



**US NACRA 15 CLASS ASSOCIATION
2019 MIDWINTER EAST CHAMPIONSHIP
and Youth Worlds Qualifier**



February 14–18, 2019
Southern Yacht Club
New Orleans, Louisiana USA

NOTICE OF RACE

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the NoR means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 This is a protected competition for the Nacra 15 Class (per US Sailing Regulation 12.03). The expedited appeal process is available for this event (see Appendix R – Procedures for Appeals and Requests, rule R8 Expedited Appeals). See NoR 15.3.

2 ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority. World Sailing Regulation 20.9.2 applies. [DP]

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the Nacra 15 Class sailed by competitors who are individual or family members of the Nacra 15 class at the time of the event.
- 3.2 The regatta is the 1st regatta in the qualifier series for the World Sailing Youth World Championship 2019. Competitors (helm & crew) wishing to be selected for Youth Sailing World Championship 2019 must meet the US Sailing and World Sailing eligibility criteria. <https://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/YWQ-2019-selection-criteria-Final.pdf>
- 3.3 The regatta is an Early Acceptance Event for the 2019 US Youth Sailing Championships. The top two finishing teams who fit the eligibility criteria outlined in the Youth Championship https://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/2019-US-Youth-Championship-Early-Acceptance_FINAL2.pdf will earn Early Acceptance to the 2019 US Youth Sailing Championships.
- 3.4 Eligible boats may enter through the event website at www.regattanetwork.com
- 3.5 Parent/Guardian Declarations: All helms and crews under 18 years of age during the event shall complete a signed Parent/Guardian Declarations which can be downloaded from the event site. Declaration forms, which must be signed by a Parent/Guardian, can be handed in at registration or emailed to SYC.

4 FEES

Entry fee: \$275 USD if paid on or before January 15th, \$375 USD thereafter.



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5 SCHEDULE

Registration and Race Office Schedule	
Thursday 14 th February	From 15:00-17:00
Friday 15 th February	From 09:00 to 12:00, and 15:00-17:00
Racing Schedule	
Saturday 16 th February	Championship series races
Sunday 17 th February	Championship series races
Monday 18 th February	Championship series races

- 5.1 Twelve races are scheduled.
- 5.2 The scheduled time for the earliest Warning Signal on each day will be 1030.

6 MEASUREMENTS

- 6.1 Boats may be inspected for compliance at any time during the regatta at the discretion of the Protest Committee, Technical Committee or the Organizing Authority.
- 6.2 At the discretion of the Organizing Authority, if Nacra 15 Class hardware is not available to replace broken equipment or repair a boat, equivalent substitute equipment may be used as permitted by Nacra 15 Class Rule C1.2(b).

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available on the regatta web site. Printed copies will be posted on the official notice board.

8 VENUE

- 8.1 The 2019 Nacra 15 Midwinter East Championship will be held at Southern Yacht Club, New Orleans 70124 USA.
- 8.2 Racing will take place on Lake Pontchartrain, approximately one to two miles north of Southern Yacht Club.

9 COURSES

The courses to be sailed will be windward-leeward. The race target time will be 35 minutes.

10 PENALTY SYSTEM

RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

11 SCORING

- 11.1 Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 11.2 Series Scores:
 - a) When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
 - b) When 5 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.



12 SAFETY

Each competitor shall wear an USCG approved life jacket that is 100% dependent on foam for flotation and the appropriate size for the sailor, at all times while on the water, except for brief periods while adding or removing clothing. PFDs will be checked at registration and during the event. [DP]

13 SUPPORT BOATS [DP]

- 13.1 All support persons and spectators intending to operate boats on or near the racing area must register with the OA, at which time they shall provide boat registration/documentation and proof of insurance for the boat(s) they plan to use.
- 13.2 Support boats may be asked to display a flag supplied by the organizing authority. A \$20 refundable deposit is to be paid for the flag, which will be refunded upon its return.
- 13.3 All support persons and spectator boats shall provide their own VHF radio and monitor a VHF channel designated by the OA to receive instructions from the OA while and near the racing venue. All boats shall additionally function as Safety Boats and follow instructions of the OA.
- 13.4 Failure to register, failure to monitor the designated VHF channel, or failure to abide by instructions may result in operating restrictions being placed upon the support person, spectator and or use of the boats during the regatta.
- 13.5 Communication between competitors and coaches is not permitted while the competitors are racing. Racing is defined as the display of the Prep Flag until the finish signal of each race.

14 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to the top 5 teams.

15 PROCEDURES FOR PROTECTED COMPETITIONS

- 15.1 US Sailing Regulation 12.03, Protected Competitions, will be in effect for this event. The following rules and procedures will apply:
 - a) The US Sailing prescriptions to rules 63.2, and 63.4 shall apply to a Protected Competition, except that the words "when practicable" in the first sentence of the prescription to rule 63.4 are deleted.
 - b) Protest committees shall include 20% "sailor-athlete" representation. "Sailor-athlete" has the meaning of "athlete" set forth in USOC Bylaw, Section 8.8.2 (the 10year rule) or Level A or B Sailor-Athlete as defined by US Sailing Sailor Athlete Council (SAC) Bylaws 3.3.1 and 3.3.2 (except that the US Sailing member class referred to in SAC Bylaw 3.3.2.3 shall be an international class recognized by World Sailing at the time of the sailor-athlete's qualification).
 - c) The right of appeal will not be denied under rule 70.5 (a), (b), or (c), but an expedited appeal process may be used that balances the needs of the competitor for certainty with respect to berths in future competitions and sufficient time to prepare the arguments and evidence for the appeal. See NoR 1.2 and 15.3.
 - d) Any boat that is a party to a redress hearing may be represented by up to two individuals. This changes RRS 63.3(a).
 - e) If a hearing is scheduled after the event is concluded and after the sailors and officials have left the venue, it will be scheduled as soon as possible, and in a place and manner chosen



with deference to the competitor's preferences or circumstances; and parties to the hearing have the right to be present telephonically or via video feed as appropriate, provided all participants can hear and speak to each other.

15.2 The following rule changes shall be made:

a) RRS 65.2 is changed as follows:

“Seven days” is changed to “24 hours”; and “promptly” is changed to “within 24 hours”.

b) RRS 66 is deleted and replaced with the following:

REOPENING A HEARING

i. The protest committee may reopen a hearing when it decides that it may have made a significant error, or when significant new evidence becomes available within a reasonable time. However, if an appeal of its decision has been sent to the national authority, the hearing shall not be reopened unless the national authority requires reopening under rule R5.4 or decides the appeal cannot be considered.

ii. A party to the hearing may ask for a reopening no later than 24 hours after being informed of the decision. On the last scheduled day of racing the request shall be delivered (a) within the protest time limit if the requesting *party* was informed of the decision on the previous day; and (b) no later than 30 minutes after the *party* was informed of the decision on that day iii. When a hearing is reopened, a majority of the members of the protest committee shall, if possible, be members of the original protest committee.

c) RRS 70.2 is deleted.

15.3 The US Sailing provisions for expedited appeals are linked here:

<http://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/2017-Expedited-Appeals.pdf>

16 RIGHTS TO USE NAMES & LIKENESSES

16.1 By participating in the 2019 Nacra 15 Midwinters East a competitor automatically grants to the Organizing Authority and its sponsors and agents the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of him or her relating to the event without compensation.

16.2 A drone may be flown to record video and still imagery primarily for the event advertising and promotion.

17 PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES (US Sailing Regulation 10)

10.03 Prohibited Substances

A. *No participant or competitor shall use or possess, either on or off the water:*

- 1. marijuana or any other substance if possession is illegal under state or federal law; or*
- 2. any alcoholic beverages.*

B. *An alleged breach of one of these regulations shall not be grounds for a protest. However, when the protest committee believes that a competitor may have breached one of these regulations, it shall follow the process described in the US Sailing Code of Conduct. If a competitor found to have breached one of the elements within the Code of Conduct, they shall be excluded from the remaining races of the series and, where*



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practicable, removed from the regatta venue and sent home. The competitor's boat shall be disqualified from all races of the series.

18 **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 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.

19 **INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$500,000 per incident or the equivalent.

20 **CHARTER INFORMATION**

For information on charter boats contact:

Robbie or Jill at Red Gear Racing at Info@RedGearRacing.com.

Todd Riccardi at todd@nacrasailing.com

21 **FURTHER INFORMATION**

Additional useful information regarding the clinic, registration and recommendations for accommodations will be available online (see links below).

For any questions please contact Regatta Chair Katy Lovell at katypl@me.com.

Southern Yacht Club web site: <http://www.southernyachtclub.org>

Regatta Network event page: <http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/17956>

Scan the QR code below to view the Regatta Network mobile event page.

