

Fairfield County Sailing League 2025 Match Racing Championship

NOROTON YACHT CLUB
23 Baywater Drive, Darien CT 06820
Wednesday, May 14th, 2025

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES:

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, the Interscholastic Sailing Association (“ISSA”) [Procedural Rules](#) (“PRs”) and [the Scholastic Dinghy Class Rules](#).
- 1.2. The following rules from Appendix C of the RRS shall apply: C2.4, C2.5, C2.8, C2.12, C2.13, C4.1, C5 (all sections), C6.1a, C6.2, C6.3, C6.5, C7 (all sections),
- 1.3. The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Darien High School Sailing Team (“DHS”)
- 1.4. **Participating teams are limited to 5 team members - 4 sailors and 1 coach.** Additional coaches may be permitted to participate in the regatta as members of the Race Committee. Teams that have a critical need to have a second coach on site must email the Event Chair to request approval no later than the entry deadline. Spectators are welcome.

2. **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:** The sailing instructions will be posted on the notice board prior to the report time for the regatta.

3. **COMMUNICATION:** The online official notice board will be on TechScore.

4. ELIGIBILITY:

- 4.1. Competing sailors must be in the 9th grade or higher. Sailors in 8th or 7th grade may participate pending approval by the Event Chair. The Event Chair shall at any point, and at their sole discretion, reserve the right to prohibit further sailing by 7th and/or 8th grade competitors.
- 4.2. Competing teams must be one of the following:
 - A current member of ISSA, the New England Schools Sailing Association (“NESSA”), and the Fairfield County Sailing League (“FCSL”) that meets ISSA eligibility rules.
 - A team that is not a member of ISSA, NESSA, and/or the FCSL, but is composed entirely of sailors that all attend the same school, and which is approved by both the Event Chair and the FCSL Representative to the NESSA Executive Committee (“FCSL Rep”)
 - A team that is composed of sailors from different schools that are each unable to form their own team for this event, and which is approved by both the Event Chair and the FCSL Rep.
 - When considering whether to approve the entry of a team formed using this criteria, the Event Chair and FCSL Rep shall consider whether sailors on such a team made **all** reasonable efforts to form a team that fulfills one of the other categories listed here.

5. REGISTRATION.

- 5.1. Schools wishing to compete must complete the on-line registration form available at the following URL

<https://forms.gle/VgBHR7egpigSGQ7F9>

- 5.2. Registration window closes at 2359 on Tuesday May 13, 2025.
- 5.3. Regatta is limited to the first 6 eligible teams to register. All others will be added to a wait-list.
- 5.4. If a team is going to NO SHOW the Event Chair must be notified by phone prior to 9AM the morning of the regatta.

6. ENTRY FEE: There is no entry fee.

7. BOATS:

- 7.1. Ideal 18s shall be provided for all competitors, who shall not modify any boat nor cause a boat to be modified in any way, except that competitors may adjust lines and controls normally adjustable.
- 7.2. While all reasonable steps are taken to equalize the boats, variations will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.
- 7.3. Each skipper is responsible for the damage or loss to their boat unless responsibility is otherwise assigned by the umpires or Protest Committee.
- 7.4. Competing teams must have no less than 2 and no more than 3 sailors on board their provided boat at any time.
- 7.5. No modifications to rigging are allowed except that mainsheets may be rigged either 2:1 or 3:1.

8. SCHEDULE:

- 8.1. 1515 - Report Time
1530 - Sailor's Meeting (First warning will be confirmed at Sailor's Meeting)
1915 - No first warning for any race will start after this time.
Note: The intended target departure time for this event shall be 1945
- 8.2. Changes to the schedule will be announced verbally by Race Committee.

9. FORMAT: The intended format of the regatta shall be a single round robin followed by championship match. This format may be adjusted as needed at the discretion of the Event Chair and FCSL Rep.

10. RACING AREA: The race area will be defined at Sailor's Meeting but will most likely be in the vicinity of the Goodwives River Approach Buoy #1

11. COACHING: Each team may have one on the water coach in the OA provided coach boat or boats. No private coach boats are permitted without advance approval from the Event Chair.

12. WAIVER OF LIABILITY:

- 12.1. Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race.
- 12.2. The race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

13. RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS:

By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the Organizing Authority and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.

14. REGATTA CONTACTS/REGATTA CHAIRS:

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| Meg Leary – DARIEN HIGH SCHOOL– Event Chair | mleary2020@gmail.com | (203) 219-6606 |
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