

International Twelve Metre Association 2023 World Championships



NOTICE OF RACE

Including Amendments #1&2

Ida Lewis Yacht Club

Organizing Authority

12mR Yacht Club

Host

Newport, Rhode Island, USA.

July 31-August 5, 2023

1. RULES:

- 1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 ITMA/12 Metre Class By-Laws & Regulations as of July 2, 2008, updated November 11, 2011, and the ITMA/12 Metre Class Rule as of November 1, 2018, and any subsequent amendments.
- 1.3 The Equipment Rules of Sailing ("ERS") shall apply.
- 1.4 If there is a conflict between languages, the English text shall take precedence.
- 1.5 The international Jury may impose suitable penalties, other than disqualification for violations of the Class Rules, or other non-Part I or Part II rules of the RRS.
- 1.6. In the event that a crew member falls overboard and is no longer connected to the yacht, she shall:
 - A. retire from the race
 - B. notify the Race Committee on the fleet VHF channel that she has a man overboard
 - C. her score in this case shall be equal to the number of starters for that race without a hearing. The scoring abbreviation will be MOBThis changes RRS 63.1, A4, A5 and A11. However, her obligations as per RRS 1.1 are not changed.
- 1.7 US Sailing Prescriptions will not apply.

2. ELIGIBILITY:

The regatta is open to 12 Metre yachts that are Regular Members of the ITMA with a valid measurement certificate and are current with their ITMA/ 12 Metre Class dues, Fleet dues and Certificate Filing and Measurement fees.

3. MEASUREMENT:

- 3.1 The Regatta Technical Committee will be available in the Newport area from July 24, 2023.
- 3.1 During the Measurement Period from July 24 to July 30 all yachts will have their flotation checked, their rig dimensions checked, and their sail inventory checked for evidence of previous measurement. Some new sail measurement will be possible during the Measurement Period.
- 3.2 It is unlikely that any out-of-water measurement will be possible during the Measurement Period unless specifically required by the Technical Committee. Yachts requiring out-of-water hull measurement should make arrangements for this to be conducted prior to the commencement of the measurement period.
- 3.1 All yachts are subject to Technical Committee inspection at any time.

4. ADVERTISING:

- 4.1 A yacht and her crew shall comply with World Sailing Regulation 20, Advertising Code.
- 4.2 Yachts may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Host Club. If this rule is broken, World Sailing Regulation 20.9.2 applies.

5. WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP ENTRIES:

Eligible yachts shall enter by:

- 5.1 Completing the Official Entry Form on the 12 Metre Worlds Yacht Scoring Website <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=15539>
- 5.2 Submitting the appropriate payment in US funds (online payment available at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=15539>;
- 5.3 Submitting Evidence of Insurance as required in paragraph 16 below.
- 5.4 By entering, each yacht and owner are confirming that their yacht is in compliance with the 12 Metre Rule as of November 1, 2018, irrespective of the issue date of their certificate.
- 5.5 All yachts shall register in person on Monday, July 31, 2023 between the hours of 1600 and 1730 at the IYRS. All yachts shall register their support boats at that time.
- 5.6 **The Entry Fee:**
 - 5.6.1 **If received by April 30, 2023 is \$9,500;**
 - 5.6.2 **If received after April 30, 2023, but before June 15, 2023 is \$10,000;**
 - 5.6.3 **If received on or after June 15, 2023 is \$10,500.**
- 5.7 **The Entry Fee Includes:**
 - 5.7.1 **Two (2) tickets to the Owners’/Skippers’ Meeting and Reception at IYRS, Monday, July 31st;**
 - 5.7.2 **Tickets to Opening Reception for 16 persons;**
 - 5.7.3 **Tickets to casual post racing gatherings Wednesday, August 2 and Friday, August 4 at IYRS for 16 persons;**
 - 5.7.4 **Tickets to the Awards Ceremony and Gala at IYRS for 16 persons.**
- 5.8 **Additional Event Tickets may be purchased:**
 - 5.8.1 **Opening Reception for \$25 per person online (\$35 at the door);**
 - 5.8.2 **Post Racing gatherings (two days) for \$25 per person online (\$35 at the door);**
 - 5.8.3 **Awards Ceremony & Gala for \$140 per person online (no tickets will be sold at the door).**
- 5.9 **All Fees Paid online will be subject to an additional 3.5% processing fee.**
- 5.10 Yachts withdrawing before June 15, 2023 will be refunded their entry fee minus a \$500 administration fee. Yachts withdrawing after 1700 on June 15, 2023 will not receive a refund.
- 5.11 Dockage at Casey’s Marina on a first come basis may be available. Boats wishing to reserve dock space should do so sooner rather than later as space is limited. Interested parties should should contact Peggy Hersam at 12myachtclub@gmail.com or (203) 807-1066.

6. SCHEDULE

July 30, Sunday	1800	12 Metre“Legends” Party at Clarke Cooke House (tickets purchased through a separate invitation on Clubspot website)
July 31, Monday	1600-1730	Registration at IRYS Restoration Hall
	1700	Support Boat Drivers’ Meeting at IYRS Restoration Hall
	1730	Owners’/Skippers’ Meeting Cocktail Reception at IRYS Restoration Hall
August 1, Tuesday	0900	Rendezvous signals announced on VHF Ch 72
	1055	Course Signals
	1100	First Warning Signal
	1730	Opening Reception at IYRS Restoration Hall
August 2, Wednesday	0900	Rendezvous signals announced on VHF Ch 72
	1055	Course Signals
	1100	First Warning Signal
	1630	Post racing casual social at IYRS

August 3, Thursday	0900	Rendezvous signals announced on VHF Ch 72
	1055	Course Signals
	1100	First Warning Signal
August 4, Friday	0900	Rendezvous signals announced on VHF Ch 72
	1055	Course Signals
	1100	First Warning Signal
	1630	Post racing casual social at IYRS
August 5, Saturday*	0900	Rendezvous signals announced on VHF Ch 72
	1000	12 Metre Parade of Sail
	1155	Course Signals
	1200	First Warning Signal
	1800	Awards Ceremony and Gala at IYRS Restoration Hall

* Please note difference in time for Course Signals and First Warning

A total of **Nine** races are scheduled. **Four** completed races shall constitute a regatta.

No initial warning signal will be made after 1500 on Saturday, August 5. The warning signal for a start following one or more general recalls or for subsequent starts may be made after 1500.

7. DIVISIONS:

7.1 Yachts will be divided into the following classes:

Division B: Modern

Division C: Traditional

Division D: Vintage (will be combined with Division C for starting purposes)

Division E: Antique (may be combined with Divisions C and D for starting purposes)

12 Metre Spirit (see 7.2 below)

7.2 Spirit Division: In order to enable boats built as 12 Metre yachts and their teams that are not currently in compliance with the Class Rules to participate in the World Championship Celebration; at its sole discretion, the Organizing Authority may form an additional starting and scoring group for yachts for which some of the 12 Metre Class Rules are waived.

- A. These yachts will not compete within the World Championship.
- B. These yachts, while they must have been originally built as a 12 Metre yacht, need not have a current 12 Metre certificate.
- C. These yachts must be current members of ITMA, are current with their ITMA/12 Metre Class dues; and,
- D. Comply with the other entry requirements listed in this Notice of Race, except for those relating to having a valid 12mR Certificate.
- E. These yachts will sail as the 12 Metre Spirit Division, be given their own start and courses, and trophies will be awarded.

8. COURSES:

8.1 Racing will be on Rhode Island Sound or Narragansett Bay.

8.2 Courses will be windward – leeward courses as described in the Sailing Instructions.

9. PENALTIES:

The Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3 will apply. The penalty will be two (2) places. However, when a yacht may have broken RRS 31 but not a Rule of Part 2 in the same incident, the penalty will be one (1) place.

10. SCORING:

- 10.1 Scoring will be in accordance with RRS Appendix A – Low Point System.
- 10.2 Division C (Traditional's) and Division D (Vintage) will be combined into a single Division for scoring purposes.
- 10.3 Yachts may not be scored if waivers signed by the skipper and all crew members are not turned into the OA prior to the first warning signal of racing on Tuesday, August 1, 2023.

11. SUPPORT BOATS:

- 11.1 Each entry may register one RIB as a support boat by completing the Support section of the Official Entry Form.
- 11.2 All support boats shall also register on Monday, July 31st at the IYRS during registration hours.
- 11.3 The OA will provide each support boat with support boat flag and the support boat shall fly it visibly at all times when in the vicinity of the race course.
- 11.4 All support boat drivers shall attend the mandatory briefing at 1700 on Monday, July 31 at the IYRS.
- 11.5 With the permission of the Race Committee, support boats may be allowed on the race course during racing; however, support boats shall stay outside of a 100 yard radius of any boat that is racing.

12. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS: Sailing Instructions will be available prior to registration on July 31, 2023.

13. PRIZES:

- 13.1 Division A (Grand Prix):
 - 13.1.1 The Yacht Club Costa Smeralda presents the Azura Trophy to the yacht club represented by the Division A winning yacht.
 - 13.1.2 The Chandler Hovey Memorial Trophy will be presented to the Owner(s) of the Division A winning yacht.
- 13.2 Division B (Modern): The Enterprise Trophy will be presented to the Owner(s) of the Division B winning yacht.
- 13.3 Division C (Traditional): The Kennedy Cup will be presented to the Owner(s) of the Division C winning yacht.
- 13.4 Division D (Vintage): The Robert Tiedemann Memorial Trophy will be presented to the Owner(s) of the Division D winning yacht.
- 13.5 Keeper Trophies; 1st, 2nd and 3rd place trophies will be awarded by Division, if more than 4 yachts compete in that Division. 1st and 2nd place trophies will be awarded by Division, if only 3-4 yachts compete in that Division. A 1st place trophy will be awarded by Division, if only 2 yachts compete in that Division. If only 1 yacht competes in a Division, a trophy will be awarded.

14. LIABILITY:

- 14.1 CREW WAIVER FORM: As a condition of entry, each owner, skipper and individual participating crew member shall sign a liability waiver/media release; and the fully executed Crew Waiver Form shall be submitted with Entry Form prior to Skippers' Meeting (July 31, 2023).
- 14.2 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk (See RRS 3, Decision to Race). ITMA/12 Metre Class; Ida Lewis Yacht Club (the Organizing Authority); the 12 Metre Yacht Club, Newport Station (the Host Club); volunteers; sponsors and any affiliated companies will not accept any liability for any material damage or personal injury or death

sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

15. INSURANCE:

- 15.1 Each participating yacht shall carry at least \$1,000,000(USD) of fully paid liability insurance with a valid third party insurance company naming the 12 Metre Yacht Club Newport Station, Ida Lewis Yacht Club and ITMA, including its officers, and all regatta related personnel, paid or volunteer, as additional insureds. International competitors must also provide clear evidence of this insurance applies to claims made in the United States during the period of this event. Competitors must also be aware of the Merchant Marine Act and its application to their crew during this regatta.
- 15.2 The OA recommends that each competitor, and in particular those with a home port not in the United States, consult with their insurance agent or carrier to confirm that their coverage is valid in the United States, and that they can add the required endorsements listed in 15.1.

16. COMMUNICATIONS:

- 16.1 All yachts and their support boats shall have VHF radios capable of receiving and sending transmissions on VHF Ch 72
- 16.2 Yachts shall monitor Ch 72 while competing. However, except in an emergency, a yacht shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all yachts. This restriction also applies to the use of cell phones.
- 16.3 During the race, contestants shall not receive weather, current, or navigational information except from a publicized source available at no cost to all competitors.
- 16.4 Subscription, password protected, or restricted access web pages are considered private information and shall not be used for the transmission or reception of specialized weather information.
- 16.5 General use of the Internet and publicly available web sites to obtain weather including all National Weather Service data is authorized. Weather data developed specifically for the Race may not be received while racing.

- 17. MEDIA RELEASE:** Competitors and crew members on the competing yachts and support boats grant, at no cost to the the International Twelve Metre Association, the 12 Metre Yacht Club Newport Station and sponsors and affiliated companies the absolute right and permission to use their name, voice, image, likeness, biographical material and representations of the yachts in any media World-wide (including but not limited to television, video, print and electronic media), for the sole purposes of advertising, promoting, reporting and disseminating information regarding the 12 Metre World Championship and all participants therein.

- 18. FURTHER INFORMATION:** Peggy Hersam— Executive Director, 12 mR YC: 12myachtclub@gmail.com, (203) 807-1066.