

12 METER HERITAGE REGATTA 2025

**An opportunity for amateur sailors from all over the country
to race on historic 12 Meter Yachts.**

NEW YORK HARBOR | MAY 31 - JUNE 1, 2025



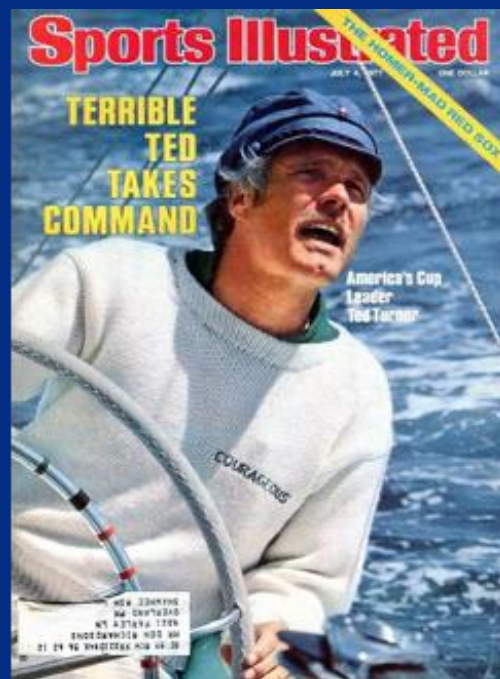


THE 12 METER HERITAGE REGATTA

12 Meters are the most iconic racing yachts in America. They competed for the America's Cup from 1958 to 1987.

The New York Harbor Sailing Foundation is the caretaker of two America's Cup 12 Meters, US 42 & US 46. It created the 12 Meter Heritage Cup to help bring these boats back to life and to celebrate the heritage of 12 Meters.

The Foundation's mission is to support amateur sailing, so this regatta is organized in a non-spinnaker format. This creates a unique opportunity for amateur sailors from around the country to fly into New York Harbor to watch and participate in 12 Meter races.



2025 SCHEDULE OF RACES

Friday, May 30, 2025 - Practice Sailing & Sunset Gathering

Saturday, May 31, 2025 - Race Day 1 & the 12 Meter Party

Sunday, June 1, 2025 - Race Day 2 & Awards Ceremony

WHO CAN RACE

The 12 Meter Heritage Cup is open to any group of college alumni who can put together a team of 6 to 12 people and charter a 12 Meter.

The first regatta of this format was held in 2023 and featured Princeton, Harvard and Columbia alumni.

The costs to charter a 12 Meter for this regatta usually ranges from \$15,000 to \$30,000, based on the 12 Meter you charter. Some boats race with 6 passengers and other race with 12.

Each team can decide how to cover the cost of the charter, whether through contributions of your fellow alumni sailors, donations or sponsorships.

This regatta is designed as an amateur competition. Most 12 Meter regattas are raced by professional sailors because of the complexity of raising and lowering a spinnaker. This is why the no-spinnaker format is used. Most 12 Meters come with a captain & 3 to 4 crew who can help your team sail the boat.

Three races are scheduled each day with 6 races over the weekend. Racing is around short courses.

To express your interest in fielding a team for this event, please email Manhattan Yacht Club Commodore Michael Fortenbaugh at commodore@myc.org.



THE YACHTS

AMERICA II US 42

STAR OF THE MOVIE "WIND" AS GERONIMO.



THE YACHTS

LOUIS XIII

AMERICA II US 46

ONE OF 3 NYYC BOATS BUILT FOR THE 1987 CUP.

America II

THE YACHTS

AMERICAN EAGLE - US 21

T E D T U R N E R ' S 1 2 M W H I C H W O N R A C E S A R O U N D T H E W O R L D .



ABOUT THE NEW YORK HARBOR SAILING FOUNDATION

The NY Harbor Sailing Foundation brings these iconic 12 Meters to the New York harbor to foster and promote recreation and to give more people the opportunity to see and race on these historic 12 Meters. We thank the participating 12 Meters and their owners!

Another purpose of the 12 Meter Heritage Regatta is to help support these historic yachts. 12 Meters represent the epitome of American yachting tradition and the charter fees help to support these yachts.

We encourage all sailors to support these historic yachts, either here in NY Harbor or at other regattas. For information about chartering a 12 Meter in events like the Opera House Cup in Nantucket, the Edgartown 12 Meter Regatta in Martha's Vineyard, or the 12 Meter North Americas in Newport, please contact Commodore Michael Fortenbaugh commodore@myc.org who will connect you with the appropriate owner.

The New York Harbor Sailing Foundation's mission is to foster and promote amateur sailing of national and international importance in New York Harbor. The Foundation is a non-profit corporation recognized by the IRS as a 501(c)(3) organization. Donations to the Foundation are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

The main programs of the New York Harbor Sailing Foundation include the Lady Liberty Regatta (NY Harbor's premiere all-women's event), Operation Optimist (the largest junior sailing program in the harbor) and the 12 Meter Program (preserving these important pieces of American yachting tradition).



YOU CAN ALSO WATCH THE RACES

The NY Harbor Sailing Foundation has arranged for two spectator boats for the 12 Meter Heritage Regatta. These are the floating clubhouse "Honorable William Wall" and the 157-foot mega yacht "Arabella."

Tickets are \$100 and \$150 per person for these yachts and include food and drink.

There will also be a race announcer onboard to explain the competition and let you know who is winning at any point.

Spectator tickets will be available on the regatta website about 1 month before the regatta.



A photograph of several sailboats racing in New York Harbor. The boats have white sails and dark hulls. In the background, the New York City skyline is visible, including the Freedom Tower. The sky is blue with light clouds. There are orange decorative bars in the top-left and bottom-right corners.

GOOD LUCK & MAY THE BEST TEAM WIN

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