



## NOTICE OF RACE

America's Cup Hall of Fame Challenge

October 3-4, 2026

Newport, Rhode Island

Organizing Authority (OA): Herreshoff Marine Museum

### 1. Rules

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the 2025-2028 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 The International 12-Metre Class Rules will apply.

### 2. Boats

- 2.1 The event will be sailed in the classic 12-Metres *American Eagle* (US-21), *Nefertiti* (US-19), *Weatherly* (US-17), and *Columbia* (US-16).
- 2.2 Boats will be provided by the OA.
- 2.3 Crews will rotate boats between races.

### 3. Eligibility and Entry

- 3.1 The regatta is open to qualified teams that pay the entry fee.
- 3.2 Teams may enter by completing the entry form and submitting it to the Herreshoff Marine Museum by September 1, 2026.

### 4. Fees

- 4.1 The entry fee is \$15,000 per boat.
- 4.2 The fee includes participation in the regatta, charter fees, dockage for the duration of the event, and tickets for all crew members to the opening reception and awards ceremony.
- 4.3 Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the OA and are subject to a \$1,000 late fee.

### 5. Schedule

- 5.1 Registration: October 2<sup>nd</sup> 1700-1900 at The Sailing Museum
- 5.2 Opening Reception: October 2<sup>nd</sup> 1800-2000 at The Sailing Museum
- 5.3 Dates of Racing:
  - October 3: First Warning Signal at 1100
  - October 4: First Warning Signal at 1100
- 5.4 Number of Races:
  - A maximum of four races are scheduled
  - No more than two races will be sailed on any day
- 5.5 On October 4, no warning signal will be made after 1500
- 5.6 Awards: October 4 @ 1700 at the 12 Metre YC in the Clarke Cooke House Sky Bar



## 6. Measurement

6.1 Boats will be raced in the configuration in which they are provided by the OA.

## 7. Sailing Instructions

7.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available after September 30, 2026, on the event website and at registration.

## 8. Venue

8.1 The racing area will be in Narragansett Bay, off Newport, Rhode Island.

## 9. Courses

9.1 The courses to be sailed will be windward-leeward configurations as described in the Sailing Instructions.

## 10. Scoring

10.1 Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

10.2 A team's series score will be the total of its race scores.

## 11. Support Boats

11.1 Support boats shall be marked with the yacht club or country flag they represent.

## 12. Berthing

12.1 Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while they are in the harbor.

## 13. Radio Communication

13.1 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats.

## 14. Prizes

14.1 Prizes will be given to all teams.

14.2 The overall winner will be awarded the America's Cup Hall of Fame Challenge Trophy.

## 15. Disclaimer of Liability

15.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. The Organizing Authority 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.

## 16. Insurance

16.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$1,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.



## 17. Further Information

17.1 For further information, please contact Event Chair Bill Lynn:

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