



2023 Susan Widmann Sinclair Women's Championship

June 16-18, 2023

Darien, Connecticut

NOTICE OF RACE

The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Noroton Yacht Club. The regatta website can be found at: <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=15609>. The top-finishing team will receive a berth to compete in the 2024 New York Yacht Club Women's Championship.

GENERAL FORMAT

The Susan Widmann Sinclair Women's Championship is an invitational umpired fleet racing regatta to be sailed in Sonars provided by the OA.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) as changed by Sailing Instruction Appendix UF - Umpired Fleet Racing, Susan Widmann Sinclair Regatta Edition, and posted on the Regatta website.
- 1.2 The rules for the "Handling of Boats" addendum to the sailing instructions will apply at all times including any practice sailing.
- 1.3 In addition to the penalties described in SI Appendix UF, the protest committee may impose suitable penalties, other than disqualification, for violations of the "Handling of Boats" or other non-Part 2 rules. This changes RRS 64.2. Additional details will be described in the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.4 RRS 62.1 is changed by adding new paragraph (e):
 - (e) catastrophic physical damage not falling within RRS 62.1 (b) that was due to defective supplied equipment and that a reasonably competent crew would not have been able to avoid or promptly repair.
- 1.5 Participation in the regatta is by invitation only. When the protest committee finds that a boat or team's competitor has broken one or more rules where there was, repeated breach of boat handling requirements, serious damage caused by reckless sailing or poor

seamanship, poor sportsmanship, or misconduct as described in RRS 69.1(b), it shall make a report to the OA who may revoke that team's invitation and excuse the team from the remainder of the regatta. The OA may also take this action without such a report after consultation with regatta management.

- 1.6 RRS 40.1 shall apply at all times while racing. In addition, Competitors must supply their own USCG-approved PFDs. PFDs shall be worn outside of all clothing except team identification bibs. A breach of this sailing instruction may only be protested by the race committee or protest committee. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 1.7 The US Sailing prescription to RRS 63.2 is deleted.

2 BOATS AND SAILS

- 2.1 Sonar-type boats will be provided by the OA. Sonar Class rules shall not apply.
- 2.2 Boats will be rotated as described in the sailing instructions.
- 2.3 Sails will be provided by the OA. Spinnakers will be used except as described in the sailing instructions. All boats shall be standardized by the OA to ensure as level a playing field as possible. Specific permitted and restricted actions will be included in the "Handling of Boats" addendum to the sailing instructions.

3 ADVERTISING

WS Advertising Code, Regulation 20, will apply. Advertising on the supplied equipment is available to the OA in accordance with WS Regulation 20.4.2.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 Entry to the regatta is by invitation only from the OA.
- 4.2 Request for an invitation shall be accompanied with Skipper's detailed sailing resume and must be submitted by February 10th to Event Chair Nancy Pearson at: nancy.pearson@harborcrest.com.
- 4.3 Skippers shall accept or decline the OA's invitation within ten days of receipt by emailing the OA at: nancy.pearson@harborcrest.com.
- 4.4 Crew List: A complete Crew List must be submitted via the regatta website no later than Friday, June 3.
- 4.5 Registration will not be considered complete until all information has been received, checked, and verified and fee has been paid. Early submission is encouraged.
- 4.6 Crew lists will be posted on the event website and on the official regatta notice board located in the breezeway of Noroton Yacht Club.
- 4.7 Team Composition: Teams shall consist of four or five crew members, all of whom shall sail the entire regatta. All crew shall be female. There is no weight limit.

4.7.1 Crew Substitution: Prior to 1800 on Friday, June 17, 2023, a substitution to the submitted Crew List may only be made with the permission of the OA. After that time, a substitution may only be made with written permission of the Protest Committee.

4.8 Eligibility Exceptions: The OA reserves the right to make reasonable exceptions to the eligibility requirements on a case-by-case basis.

5 FEES

5.1 The entry fee is US \$1,200 and shall be paid no later than April 1, 2023. Payments will be made online via Noroton Yacht Club's PayPal account. Payment details will be provided.

5.2 The entry fee includes tickets for all listed crew to all social functions. Additional tickets will be available for purchase.

5.3 All teams shall provide a \$1,500 damage deposit by providing credit card information at registration. See NOR 14.2.

5.4 Cancellations and Refunds: A team canceling prior to May 1, 2023, will receive a refund of the entry fee minus a \$500 administrative charge. There will be no refund for a team canceling on or after May 1, 2023.

6 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

6.1 Check-in: All teams shall register during the registration times. Boats will be available for practice during the scheduled practice times after a team has completed registration. Registration will take place in the Regatta Room on the ground floor of Noroton Yacht Club.

6.2	Date	Time	Event
	Thursday, June 15	0900-1700	Registration
		1200-1600	Optional Practice 1
		1830	Opening Reception
	Friday, June 16	0730-0830	Late Registration
		0830	Morning Briefing
		1100	First Warning Signal
		After Racing	Post-Race Social
	Saturday, June 17	0830	Morning Briefing
		1030	First Warning Signal
		1800	Cocktail Reception and Regatta Dinner
	Sunday, June 18	0830	Morning Briefing
		1030	First Warning Signal
		After Racing	Prize-Giving

6.3 No warning for any race will be made after 1500 hours on Sunday, June 18.

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available on the regatta website and at registration.

8 VENUE

Races will be held off approximately 1 to 2 miles SE to SW of G "1" at the mouth of Darien harbor.

9 COURSES

Courses will be windward-leeward configurations and defined in the sailing instructions.

10 FORMAT AND SCORING

10.1 The format will be one series sailed by all teams.

10.2 A maximum of twelve (12) races will be sailed.

10.3 A team's series score shall be the total of all her race scores. No score will be excluded. This changes RRS A2.

10.4 One race is required to constitute a regatta.

11 SUPPORT AND SPECTATOR PERSONS AND VESSELS

11.1 Private coaches and their individual coach-boats are not permitted for this event.

11.2 The following limitations and restrictions apply to support persons and vessels, including spectator vessels whether or not they are associated with a team:

a) Except as directed by the OA, competitors shall have no communication with, be tied to or transfer provisions or equipment to and from any support person or spectator vessel from the time the competitors leave the dock or mooring each day until all competitors return to the Noroton Yacht Club dock or mooring.

b) Spectator vessels shall not approach closer than 100 meters to any boat that is in the starting area or racing. In addition, they shall stay at least 100 meters outside any layline and shall not go directly above any windward or below any leeward marks or the finishing line.

11.3 All spectator vessels must check in with the OA on the specified VHF channel on each day of racing.

11.4 Spectator vessels will not be permitted to dock at the Noroton Yacht Club docks. Dockage or mooring may be available by making arrangements with the Noroton Yacht Club Dock staff. Telephone #203.655.7686 or VHF channel 72.

12 BERTHING

Dockage or moorings for the racing boats will be provided by the OA.

13 PRIZES

13.1 Prizes will be awarded to the top three teams.

13.2 Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the OA.

13.3 The top-finishing team will receive a berth to compete in the 2024 New York Yacht Club Women's Championship. Entry in that event will be contingent on meeting the

requirements of that Notice of Race. In the event that the top-finishing team is unable to attend, the NYYC Regatta Association may invite another team in their place.

14 LIABILITY AND MEDIA WAIVER, DAMAGE DEPOSIT

14.1 Liability & Media Waivers: All competitors shall complete and submit the online Liability & Media Waiver available on the regatta website, or by printing and signing the waiver, prior to completing registration.

14.2 Damage Deposit: A \$1500 deposit is for incidents involving the Sonars or OA vessels. The deposit is a per-incident maximum and shall be replenished after each incident where damage has occurred. If a team has more than one incident, it is liable for up to \$1,500 for each individual incident. Teams should be aware that while the designated Technical Committee will attempt to identify and assign all damages to the teams responsible, material damage not covered by insurance, nor acknowledged by a team (e.g., crews are rotated among the boats and no one reports the damage), the cost of repairs may be charged to some or all of the designated teams on a prorated basis.

14.3 Competitors participate in this regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The OA, sponsors and affiliated companies 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.

15 RADIO COMMUNICATION AND ELECTRONICS

15.1 All boats shall carry a marine band VHF radio capable of receiving normal US channels. Competitors shall provide their own VHF radio.

15.2 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones and any phone or computer applications. No electronics are permitted except a handheld VHF radio and personal mobile telephones.

16 FURTHER INFORMATION AND TO REQUEST AN INVITATION

To Request an Invitation, please contact:

Event Chair: Nancy Pearson

Email: nancy.pearson@harborcrest.com

Phone: 203.434.4890

For further information, please contact the Event Chair or visit the regatta website at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=15609>.