



NOTICE OF RACE
2016 North American Championships
Manhasset Bay Yacht Club
Port Washington, NY
September 30 to October 2, 2016



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 60, 63.2 and 63.4 will be deleted.

2 ADVERTISING

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

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRIES

- 4 The event is open to all competitors who meet the Sonar Class Association eligibility requirements (Article B12.00).
- 4.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing registration online at either www.sonar.org or at www.yachtscore.com. Entry fees received after August 30, 2016 will be charged a late fee of \$50.

5 FEES

The early entry fee, due August 30, is \$350. Entries received after this date will be charged \$400. The entry fee includes launch, mooring, continental breakfast for Friday, Saturday & Sunday, four tickets for Friday & Saturday, post race refreshments and haul out.

6 SCHEDULE

Thursday, September 29	0800 to 1900 1800 2100	Launching and Registration Competitor's Meeting inside club All boats must be afloat
Friday, September 30	1000	First Warning Signal for practice race
Saturday, October 1	1000	First Warning Signal
Sunday, October 2	0900	First Warning Signal Awards to follow racing

No first Warning Signal will be made after 1400 hours on Sunday, October 2.

7 **COURSES**

The courses will be windward-leeward with 4 or 5 legs and may utilize a leeward gate and/or a windward offset mark.

8 **RACING AREA**

The location of the racing areas is Manhasset Bay and western Long Island Sound.

9 **SCORING**

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

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

10 **LAUNCHING, HAULOUT, AND MOORINGS**

Launching and hauling at MBYC are tide driven. All boats must be afloat by 2100, Thursday, September 29. 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 Race Committee. Moorings will be provided on a first come, first serve basis. Disabled sailors will be able to keep their boats on the docks overnight.

11 **SAFETY AND COMMUNICATIONS**

All boats shall carry an operating VHF radio. The race committee will monitor VHF Channel 69 for Emergency transmissions. The Race committee may also be using VHF channel 69 for working communications. The MBYC dock monitors VHF channel 73 for launch service.

12 **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Sailing Instructions will be available from the Sonar Class website, and MBYC no later than August 29, 2016.

13 **PRIZES**

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

14 **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

14.1 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.

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

15 **INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$1 000 000 per event or the equivalent.

16 **FURTHER INFORMATION**

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