



NOTICE OF RACE
2018 Sonar North American Championships
Noroton Yacht Club, Darien, CT
September 13-16, 2018

1. RULES

- 1.2 The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.3 Racing rules listed below will be changed as indicated. The changes will appear in full in the Sailing Instructions. The Sailing Instructions may also change other racing rules.
- a. RRS 63.7 will be replaced with: "If there is any conflict between the Sailing Instructions and this Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions shall apply."
 - b. RRS 61 will be changed to require a boat to inform a race committee finish boat immediately after finishing of its intention to protest another boat and provide the sail number of the protested boat.
 - c. The US Sailing Prescriptions to rules 63.2 and 63.4 will be deleted.
- 1.4 Measurement: Each boat shall produce a valid hull measurement certificate. Boats may be measured for compliance with the class regulations and class rules. Measurements and required gear may be spot checked.

2. ADVERTISING

Advertising is restricted as regulated by World Sailing Regulation 20, Advertising Code. Boats may be required to display identification numbers for the duration of the event in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20.4. These will be provided by organizing authority (OA) at registration.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRIES

- 3.1 The event is open to all competitors who meet the Sonar Class Association eligibility requirements (Article B12.00).
- 3.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing registration online at either www.sonar.org or at www.yachtscoring.com.

4. FEES

- 4.1 The early entry fee, due no later than June 15, 2018 is \$300.00. Entries received after this date will be charged \$400.00
- 4.2 The entry fee includes launching, mooring, continental breakfast for Friday, Saturday & Sunday, four (4) tickets for the Friday night BBQ dinner and post race refreshments and haul out. There will be a formal dinner and band for Saturday night which can be purchased separately.



5. SCHEDULE

- Thursday, 9/13: 0800 to 1900 Launching and Registration
1430 Practice Race
1800 Competitor's Meeting inside club
1830 Welcome Cocktail Reception
2100 All boats must be afloat
- Friday, 9/14: 1000 First Warning Signal
1730 Annual Sonar Class Meeting at NYC Clubhouse
1830 BBQ Dinner at Noroton YC
- Saturday, 9/15: 1000 First Warning Signal
1830 Cocktails and Dinner Dance at Noroton YC
- Sunday, 9/16: 1000 First Warning Signal
No Warning Signal will be made after 1400 hours
Awards to follow racing

6. RACING AREA

The location of the racing area will be South of Noroton Harbor entrance.

7. SCORING

7.1 The Low Point scoring system RRS Appendix A will be used, however Rule A2 is deleted and changed as follows:

(a) When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

(b) When from six (6) to nine (9) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her races scores excluding her worst score.

(c) When ten (10) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

7.2 Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series

8. LAUNCHING, HAULOUT, AND MOORINGS

All boats must be afloat by 2100, Thursday, September 13. Yachts must be equipped with an internal lifting strap, lifting off the keel bolts. All yachts will be wet sailed during the regatta. Haul out before the end of the regatta will be permitted only in the event of breakdown and with written consent from the Organizing Authority/Protest Committee. Moorings and tying up at NYC docks will be provided on a first come, first serve basis. Disabled sailors will be given preference to keep their boats on the docks overnight.

9. SAFETY AND COMMUNICATIONS

All boats shall carry an operating VHF radio.

10. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available from the Sonar Class website, Yacht Scoring and Noroton YC no later than September 1, 2018.



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11. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to the top five finishers. Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organizing authority.

12. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

12.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury sustained in the conjunction with or prior to, during, or, after the regatta.

12.2 All competitors will also be required to sign a Competitors Liability Waiver form during registration.

13. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 per event or the equivalent.

14. FURTHER INFORMATION

Key contacts:

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