



# BALDWIN CUP

TEAM RACE AT NHYC 2026

APRIL 16-18

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NOTICE OF RACE

## 1. GENERAL

- 1.1. The Organizing Authority is the Newport Harbor Yacht Club.
- 1.2. US SAILING is the national authority of the venue. The US Sailing website provides a downloadable copy of all the US Sailing prescriptions.  
<http://www.ussailing.org/competition/rules-officiating/racing-rules/>

## 2. RULES

- 2.1. The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing*, Appendix D Team Racing Rules, and any Federal, State and Local ordinances with jurisdiction over this event. Any changes to rules in the RRS will be stated in the Sailing Instructions.
- 2.2. The prescription to rule 63.1 is deleted.
- 2.3. RRS 17 is deleted.
- 2.4. The Harbor 20 Class rules will not apply.
- 2.5. RRS D2 Umpired Races will apply.
- 2.6. The OA intends to have an International Jury (IJ). If a properly constituted IJ is in place, there will be no right of appeal. If an IJ is not constituted, the OA will seek US Sailing's approval to delete 70.5 and eliminate the right of appeal for qualifying rounds (any round except the finals).

## 3. BOATS

- 3.1. Harbor 20 type boats will be provided by the OA for competing teams.

## 4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. All teams interested in competing in the Baldwin Cup must fill out a Request for Invitation.
- 4.2. Request for Invitations are due by January 31, 2026
- 4.3. Invitations will be sent on February 4, 2026.
- 4.4. Only yacht club teams invited by the OA will be eligible to enter this event.
- 4.5. Acceptance of the invitation shall be made by submitting the electronic entry form and paying the \$1,000 USD non-refundable entry bond no later than February 12, 2026.
- 4.6. Team Composition
  - 4.6.1. Each team shall consist of one helmsperson and one crew each for two boats, a total of four sailors.
  - 4.7.2. All shall be bona fide members or spouses, in good standing, of the yacht club they represent;
  - 4.3.3. All shall be 21 years of age or older by April 16, 2026;
  - 4.3.4. All helmspersons shall be current members of a World Sailing National Authority (MNA)



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during the regatta.

- 4.4. Each team shall submit a crew list and eligibility affidavit (provided) which will include information for each competitor, their club membership, MNA membership, and age to NHYC, along with the balance of the entry fee by March 6, 2026. The OA reserves the right to make reasonable exceptions to the eligibility requirements. Requests for exceptions shall be made in writing and submitted to the NHYC Race Office by March 13, 2026.
- 4.5. Crew substitutions are not allowed, except in an emergency as approved by the OA. Requests for substitutions may be submitted in writing to the NHYC Race Office.

## 5. FEES

- 5.1. The entry fee for this regatta is \$3,100 USD, which includes the \$1,000 USD non-refundable entry bond. All entry fees are non-refundable after March 13, 2026. The entry fee includes 4 tickets to all social functions. Additional tickets will be available for purchase.
  - 5.1.1. Payable via Check: Newport Harbor Yacht Club, c/o Race Office, 720 West Bay Ave., Newport Beach, CA 92661
  - 5.1.2. Payable via Wire Transfer: Please contact the NHYC Race Office ([race.office@nhycstaff.org](mailto:race.office@nhycstaff.org))
- 5.2. A damage deposit of \$2,000 USD shall be paid at registration. This deposit is the maximum payable by the team as the result of any one incident where there is damage to a boat or an official vessel. In the event a deduction from the damage deposit is required by the OA, it may further require that the deposit be restored to its original amount before the team will be permitted to continue in the event.
- 5.3. Unreported non-attributable damage will be charged equally to all the teams who have used the boat between the last known time when the boat was not damaged and when the damage is discovered.
- 5.4. Any deposit remaining at the conclusion of the event will be refunded within thirty (30) days.

## 6. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 6.1. Boats will be available for practice sailing on Wednesday April 15, 2026. Two (2) hour time slots will be available beginning at 1100. Please contact the NHYC Race Office ([race.office@nhycstaff.org](mailto:race.office@nhycstaff.org)) to reserve boats.
- 6.2. The schedule and shoreside events are subject to change.

	Wednesday April 15	Thursday April 16	Friday April 17	Saturday April 18
Practice	1100-1700	-	-	-
Check In	1100-1700	0800-0900	-	-
Welcome Reception (mandatory)	1830	-	-	-
Breakfast Buffet		0800-0900	0800-0900	0800-0900
Daily Competitors' Briefing		0900	0900	0900
Team Photo	1900	-	-	-
First Warning		1030	1000	1000
Lunch Buffet		1130-1400	1130-1400	1130-1400
Umpire Debriefing		after racing	after racing	-
Trophy Presentation & Social		-	-	After Racing

## 7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 7.1. The sailing instructions will be available no later than Wednesday, April 15, 2026 on the race website, [www.baldwincup.com](http://www.baldwincup.com), and at check in.

## 8. **FORMAT**

8.1. The format will be based on the number of teams registered, the weather conditions and consist of a Swiss League stage followed by knockout series rounds. The format to be attempted, contingency formats (if any), and changes to the format will be described fully in the sailing instructions.

## 9. **COURSE**

9.1. The courses will be either a port or starboard box with multiple legs and a downwind finish.

## 10. **VENUE**

10.1. Races will be conducted in the harbor north of the NHYC main dock.

## 11. **SCORING**

11.1. Scoring will be in accordance with Appendix D, except as modified by the sailing instructions.

## 12. **PRIZES**

12.1. Trophies will be awarded on Saturday, April 18th at an awards presentation. All teams and officials are expected to attend.

12.2. The winning team members' names will be commemorated on the Baldwin M. Baldwin Cup, a perpetual trophy.

## 13. **CODE OF CONDUCT**

13.1. Competitors shall comply with any reasonable request from any official, including attendance at official functions, and shall not behave so as to bring the event or the sport into disrepute.

13.2. Participation in this regatta is only by invitation. When the protest committee finds that a boat or team's competitor has broken one or more rules where there was repeated breach of boat handling requirements, serious damage caused by reckless sailing or poor seamanship, poor sportsmanship or misconduct as described in RRS 69.1 (b), it shall make a report to the OA, who may revoke that team's invitation and excuse the team from the remainder of the regatta. The OA may also take this action without such a report after consultation with regatta management.

13.3. No competitor shall consume alcoholic beverages on race days either on or off the water until they have finished their final race each day.

13.4. The following actions are strictly prohibited while afloat:

13.4.1. The use of tobacco or cannabis products.

13.4.2. Urination into the harbor.

## 14. **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

14.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The OA will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta.