



The Genesee Yacht Club is hosting the **39th** annual Women Skippers Invitational Regatta - and YOU are invited!

SAVE THE DATE ~ Saturday, July 20th, 2024

At the Genesee Yacht Club, 10 Marina Drive, Rochester, NY

Skippers Meeting at 9:00am ~ Registration is Free

This event has been a long time tradition at the GYC to encourage more women to participate in the sport of sailing, to support boating safety, and to have fun on the water!

In addition to Women Skippers that have access to boats, we are also offering the following opportunities to include more of you in our sailing community - as follows:

1. We have added a **Fun Fleet** to the race! In addition to the **Genoa Only Fleet** and the **Spinnaker Fleet**, we will also offer our Fun Fleet, which is designed specifically for those sailors that have not had a lot of experience with racecourse navigation. These boats will start first on a nice, long start line to avoid congestion at the start. We will also offer the Fun Fleet participants a Burgee that they can elect to fly during the race which will identify them as members of the Fun Fleet so other racers will know to give them more space, adding to the comfort of navigating around the course.
 2. We are offering our **Matchmaker service** between women who would like to crew or helm - but need a boat to sail on - and boats that want to race, but need crew! So, please let us know if you have interested sailors and we will work to find a good fit for them in the regatta.
 3. We are offering **volunteer Coaches** on-board, to help guide the Skipper around the racecourse. These Coaches are experienced racers that will ride on your boat with you and will help with the start sequence, course navigation, and tactics. How nice to have your own Coach right there with you! *(We have a limited number of coaches so please ask soon if interested)*
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Event Details:

- The link to the Registration form can be found at www.geneseeyc.org/racing.
And remember, **Registration is Free!** Please sign up soon!!
 - **Dockage** will be available for visitors at both the GYC and the RYC.
 - The Skippers meeting is at **9:00 am** at the GYC and we plan to start the first race at **10:00am**. All skippers are encouraged to join us at the GYC for the Skippers Meeting in the event of any last minute adjustments.
 - We plan to have 3 races in the regatta, conditions permitting.
 - We will have a casual coffee and breakfast bites provided for the racers on Saturday morning at the GYC starting at 8:00am.
 - There will be a fun-filled picnic following the race with food, music, and specialty beverages. All guests and club members are welcome! **The picnic will start at 3:00pm**
 - Remember that a **woman needs to be at the helm** when the boats are racing, but men are welcome to crew and even to drive the boat when not racing.
 - **Beautiful weather has been ordered!!** Any questions or concerns, please contact Julie McCormick at 585.978.1126)
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With a woman at the helm, all sailors are welcome!

