



MANHATTAN YACHT CLUB

## NOTICE OF RACE LADY LIBERTY REGATTA SEPTEMBER 8, 9 & 10, 2023

Hosted by the Manhattan Yacht Club  
Sponsored by the New York Harbor Sailing Foundation

**1. Purpose of Event:** The purpose of the event is to support and promote women's sailing by bringing together top women teams.

**2. Host of the Event:** The host of the event is Manhattan Yacht Club.

**3. Sponsor of the Event:** The sponsor of the event is the New York Harbor Sailing Foundation. The Foundation's mission is to foster and promote amateur sailing of national and international importance in New York Harbor.

**4. History of Event:** The first Lady Liberty Regatta was organized in 1989 under the name "Betsy Ross Bowl." The name was changed to the Lady Liberty Regatta and the event was opened to international teams beginning in 2022.

**5. Entries:** Any all-woman team can apply to participate. The 2023 regatta will be open to 15 teams. Once all 15 teams are selected, the entries for 2023 will be closed and we will begin accepting entries for 2024. To be considered for an invitation, complete the form at <https://myc.org/racing-home/lady-liberty-regatta/>

**6. Rules:** The regatta will be raced according to the International Racing Rules of Sailing as adopted by US Sailing and modified by the Sailing Instructions.

**7. Yachts & Equipment:** This regatta will be raced on J/24 sailboats provided by Manhattan Yacht Club.



The mainsails, genoas and jibs, plus sheets and all other equipment except spinnakers will be provided. No other equipment may be brought aboard. Teams will rotate boats after each race.

### 8. Schedule of Events:

**Thursday, September 7, 2023**  
1400 - Practice sailing in harbor  
1600 - Practice Race  
2000 - Opening Ceremony



**Friday, September 8, 2023**

1200 – Race 1  
1400 - Race 2  
1600 - Race 3  
1930 - Evening Social Event

**Saturday, September 9, 2023**

1200 - Race 4  
1400 - Race 5  
1600 - Race 6  
1930 - Evening Social Event

**Sunday, September 10, 2023**

1200 - Race 7  
1400 - Race 8  
Prize Giving & Closing Ceremony



**9. Racing Area:** Races will be held in New York Harbor. All races will start and finish from the Honorable William Wall, Manhattan Yacht Club’s floating clubhouse anchored north of Ellis Island.

**10. Courses:** Courses will be windward-leeward. Inflatable marks will be set by Race Committee. Because the starting location is fixed, races may start upwind or downwind.

**11. Crew:** This is an event for women sailors. Unlimited crew substitution of similar weight is allowed during the regatta.

**12. Entry Fee & National Team Sponsors:** Teams will not be charged any entry fee but they may be responsible for the cost of their social events. Once a team enters, the Foundation will meet with the Consulate of that nation to solicit businesses which might wish to support their national teams. If the Foundation is able to raise support through the Consulate, this will be allocated first towards the cost of a national spinnaker and the boat charter fee, and then towards covering the cost of social events and possibly housing for the visiting sailors.

**13. Damage & Insurance Pool:** Each team is responsible for the cost of any boat damage they cause up to a maximum of \$2,000 per occurrence. Teams may also join a self-administered insurance pool to cover damage to boats during the regatta. The insurance premium is \$500 per team. The pool will cover repairs, and any remaining balance will be divided among the participating teams.

**14. Scoring:** The Low Point Scoring System will be used. If four or more races are completed, each team may discard one race.

**15. Prizes:**  
Prizes will be awarded to the top four teams.

For more information, please email [office@myc.org](mailto:office@myc.org).

