

ROYAL THAMES YACHT CLUB



COMMODORE GEORGE NICHOLS TROPHY INTERCLUB TEAM RACE

NEW YORK YACHT CLUB versus ROYAL THAMES YACHT CLUB

Friday 12th – Sunday 14th October

Registration and Practice Friday 12th

Racing Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th.



1. The Event and the Organising Authority

The Commodore George Nichols Trophy regatta 2008 is organised by the Royal Thames Yacht Club as the UK match of an on-going series of team racing contests between New York Yacht Club, owners of the Commodore George Nichols Trophy, and Royal Thames Yacht Club. It will be conducted in the Royal Victoria Docks, London, E16 in Berkeley Marine First Class 8 yachts as a two-boat team racing competition. The organising authority is the Royal Thames Yacht Club.

2. The Rules

The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing, including Appendix D.

Rules for the handling of boats will apply and will be set out in the sailing instructions. They will also apply to any practice sailing. Class rules will not apply.

There will be various changes to the rules and in particular to Appendix D that will be detailed in the sailing instructions.

Advertising will be restricted to Category A.

The right of appeal is denied in accordance with Rule 70.4 (a)

3. Competition Format and Teams

3.1 The competition will be in the form of two-boat-team racing in Berkeley Marine First Class 8s supplied by the organising authority.

Each club shall field two two-boat teams. The tournament will comprise a series of up to 12 rounds of two races each. In each race a New York Yacht Club team will race a Royal Thames Yacht Club team.

3.2 Each team shall consist of six sailors and shall comply with the following conditions:

- (a) at the time of the event the sailor shall have been a paid-up member of the club he or she represents for at least six months in a subscription category recognised by the rules of that club unless having the express permission of the Organising Authority, such permission being given only in exceptional circumstances;
- (b) no sailor shall be (or be one who upon application would be) classified as a Category 3 sailor as defined by the ISAF Competitor Classification Code.
- (c) No sailor shall have represented his or her country at international team racing level within the past three years (this does not exclude sailors who have travelled abroad as part of a club or informal team). For the purposes of this rule, the British-American Cup is an international country v country team racing competition.
- (d) The total age of the team shall be at least 240 years.

4. Provisional Programme of Events (subject to change)

4.1. Friday 12th September.

1130 Transport from 60 Knightsbridge to Royal Victoria Docks sailing base
1230 Competitors' General Briefing – introduction to the boats and venue
1300 Practice sailing.
1500 Informal fleet race.
1630 Return transport to Knightsbridge
1900 Welcome reception at 60 Knightsbridge

Saturday 13th September

0800 Transport from 60 Knightsbridge to Royal Victoria Docks
1000 Warning signal for Round 1
1730 Return transport to Knightsbridge
Evening social arrangements to be advised.

Sunday 14th September

0800 Transport from 60 Knightsbridge to Royal Victoria Docks
1000 Racing continues
1400 or earlier if racing complete – prizegiving BBQ at Novotel, Royal Victoria Docks

Practice

5.1 The afternoon of Friday 12th September is set aside as a practice period for teams to familiarise themselves with the boats.

6. Damage deposit

- 6.1 An initial damage deposit of £2,000 (£500 per boat) shall be paid by each club team at registration, unless extended by the OA. £500 is the maximum payable by a team in respect of any one boat as a result of any one incident. Payment shall be by cash, a cheque drawn on a United Kingdom bank or by a recognised credit card.
- 6.2 In the event that a deduction from the damage deposit is decided by the OA it may require that the deposit be restored to its original amount before the team will be permitted to continue in the event.
- 6.3 Where damage is caused through no fault of either boat involved, the cost will be divided equally between them.
- 6.4 Any deposit remaining after the event will be refunded as soon as possible after the event.

7 Safety

An adequate buoyancy aid shall be worn at all times while on the water. A wet suit or dry suit is not a buoyancy aid. Buoyancy aids will be available for loan at the venue, as will wet weather gear for those sailors who do not wish to bring their own.

8 Sailing Instructions

Sailing Instructions will be available upon registration.

9 Spare.

10 Scoring

- 10.1 In each flight, races shall be scored as described in RRS D 3.1
- 10.2 In the rounds 1-4, a race win shall score 1 point. In rounds 5 - 8 a race win shall score 1.5 points. In rounds 9-12 a race win shall score 2 points. This changes RRS D4.

11 Prizes

- 11.1 The Commodore George Nichols Trophy will be presented to the winning team at a reception to be held at the end of the event. Other prizes may be awarded.

12 Responsibility

- 12.1 A boat is entirely responsible for her own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing, whether in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility.
- 12.2 It is for the boat to decide whether she is fit to sail in the conditions in which she will find herself. By leaving her mooring or, in the event of a crew change, by coming to the starting area the boat confirms that she is fit for those conditions and that her crew is competent to sail and compete in them.
- 12.3 Nothing done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of the boat nor will it make the organisers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury however it may have been caused, as a result of the boat taking part in the racing. The organisers encompass everyone helping to run the race and the event, and include the organising authority, the race committee, the race officer, patrol boats and beachmasters and, for the purposes of this clause, the umpires.