



ROCHESTER YACHT CLUB  
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## 2019 SONAR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

SEPTEMBER 17 - 22, 2019  
ROCHESTER YACHT CLUB  
ROCHESTER, NEW YORK USA



### NOTICE OF RACE

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#### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The Organizing Authority is the Sonar Class Association and the host is the Rochester Yacht Club.
- 1.2 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.3 Only the prescriptions of US Sailing to *The Racing Rules of Sailing* listed in Attachment A will apply.
- 1.4 The Sonar Class Association Constitution, By-Laws, Class Rules and Rules Governing the Sonar Class World Championship (collectively, SCA Rules) will apply.
- 1.5 The regatta is a Sonar Class Association sanctioned event.

#### 2 ADVERTISING

- 2.1 A boat and her crew shall comply with World Sailing Regulation 20, Advertising Code.
- 2.2 Boats may be required to display identification numbers and sponsors advertising for the duration of the event in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20.4. These items will be supplied free of charge by the organizing authority, and the placement location will be specified in the sailing instructions.

#### 3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The regatta is open to all competitors who meet the International Sonar Class Association eligibility requirements (Rules Governing the Sonar Class World Championship v11, I:1.2)
- 3.2 Registration may be completed online at <http://sonar.org> or [www.rochesteryc.com/2019SonarWorlds](http://www.rochesteryc.com/2019SonarWorlds) or in person on Tuesday, September 17 from 1300-1700 at RYC. Entries received before June 1, 2019 will be discounted. Entries received after 9/15/19 will be charged a late fee.
- 3.3 No entries will be accepted after 1700 on September 17, 2019.
- 3.4 Crew names shall be submitted prior to the close of Check-In at 1800 on September 18.
- 3.5 Check-in is the process by which sailors verify all registration and measurement actions have been completed. Once a team completes the check-in process they receive their bow numbers and Sailing Instructions.

## 4 CLASSIFICATION

The World Sailing Regulation 22, Sailor Classification Code will not apply.

## 5 FEES

- 5.1 The required fee shall be US\$650 if registered and paid before 6/1/19 or US\$750 if registered and paid after 6/1/19. US\$850 will be charged for boats registering after 9/15/19.
- 5.2 The Entry fee includes launch, docking, four dinner tickets for Thursday & Saturday, post-race refreshments, applicable taxes and haul out.

## 6 SCHEDULE

### 6.1

#### Tuesday, September 17

1300-1700	Late Registration & Check-In
1300-1700	Measurement & Inspection

#### Wednesday, September 18

0900-1800	Check-In, Measurement & Inspection
1500	Practice Race Warning Signal
1800	All boats in the water by 1800
1930	Welcome Reception & Competitors Meeting

#### Thursday, September 19

1000	First Warning Signal
After racing	Daily Awards & Cookout

#### Friday, September 20

1000	First Warning Signal
After racing	Daily Awards & Rum Party

#### Saturday, September 21

1000	First Warning Signal
1830-1915	Annual General Meeting
1930	Dinner & Band

#### Sunday, September 22

0930	First Warning Signal
1400	No warning signals after 1400 (unless required to constitute a series).
After racing	Awards
Haul Out	By Bow # order

- 6.2 A maximum of twelve (12) races may be sailed, however no more than four (4) races may be sailed on any race day.

## 7 MEASUREMENTS

Each boat shall produce a valid measurement certificate. Sails shall be measured, certified and carry certification marks. Sails shall comply with the class rules in force at the time of the initial fundamental measurement. Boats may be measured and inspected for compliance with the SCA Rules. Measurements and required gear may be spot checked during the event.

## 8 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available on the RYC website and at the RYC on Tuesday, September 10.

## 9 VENUE

The location of the racing areas is Lake Ontario north of the harbor entrance to the Genesee River. Attachment B shows the approximate location of the racing area.

## 10 THE COURSES

The course will be a Windward – Leeward configuration, with a minimum of four legs, and may utilize a leeward gate and/or a windward offset mark. (LA2 OR WA3)

## 11 PENALTY SYSTEM

**11.1** A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under rule 44.1 shall complete and submit an acknowledgment form available at the jury desk within the protest time limit.

**11.2** Decisions of the international jury will be final as provided in rule 70.5.

**11.3** WS Appendix T1,T2,T3 and T4 to apply as changed:

**T1(b) A post race penalty is a 20% Scoring Penalty if taken before the protest time limit or a 30% Scoring Penalty if taken after the protest time limit but before the beginning of a hearing involving the incident. Scoring Penalty calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c). However, rule 44.1(a) applies.**

## 12 SCORING

**12.1** The Low Point scoring system RRS Appendix A will be used, however Appendix A2 is 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) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

**12.2** Four (4) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

## 13 BERTHING

Boats shall be kept in their assigned places in the Rochester Yacht Club harbor area at the discretion of the host club.

## 14 HAUL-OUT & DEHUMIFIER RESTRICTIONS

**14.1** Boats shall be afloat by 1800 on Wednesday, September 18th and shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the RC.

**14.2** Boats may request the permission of the OA to launch between the hours of 0800 and 1000 on Thursday, September 19th. Permission will be granted on an extremely limited basis to those boats for whom launching Wednesday is unfeasible.

**14.3** Dehumidifiers shall not be used in boats after 0830 on Thursday, September 19.

## 15 DIVING EQUIPMENT, PLASTIC POOLS AND SWIMMING

- 15.1 Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around boats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the regatta.
- 15.2 There is no swimming permitted in the marina or harbor.

## 16 COACH AND SUPPORT BOATS

- 16.1 Support boats, including coach and press boats shall register at the Race Office during the registration period and be issued with an identity flag, such flag to be prominently displayed at all times when afloat.
- 16.2 All support or coach boats shall stay more than 30 meters to leeward of the starting line, more than 30 meters away from marks of the course and more than 130 meters away from any racing boats from the time of the preparatory signal for the first race until all boats have finished racing for the day or the Race Committee signals a postponement or abandonment of racing for the day.

## 17 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 17.1 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.
- 17.2 The RC will use VHF radio, Channel 72 to communicate to the fleet, including the location of the starting area, countdown to the start, OCS bow/sail numbers, General Recalls and Postponements. Failure to make these broadcasts or failure to include a bow#/sail# or failure to hear them shall not be grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 62.1.

## 18 PRIZES

- 18.1 Prizes will be awarded to the skipper and crew of the first five boats in the series.
- 18.2 Additional prizes may be given at the discretion of the organizing authority.

## 19 MEDIA RIGHTS

Competitors give absolute right and permission for video footage or photographs of themselves or their boat to be published in any media for press purposes and editorial or advertising purposes.

## 20 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 20.1 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 or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.
- 20.2 All competitors will also be required to sign a Competitors Liability Waiver form during registration and/or check-in.

## 21 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of US \$500,000 per incident or the equivalent. It is the owner or owner's representative's sole and inescapable responsibility to ensure that the insurance is in place and is adequate prior to participating in this event. The organizing authority may ask for a copy of your insurance binder.

## 22 CHARTER BOATS

Charter boats may be available. For further information please contact:  
Holly Stevens at [hstevens@rochesteryc.com](mailto:hstevens@rochesteryc.com)

## 23 FURTHER INFORMATION

The event website is at [www.Rochester.com/2019SonarWorlds](http://www.Rochester.com/2019SonarWorlds)

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## ATTACHMENT A - US Sailing Prescriptions

The following US SAILING prescriptions to rules 61.4, 67, 76.1 and Appendix V1.

A1. Add rule 61.4:

“US Sailing prescribes that no fees shall be charged for protests or requests for redress.”

A2. After rule 67 add:

“US Sailing prescribes that:

(a) A boat that retires from a race or accepts a penalty does not, by that action alone, admit liability for damages.

(b) A protest committee shall find fact and make decisions only in compliance with the rules. No protest committee or US SAILING appeal authority shall adjudicate any claim for damages. Such a claim is subject to the jurisdiction of the courts.

(c) A basic purpose of the rules is to prevent contact between boats. By participating in an event governed by the rules, a boat agrees that responsibility for damages arising from any breach of the rules shall be based on fault as determined by the application of the rules, and that she shall not be governed by the legal doctrine of ‘assumption of risk’ for monetary damages resulting from contact with other boats.”

A3. After rule 76.1 add:

”US Sailing prescribes that an organizing authority or race committee shall not reject or cancel the entry of a boat or exclude a competitor eligible under the notice of race and sailing instructions for an arbitrary or capricious reason or for reason of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, or age.”

A4. **Add APPENDIX V ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES SECTION V1**

V1 PENALTIES AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT

The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: ‘A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while *racing*. However, when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while in the *zone* around a *mark* other than a starting *mark*, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.’

