 - Unlimited crew addition, subtraction or substitution, regardless of weight, is allowed during the regatta.
 - The maximum number of sailors (including Local Representative) on a J/24 at any time is 6 and the minimum number is 4.

10. Local Representative: In addition to your crew, one Local Representative will sail on each boat. The “Local Rep” will provide local knowledge and a VHF radio to communicate with the Race Committee. Local Reps will stay with the boat while racing teams rotate.

11. Spectators: All races will be run from the harbor clubhouse and spectators are invited to watch. The clubhouse can hold up to 149 people and transportation is provided by club launch.





12. Entry & Charter Fee: There is a \$500 entry & charter fee.

13. Damage Deposit: There is a \$1,000 damage deposit which will be refunded to teams at the end of the regatta unless your team causes damage to one of the J/24 sailboats.

14. Scoring: The Low Point Scoring System will be used with each yacht assigned points equivalent to their finishing position. If 5 or more races are completed, each team may discard one race.

15. Prizes: Regatta prizes will be awarded to the top team. In addition, International Goodwill Prizes will be awarded to all teams in the regatta.

16. Special Awards: Each team should bring a symbolic (and humorous) gift or trophy to give to the team which finishes directly behind them in the overall standings. These gifts or trophies will be awarded at the Prize Giving.

For more information, please contact Manhattan Sailing Club at 212-786-3323 or email bomer@myc.org.



Entry Request

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Name of Yacht Club: _____

Name of Team Leader: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Your position within the yacht club: _____

Names of other sailors on your team (names will be listed on website): _____

Please email a copy of your club burgee to bomer@myc.org for inclusion on our website.

Entry Fee: \$500 which covers the boat charter. You may also purchase tickets for the social events your team wishes to join. Details about ticket price will be available later. Each team must also leave a \$1,000 damage deposit which will be refunded at the end of the regatta if your team does not cause any damage.

You may pay your entry fee by check made payable to "New York Harbor Sailing Foundation" or by Visa, MasterCard or American Express card. If paying by credit card, please complete below:

Card Number: _____ Expiration Date _____

Name on Card: _____

Signature of Card Holder _____

Please return form to: Manhattan Sailing Club, 385 South End Ave #6H, New York, NY 10280, USA. Fax: 212-786-1743. Email: bomer@myc.org

Questions: Call Manhattan Sailing Club at 212-786-3323.

After your "Entry Request" has been received, Manhattan Sailing Club will contact you.