



Brooklyn Bridge Sail Club
2025 Weeknight Racing
Wednesday and Thursday Evening Racing Series
Spring, Summer, and Fall Series

NOTICE OF RACE

1 RULES

- 1.1 The organizing authority is the Brooklyn Bridge Sail Club.
- 1.2 The races will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing ("RRS"), and the spirit of the class rules for the Melges 24 and J/80
- 1.3 The following RRS are changed:
 - (a) RRS 40.1 shall apply at all times on the water. Competitors must supply their own USCG-approved PFDs. PFDs shall be worn outside of all clothing.
 - (b) Under RRS 87, rules of the Melges 24 class and J/80 class are changed as follows:
 - Melges 24:
 - Section B.2.1 is deleted (Class Association Membership)
 - Section C.5.2(a)(2) is added as follows: "When not in use, engine and outboard bracket shall remain in place on the transom."
 - Section C.5.2(a)(3) is added as follows: "The boat shall depart with the engine tank full and suitable separate container with fuel if provided on the boat."
 - J80:
 - Section B.1 is deleted (Class Association Sticker)
 - Section C is deleted (Conditions for Racing)
 - Section 5.3.1(i) is added as follows: "(The engine minimum weight shall not be less than 12.5kg (empty of fuel). When not in use, engine and any removable outboard bracket shall remain in place on the transom.)"
- 1.4 The Sailing Instructions may also change other racing rules.
- 1.5 The US Sailing prescription to RRS 63.1(b) shall not apply.
- 1.6 RRS 60.2(a)(1) is modified to add "A boat intending to protest another shall also hail "protest" via VHF Ch 71 stating the protesting boat number and the protestee boat number."

2 ADVERTISING

- 2.1 No advertising on Club boats is allowed unless approved by the Director of Sailing Operations.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The racing series is open to Club Skippers with approved racing privileges at the Brooklyn Bridge Sail Club using Club boats.
- 3.2 Eligible Club Skippers may enter by submitting a completed application form stating the preferred race evening(s), indicating preferred boat class (Melges 24s and J/80s) and identifying their team members. Preference will be given to Club Skippers that registered to race the Fall 2024 series, who already have fully registered racing teams (minimum four Full Members plus Club Skipper). Boats may be allocated to teams that do not have a full crew complement but the Director of Sailing operations reserves the right to place additional crew members on board (see 4.1) and charge additional fees.
- 3.3 Skippers may form different teams for more than one evening based on boat availability. Priority given the skippers who race one evening.
- 3.4 New racing skippers and the second team with a 2-team skipper will be allocated to the J/80 fleet. The last place Melges 24 teams at the end of the most recently completed series will

be allocated to the J/80 fleet for the following series in the same evening. The 1st place J/80 team have the option of being allocated to the Melges 24 fleet for the following series in the same evening.

3.5 The organizing authority will have final authority in allocating boats to accepted skippers depending on boat availability. Confirmed applications will be posted on the website.

3.6 Skippers shall form teams using Full Members of the Club.

3.7 Entries after the start of the season will be accepted at the discretion of the organizing authority.

4 FEES

4.1 Club Racing Crew Privileges: Each crew will be charged \$750.00 for the season when they commit to a team. Crews can commit to a second team on different evening at no additional cost.

4.2 Club Racing Skipper Privileges: Each skipper will be charged \$750.00 for the season when they form a team. Skipper members can also commit to a second team as crew on a different evening at no additional cost.

4.3 Skippers can form a second team on a different evening, but priority will be given to skippers who race only one evening.

4.4 Late Entries: Each registered Full Member of an accepted team entering after the beginning of a series will be charged \$40.00 per week for all remaining races of that series and then \$250.00 for each remaining series in the season.

4.5 Dues are payable prior to the racing season.

4.6 Club Members without Club Racing Privileges and non-member guests participating in racing will be charged a \$40.00 (inclusive of all taxes) Club Racing Participation Fee per occasion.

4.7 All Club Racing Guests Fees are payable in cash or credit card prior to the race. No credit terms for incidental fees (Guest Fees) are offered and credit balances cannot be applied to incidentals (Guest Fees).

5 CREW LIMITATIONS AND ALLOCATION

5.1 We encourage all racing teams to take out a full complement of crew regardless of racing conditions – “leave no one at the docks philosophy.”

5.2 Unassigned Full Members who are available to crew for a particular race evening can place their names on the Reserve Crew List for that particular evening.

5.3 In event of crew shortages for a particular race evening any Full Member with Club Racing Privileges can be used as a substitute for crew

5.4 In event of crew shortages and no other Full Member with Club Racing Privileges are available, other Full Members may substitute as crew.

5.5 Club Members other than Full Members and non-member guests may also substitute as crew with prior approval (by 5 pm of the day of racing) of the Director of Sailing. Requests are granted by exception as Full Members are potentially being displaced from participation.

5.6 Club Members without Club Racing Privileges will be charged a Club Racing Participation Fee if they substitute as crew.

5.7 Non-member guests are required to sign the Guest Liability Waiver and will be charged a Club Racing Participation Fee if they substitute as crew. Non-member guests can race once per season at the Sail Club and are encouraged to join the Sail Club.

5.8 All new skippers will be required have a coach on board for all their races of their first series. The coach will be assigned by the Sailing Director each week.

6 SCHEDULE AND VENUE

- 6.1 Practice Race days are tentatively scheduled for April 30 and May 1
- 6.2 Races are scheduled for the following days in 2025
- 6.3 The scheduled time of the first warning signal for the first race is 1825.

Spring Series (7 evenings)

Wednesday evening: May 7, 14, 21, 28 and June 4, 11, 18

Thursday evening: May 8, 15, 22, 29 and June 5, 12, 19

Summer Series (7 evenings)

Wednesday evening: June 25, July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 and August 6

Thursday evening: June 26, July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 and August 7

Fall Series (6 evenings)

Wednesday evening: August 13, 20, 27 and September 3, 10, 17

Thursday evening: August 14, 21, 28 and September 4, 11, 18

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 7.1 The sailing instructions will be available after 30 April 2025 on the Sail Club's website.

8 VENUE

- 8.1 Racing will take place in the Upper Bay in the vicinity of the Gowanus/Bay Ridge Flats Anchorages.

9 THE COURSES

- 9.1 The courses to be sailed can be:
 - (a) Windward-leeward courses with drop marks or government marks,
 - (b) Around special marks set by the race committee,
 - (c) Around a combination of Government marks and special marks.

10 SCORING

- 10.1 The scoring system will be the Low Point System of Appendix A of the RRS, as modified by the sailing instructions.

- 10.2 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

- 10.3 DNS, RET or DSQ shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats that came to the starting area for the first race. A boat that did not come to the starting area shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats entered in the series.

- 10.4 Throw-outs

- (a) When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her scores
- (b) When 5 or 6 races are completed in a series, the boat's score shall be the total of her scores excluding her worst score, except DNE.
- (c) When 7 or 8 races are completed in a series, the boat's score shall be the total of her scores excluding her two worst scores, except DNE.
- (d) When 9 to 12 races are completed in a series, the boat's score shall be the total of her scores excluding her three worst scores, except DNE.
- (e) When 13 races or more races are completed in a series, the boat's score shall be the total of her scores excluding her four worst scores, except DNE.

- 10.5 If a racing team's assigned boat is not available for the racing due to a breakdown, a request for redress may be submitted.



10.6 Late entrants must participate in a minimum of four days of the series to be eligible for any prize that might be awarded for that series.

11 COMMUNICATION

11.1 The online official notice board is located at next to the float plans in the club office.

11.2 [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on VHF Channels 13, 16, and 71.

11.3 On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF Channel 71.

11.4 [DP] While racing, except in an emergency or to hail "protest", a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

12 RACE AND PROTEST COMMITTEE

12.1 Each team will be assigned one or more nights to assist the Race Committee (RC) on their non-race night. Each team is responsible to provide three members. If a member races on both nights, it is the other night team's responsibility to find a substitute. The RC will form the Protest Committee if there are protests that night.

13. PRIZES

12.2 Prizes will be given at the discretion of the organizing authority.

13 POST RACE EVENTS

13.1 After event festivities will be held at Brooklyn Bridge Marina and Brooklyn Bridge Sail Club facilities (when available)

14 CHANGES

14.1 Changes to the Notice of Race will be posted on the website.

<http://one15brooklynmarina.com/club-home/>

15 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

15.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. 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. As a condition of the participation of any boat in any race or related activity sponsored or undertaken by BKNY Sail Club LLC or BKNY Marina, LLC, the owner, and each crew member agree that the safety of the boat and her crew and the decision whether or not to start or continue to race is solely their responsibility. All competitors waive all claims, which he or she, or any heir, representative, successor, or assignee, may have against BKNY Sail Club LLC or BKNY Marina LLC and its officers, members, committees, employees, or agents, arising out of or in any way connected with participation in such race or activity.

16 FURTHER INFORMATION

16.1 For further information please contact the Director of Sailing Operations:

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