



ROCHESTER YACHT CLUB

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NOTICE OF RACE
Hospice Regattas National Championship
June 11 – 14, 2015

1 Rules

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Rochester Yacht Club (RYC) in partnership with the National Hospice Regatta Alliance (NHRA).
- 1.3 Sonar class rules and Ideal 18 class rules will not be in effect.

2 Advertising

- 2.1 The regatta will comply with ISAF regulation 20.
- 2.2 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA.

3 Eligibility and Entry

- 3.1 Entries will be accepted from skippers who have been selected by their local Hospice Regatta organizers and who have been invited by the NHRA to compete in the Championship. Each skipper must be a member of US Sailing. Membership in the Sonar or Ideal 18 class associations is not required.
- 3.2 Entry information may be found on line by February 1st, 2015 at www.rochesteryc.com. Call the RYC Office at 585-342-5511 for assistance with your entry.
- 3.3 Entries will be accepted starting February 2nd 2015 for all race qualified skippers. Entries received by April 1st with full entry fee payment will be accepted. Paid entries received after the fleet number has been met will be placed on a waiting list and notified by May 15th if a boat becomes available.
- 3.4 Local hospice regattas may also nominate Hospice Impact Skippers to participate in the Championship. The NHRA will draw 3 names from the HI list and invite them to register. They can register anytime after registration opens, but their registrations will not be processed until April 15, after registration closes for the race qualified skipper invitees. Then, if the fleet number has not been met, boats will be filled on a first to register basis by the HI registrations.
- 3.5 The final entry deadline for those invited from the waiting list is June 1st. Late entries may be accepted solely at the discretion of the OA.



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4 Fees

- 4.1 Entry Fee: The Championship entry fee is \$500.00, which includes four (4) social passes for skipper and crew to all events as listed in NOR section 5. Additional social passes and daily lunches can be purchased at regatta check-in.
- 4.2 Security Deposit: All skippers are required to post a \$500.00 damage security deposit prior to June 1st, 2015. Personal checks and Visa or MasterCard are acceptable. If a deduction from the damage deposit is made by the OA, the deposit shall be restored to its original amount before the skipper will be permitted to continue in the event.

5. Schedule

Thursday, June 11

0900–1400	Check-in	Main Clubhouse
0900–1400	Practice sailing	Lake Ontario
1500	Practice race	Lake Ontario
1830	Competitors' meeting	Burgee Bar
	Gathering/Beer	Burgee Bar

Friday, June 12

0900	Harbor Start	
1000	First Warning Signal	Lake Ontario
1800	Gathering/Beer	Burgee Bar

Saturday, June 13

0900	Harbor Start	
1000	First warning of the day	Lake Ontario
1800	Gathering/Beer	Burgee Bar / Flag Deck
1900	Dinner & Silent Auction	Burgee Bar / Flag Deck

Sunday, Jun 14

0900	Harbor Start	
1000	First warning of the day	Lake Ontario
1400	No warning signal will be made after this time	
1600	Awards	Burgee Bar / Flag Deck



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6 Sailing Instructions

Sailing instructions will be available on the RYC website (www.rochesteryc.com) on June 1, 2015. Copies will be distributed at registration.

7 Venue

Racing will be on the waters of Lake Ontario, approximately 1 nm North to East of the Genesee River West Pier.

8 The Courses

Windward-leeward or triangular drop-mark courses.

9 Penalty Systems

- 9.1 RRS 44 - Penalties for Breaking Rules of RRS Part 2 is changed in that if a boat breaks a rule of RRS Part 2, her alternative penalty shall be a One Turn Penalty, including one tack and one jibe, unless she breaks a rule of RRS Part 2 within the 3 boat length zone, in which case the penalty shall be a Two Turns Penalty. (This changes RRS 44.)

10 Scoring

The Low-Point Scoring System of RRS Appendix A will apply except that there will be no score excluded. (This changes RRS Appendix A2.)

11 Berthing

The boats are to be berthed at the Rochester Yacht Club at all times while not racing.

12 Haul-out Restrictions

Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the OA.

13 Diving Equipment and Plastic Pools

Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around boats between the end of registration and the end of the regatta.



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14 Radio Communication

Use of a handheld VHF radio will be permitted for monitoring weather channels or RC communications to competitors on VHF channel 69. Competitors are urged to bring their own portable VHF radios, since the provided boats do not have radios. The RC intends to use VHF radio to supplement verbal hails of OCS boats after the start and to make other announcements to the fleet. Failure to receive a hail, for a hail to be made, the order of hails made, or to receive other communications to the fleet shall not be grounds for granting redress. This changes RR 62.1(a).

15 Prizes

Series prizes will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place teams, skipper and crew. The overall winner will be awarded the Hospice Regattas National Championship Perpetual Trophy, kept and displayed by the OA.

16 Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS rule 4, Decision to Race. The OA 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.

17 Boat Assignments and Format

- 17.1 Boat assignments will be determined by a drawing at registration on Thursday, June 11. Each team will be assigned a boat for each day of racing.
- 17.2 One group of teams will sail in the Sonars on Friday and the other group will sail in Ideal 18s. On Saturday, teams will switch boats so that those who were in Sonars will be in Ideal 18s and the teams which were in Ideals will sail in Sonars. The crew member(s) not required while the team is sailing an Ideal 18 will be accommodated on a spectator boat.
- 17.3 On Sunday, the group with the best cumulative scores will sail in Sonars for the Championship while the remaining teams sail the Commodore's series in Ideals.
- 17.4 Please be aware these boats are privately owned and loaned to the event in the Corinthian spirit. Please treat the boats as if they were your own.



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18 Crew Limitations

- 18.1 Sonars: the maximum number of skipper & crew shall be four and the minimum shall be three.
- 18.2 Ideal 18's: the maximum number of skipper & crew shall be three and the minimum shall be two.
- 18.3 Each team shall register their designated skipper and crew for the Sonar and Ideal 18 at check-in.
- 18.4 Crew substitutions will be permitted with advance written permission from the OA. Approved substitutions will be posted on the official bulletin board. No changes in the number of crew will be permitted after check-in.

19 Safety and Other Equipment

- 19.1 Competitors shall wear US Coast Guard Approved PFDs at all times while afloat, except briefly while adding or removing clothing.
- 19.2 Competitors may bring personal equipment on board the racing boat including a compass, stopwatch, tools and non-residue leaving tape. All items must be removed when the team leaves the boat.
- 19.3 Boats will be prepared by the OA. No adjustment to the standing rigging, mast blocks, or modifications to permanently mounted hardware will be permitted, except for adjustment of the backstay tension on Sonars. Further information will be provided in the sailing instructions.

20 Further Information

Additional Championship information can be found at www.rochesteryc.com, or by contacting the committee at: Hospice Regattas National Championship Committee c/o Rochester Yacht Club 5555 St. Paul Blvd., Rochester, NY 14617. Phone 585-342-5511.