



# International Sonar Class Association 2025 North American Championship

September 20-21, 2025



Hosted by Noroton Yacht Club  
23 Baywater Drive, Darien, CT 06820

## NOTICE OF RACE

Amendment II – This supersedes the NoR issued by Tred Avon Yacht Club and replaces the Long Island Sound Championship previously issued by Noroton Yacht Club.

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All times are US Eastern Daylight Time. All fees in US dollars.

For the purposes of this NoR and RRS 92, the technical committee is an event-specific committee appointed by the OA and approved by the International Sonar Class Association (ISCA).

### 1. RULES

- 1.1. The Organizing Authority (OA) is Noroton Yacht Club in conjunction with the International Sonar Class Association.
- 1.2. The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RSS) and the rules of the International Sonar Class Association.
- 1.3. The US Sailing prescriptions to the following rules will apply and are shown on Addendum A: Preamble to Part 5, RSS 65.1, and RSS 76.1: Appendix V, Alternative penalties, shall apply. The scoring penalty in Rule V2(b) is changed to 20%.
- 1.4. The US Sailing prescriptions to rule 63.1 are deleted.
- 1.5. If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

### 2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. The sailing instructions (SIs) will be posted at <https://norotonyc.org/regatta/HQQq0ZAKQs> no later than Monday, September 18, 2025, at 1800.

### 3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. The official online Notice Board is <https://norotonyc.org/regatta/HQQq0ZAKQs>. As a courtesy the OA may post notices on a regatta WhatsApp page.
- 3.2. The regatta channel will be VHF 73.

### 4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. The regatta is open to all competitors who meet the International Sonar Class Association eligibility requirements. Membership in the ISCA is required for the helmsman.
- 4.2. Eligible boats must submit an entry at <https://norotonyc.org/regatta/HQQq0ZAKQs>. Boats previously entered in the Long Island Sound Championship do not need to reregister. Registration shall include crew list, paying required fees, completing equipment and inspection and completing registration at the event.
- 4.3. Check-in is the process by which sailors verify all registration actions have been completed. Once a team completes the check-in process, their entry is valid.
- 4.4. Entry and payment must be completed online no later than 1800 on September 15, 2025. Acceptance of any late entries after such time is at the discretion of the OA.

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- 4.5. Any competitor that is designated as World Sailing Sailor Categorization Group 3 prior to regatta check-in is required to have been a continuous, valid member of the Sonar Class Association for a period of three years. Group 3 competitors must identify themselves as such, and provide proof of SCA membership, at check-in. Categorization can be obtained online at [www.sailing.org/sailors/sailor-categorisations/](http://www.sailing.org/sailors/sailor-categorisations/).
- 4.6. SCA Class Rules (“CR”) are changed as follows:
- i. Consistent with SCA Class Rule C.2.1, during the Event, the crew (including skipper) shall consist of a minimum of three persons. A boat is permitted to race with different crew members (but not less than 3 persons, and not a different number of crew) for each day so long as the crew list is submitted, including crew changes, to the OA by September 15, 2025. If a boat does not specify their crew, or fails to submit a crew list until after September 15, 2025, substitution of competitors is not permitted without the prior written approval of Chief Judge (in accordance with SCA CR C.2.1(a) and (b)). The purpose of the deadline is to avoid changing crew weight based on sailing conditions, while promoting the largest number of boats to participate in the regatta. This changes SCA CR C.2.1(a) and (b).
  - ii. GPS Devices: Each boat may carry a position recording device/system (e.g., RaceQs app, Vakaros recorder, or other position recording device/system) onboard for the sole purpose of recording data, but may not access such data until ashore at the end of each day’s racing. This changes RRS Rule 41 and SCA CR C.3.1. Position recording device/system data shall not be submitted or used for protest or redress evidence. This changes RRS Rule 63.4(b).
  - iii. Sonars are NOT required to apply or display Sonar membership stickers on the hull of the boat for this Event. This changes SCA CR B.1.1(c) and C.5.1; and SCA Bylaw B 4.02

### 5. ENTRY FEES

#### 5.1

Standard Fee: \$100 (payment prior to September 13, 2025).  
Late Entry Fee: \$150 (payment on or after September 13, 2025).  
Entry Fee includes:

- 5.1. Entry Fee includes after sailing refreshments, boat storage, dockage, mooring, launching and hauling of competing boats during the event.
- 5.2. If a boat withdraws its entry, entry fees paid prior to September 1, 2025, are fully refundable.
- 5.3. Entry fees paid after September 1, 2025 are refundable less a \$25 fee.
- 5.4. Registration fee for all support boats is \$100, payable at registration, and includes launching, hauling and a mooring for the duration of the regatta.

### 6. ADVERTISING

- 6.1. World Sailing Advertising Code will apply.
- 6.2. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA.
- 6.3. Boats may be required to display identification numbers and sponsor advertising for the duration of the event in accordance with the World Sailing Advertising Code. These items will be supplied at no charge by the OA, and the placement location will be specified in the Sailing Instructions.

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### 7. SCHEDULE

Friday, Sept. 19	1500–1700	Check in
Saturday, Sept. 20	0930	Competitors Meeting
	1100	First Warning Signal
	After Racing	Refreshments
Sunday, Sept. 21	1700	Sonar Class Annual Meeting
	1100	First Warning Signal
	1500	No Warning Signal after this time
	After racing	Awards & Refreshments

### 8. VENUE

- 8.1. The racing area will be approximately ½ mile south of the Noroton Yacht Club Harbor entrance. Shore activities will take place at Noroton Yacht Club, 23 Baywater Drive, Darien CT 06820

### 9. COURSES

- 9.1. The courses will be a windward/leeward configuration and will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

### 10. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 10.1. A Protest Committee will be appointed.
- 10.2. US Sailing Prescription Appendix V rule V1 will apply. See Addendum A.
- 10.3. Discretionary Penalties (DP), if any, will be at the discretion of the Protest Committee.

### 11. SCORING

- 11.1. The Low Point scoring system RRS Appendix A will be apply, however rule A2 is changed as follows:
- When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
  - When six (6) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 11.2. Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute the Championship.

### 12. PRIZES

- 12.1. Prizes will be awarded to the overall first through third place finishers.
- 12.2. Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the OA.

### 13. CHARTERED BOATS

- 13.1. A limited number of Class Sonars may be available for charter.
- 13.2. Noroton Yacht Club members interested in chartering a Sonar for the event are asked to contact Lee Morrison (lee06820@gmail.com) prior to August 1st. Charter fee for Noroton Yacht Club members shall be: \$0
- 13.3. After August 1st, Sonars may be available for charter by non-Noroton Yacht Club members. The charter fee for non-Noroton Yacht Club members shall be: \$200 Contact Lee Morrison: <mailto:lee06820@gmail.com>) for more details.
- 13.4. Skippers of chartered boats shall complete, sign and submit the online Liability Waiver available on the regatta website, or by printing and signing the waiver, prior to completing registration.

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- 13.5. Damage Deposit: A \$1500 deposit is required. 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.
- 13.6. In accordance with RRS G3, a chartered or loaned boat may carry national letters or a sail number in contravention of her class rules, provided that the Principal Race Officer has approved her sail identification before the first race.

### 14. LAUNCHING, BERTHING & HAULOUT

- 14.1. Boats will be staged from the Noroton's dry sail area. To ensure that there is adequate space in the drysail area for all competitors, competitors should register as early as possible.
- 14.2. Any boat intending to arrive prior to 0800 Saturday September 20th shall request permission to do so and receive confirmation from the Noroton Director of Sailing and Waterfront prior to arrival.
- 14.3. Boats shall be launched by 0900 Saturday, September 20, 2025.
- 14.4. Boats may be stored in the drysail area overnight on September 20, 2025. Boats may also be docked overnight at Noroton's docks or on a mooring with prior permission from the Noroton Director of Sailing and Waterfront

### 15. DIVING EQUIPMENT

- 15.1. Competitors may manually clean the bottom of their boat at any time. However, underwater breathing apparatus or mechanical systems shall not be used.

### 16. COACH REGISTRATION & TEAM/COACH/SUPPORT VESSELS

- 16.1. Coaching and support person vessels shall register at the Race Office during the registration/check-in period and are required to comply with local law and event support regulations.
- 16.2. On race days, Coaching and support person vessels may not communicate any information to competitor boats from the moment the competitor leaves the dock until the end of racing for the day, and shall not transfer any equipment, food or trash until the end of the last race of the day.
- 16.3. Coaching and support person vessels may not provide provisions or equipment to competitors without express permission from the Principal Race Officer.
- 16.4. Coach/support vessel drivers and crews shall wear a personal flotation device securely fastened at all times when afloat except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wetsuits and drysuits are not personal flotation devices.
- 16.5. All Coaching and support vessels shall be equipped with a functioning engine safety cut- out switch (kill switch) which shall remain attached to the support person at the helm at all times while the engine is running.
- 16.6. Coaching and support vessels shall carry a VHF radio with US channel 73, monitor Race Committee communications, and, if called upon, be available for safety assistance.

### 17. LIABILITY

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. Attention is also drawn to RRS 46.

#### CAR & TRAILER PARKING

- 17.1. Details regarding competitor car and trailer parking will be posted on the official notice board and/or provided at check-in.

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### 18. INSURANCE

- 18.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$500,000 per incident or the equivalent.
- 18.2. It is the owner or owner's representative's sole responsibility to ensure that the insurance is in place and is adequate prior to participating in this event. The OA may ask for proof of insurance at check-in.

### 19. LIABILITY

- 19.1. All sailors and their support persons must sign the Liability Waiver in order to participate in the event. The waiver is available online upon submitting entry fee and on the event website at: <https://norotonyc.org/regatta/HQQq0ZAKQs>

### 20. FURTHER INFORMATION

Event website: <https://norotonyc.org/regatta/HQQq0ZAKQs>

Event location:

**Noroton Yacht Club**

23 Baywater Drive, Darien, CT 06820

#### General Event Information

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## ADDENDUM A – Applicable US Sailing Prescriptions

The following US Sailing prescriptions to Part 5 preamble, RRS rule 63, RRS 65.1 and Appendix V

A1. Add Part 5 Preamble:

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

A2. After rule 65.1 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 facts 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. **APPENDIX V ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES**

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.

V2. The scoring penalty in RRS V2(b) is changed to 20%.