



MANHATTAN YACHT CLUB

NOTICE OF EVENT

## INTERNATIONAL 12 METER CHALLENGE

JULY & AUGUST 2017

*An invitation to Match Race  
US 42 & US 46,  
two 12 Meter Yachts that  
raced in the 1987 America's Cup.*

*In celebration of 2017,  
an America's Cup Year,  
and the 30th Anniversaries of US 42 & 46  
as well as the Manhattan Yacht Club.*



**1. HISTORY:** There were three America II 12 Meters built for 1987 America's Cup held in Freemantle, Australia. These were US 42, 44 & 46. Manhattan Yacht Club also began its sailing career in 1987. In 2007, on the 20th Anniversary of MYC, a group of Members formed a syndicate and acquired our first America II (US 46). She was restored and donated to the New York Harbor Sailing Foundation. In 2015, the Foundation acquired its second America II (US 42). She is being restored so that both boats can match race in the harbor in 2017, in celebration of another America's Cup Year as well as the 30th Anniversaries of the America II 12 Meters and the Manhattan Yacht Club.

**2. NAME OF EVENT:** The name of the event is the International 12 Meter Challenge.

**3. PURPOSE OF EVENT:** The purpose of the event is to celebrate the America's Cup History of the 12 Meter class, as well as the 30th Anniversaries of America II and the Manhattan Yacht Club, and to promote amateur sailing in New York Harbor.

**4. HOST OF THE EVENT:** The host of the event is the Manhattan Yacht Club.

**5. SPONSOR OF THE EVENT:** The sponsor of the event is the New York Harbor Sailing Foundation.

**6. ENTRIES:** This Event will be open to four Yacht Clubs who will meet in New York Harbor to race and crown a Champion. Any Yacht Club can request to enter the International 12 Meter Challenge and all Yacht Clubs are encouraged to do so. The Selection Committee will review requests and issue invitations.



**7. THE COMPETITION:** The competition will be match racing with a ladder format. There will be Elimination Races on Thursday and Friday. The winning teams advance to the Championship Match on Sunday and the other teams compete in the Consolation Match on Saturday.

**8. CORINTHIAN OR GRAND PRIX RACING.** This Challenge will be competed in the Corinthian (without spinnakers) or Grand Prix (with spinnakers) style based on the interest of participating Yacht Clubs. Racing with a spinnaker on a 12 Meter significantly increases the complexity and requires a much more experienced crew. Most club sailors will not have this level of experience and should enter a Corinthian Challenge. If your sailors have experience racing with spinnakers

on a 65 foot boat, you may enter a Grand Prix Challenge. The Selection Committee will review interest to find four Yacht Clubs who wish to compete in the same style.

**9. RULES:** This Challenge will be raced according to the International Racing Rules of Sailing as adopted by US Sailing. The Sailing Instructions may include special rules designed to lessen the danger of collision and preserve these historic 12 Meter yachts.

**10. YACHTS & EQUIPMENT:** This Challenge will be competed on the two America II 12 Meters, US 42 & 46. All sails, sheets and other racing equipment will be provided. Teams will switch boats after each race.

**11. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:** There are four possible weeks for the International 12 Meter Challenge. The Selection Committee will communicate with interested Yacht Clubs to select a mutually acceptable week. The possible weeks are:

A. June 27 – July 2    B. July 11 – 16    C. July 25 – 30    D. August 8 - 13

Yacht Clubs will have an opportunity to practice on the 12 Meters beginning on Tuesday. Practice sessions are optional. Yacht Clubs will be designated as A, B, C & D based on a draw. The practice and racing schedule is as follows:

Tuesday

1000 – 1900 Optional practice

1900 – Boat Draw on the Clubhouse in the Harbor

Wednesday

1000 – 1400 Practice Teams C & D

1500 – 1900 Practice Teams A & B

Thursday

1000-1300 Practice Teams B & D

1500 Elimination Races (Teams A & C)

Friday

1000-1300 Practice Teams A & C

1500 Elimination Races (Teams B & D)

Saturday

1300 Consolation Match (up to 3 races)

Sunday

1300 Championship Match (up to 3 races)

**12. RACING AREA:** Races will be held in New York Harbor.

**13. COURSES:** Courses will be determined by the Race Committee. For Corinthian style races, the Race Committee will use government marks and may include harbor landmarks like



Governors Island and the Statue of Liberty. For Grand Prix style races, the Race Committee will set windward leeward courses around inflatable marks.

**14. CREW:** Each crew will be made up of 10 sailors from the challenging Yacht Club plus 1 or more Safety Officers assigned by the New York Harbor Sailing Foundation and up to 4 experienced 12 Meter sailors, some of who can be paid trainers or instructors and others who can be volunteers.

**15. SOCIAL TEAMS & SPECTATORS:** Participating Yacht Clubs are encouraged to bring a Social Team in addition to a Race Team. There will be many opportunities for the Social Team to interact with Members of the Manhattan Yacht Club. The Social Team will also be able to watch the races by purchasing tickets on a charter boat which follow the races on Saturday and Sunday.

**16. CHARTER FEE:** The charter fee for sailing the 12 Meters is \$10,000 for a Corinthian Series and \$15,000 for a Grand-Prix Series with spinnakers. There will also be social events during the Challenge and tickets will be available to purchase.

**17. RECIPROCAL RELATIONSHIPS:** All yacht clubs participating in the Challenge will be asked to establish reciprocal relationships with Manhattan Yacht Club. This provides for future interactions between our clubs and for members to visit each other's clubhouse on an occasional basis.

For more information, please contact Manhattan Yacht Club at [office@myc.org](mailto:office@myc.org) or 212-786-3323.



# International 12 Meter Challenge

## Request for Entry

Yacht Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Leader: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Your position within the yacht club: \_\_\_\_\_

Request this week: [ ] Jun 27 – Jul 2 [ ] Jul 11 – 16 [ ] Jul 25 – 30 [ ] Aug 8 - 13

Request to enter which division: [ ] Corinthian [ ] Grand-Prix (with spinnakers)

Please provide the names of the sailors on your team, and if requesting the Grand Prix Division, please provide resumes demonstrating the racing and spinnaker experience on this size yacht:

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Please return this form to [office@myc.org](mailto:office@myc.org)  
Questions: Call Manhattan Yacht Club at 212-786-3323.

After your Request for Entry has been received, the Selection Committee will contact you.









