



NACRA 15 MIDWINTER'S WEST

April 9-11, 2020

Alamitos Bay Yacht Club
Long Beach, California, USA



THIS EVENT IS A YOUTH WORLD'S TEAM QUALIFIER FOR MIXED MULTIHULL

NOTICE OF RACE

The organizing authority is the Alamitos Bay Yacht Club 7201 E Ocean Blvd, Long Beach CA 90803.

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2. This will be a 'Protected Competition' per US Sailing Regulation 12.03. The expedited appeal process is available for this class (see Appendix R, Procedures for Appeals and Requests, rule R8, Expedited Appeals).

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority. If this rule is broken 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. Sailors seeking to qualify to compete in the 2020 Youth Sailing World Championships must meet the eligibility criteria outlined in US Sailing's Athlete Selection System and Requirements <https://www.ussailing.org/olympics/selection/youth-worlds-team/> and summarized below:

Age: All prospective athletes shall be under the age of 19 years on 31 December 2020. (Born after 31 December 2001)

Citizenship: Unless otherwise approved by the IOC or World Sailing Board, all prospective athletes shall be a national of the USA and present proof of nationality (passport) or approved exception. The athlete's passport shall not expire for six months after the conclusion of the 2020 Youth Worlds.

World Sailing ID: All prospective athletes shall have a registered "World Sailor ID" on the World Sailing website.

US Sailing Membership: Competitors must have a US Sailing individual or family membership in good standing and shall not be otherwise ineligible to compete under the laws, regulations, policies and rules of the USOPC or its affiliated organizations.

Gender: Prospective athletes must meet the gender requirements of the respective event. The Mixed Two Person Multihull event at the Youth Sailing World Championships specifies a mixed team -- one girl and one boy.

- 3.3. Eligible boats may enter by completing the [Online Entry Form](#) and paying the required fee by April 8, 2020.
- 3.4. 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 ABYC.

4. FEES

- 4.1. **Early Entry** \$275 USD (until February 29, 2020)
- Regular Entry** \$300 USD (until March 31, 2020)
- Late Entry** \$375 USD (until April 8, 2020)
- (The entry fee includes refreshments after racing each race day, a regatta dinner and a regatta souvenir.)*

- 4.2. Entry fee includes boat storage from the Wednesday prior to regatta to the Wednesday following the regatta. **Boat storage beyond this period is \$15,00 per day.**

- 4.3. Additional Friday dinners will be available at \$15.00 per person.



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- 4.4. If an entry is cancelled by the competitor before March 31st, the entry fee will be refunded, except for an administrative fee of \$10.
- 4.5. Entry fee includes refreshments after racing each race day, a regatta dinner and a regatta souvenir.

5. SCHEDULE

February 29, 2020	1800	Early Entry Deadline
March 31, 2020	1800	Regular Entry Deadline
Wednesday, April 8, 2020	1800	Late Entry Deadline
	1200 to 1700	Registration, Measurement and Inspection
Thursday April 9, 2020	0900 to 1200	Registration and Race Office Open
	0945	Support Boat Registration and Briefing
	1000	Competitors' Meeting
	1155	Warning signal for 1st race of the day Subsequent races to start ASAP
Friday April 10, 2020	0800 to 1000	Registration, Measurement and Inspection Ullman/Frost
	0945	Support Boat Registration and Briefing
	1000	Competitors' Meeting
	1155	Warning signal for 1st race of the day Subsequent races to start ASAP
	After Racing	Regatta Dinner
Saturday April 11, 2020	0945	Support Boat Registration and Briefing
	1000	Competitors' Meeting
	1155	Warning signal for 1st race of the day Subsequent races to start ASAP
	1600	No first warning signal after 1600
	After Racing	Awards Presentation in ABYC Clubhouse

- 5.1. A maximum of eleven (11) races are scheduled.
- 5.2. On the last scheduled day of racing, the first warning signal for a race will not be made after 1600.

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 electronically on the regatta website. Printed copies will be posted on the official notice board.



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8. VENUE

- 8.1. Racing will take place on the Pacific Ocean off Long Beach
- 8.2. The approximate location of the racing areas are shown opposite.

9. COURSES

The courses to be sailed will be windward-leeward. The race target time will be 30 minutes.

10. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 10.1. 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

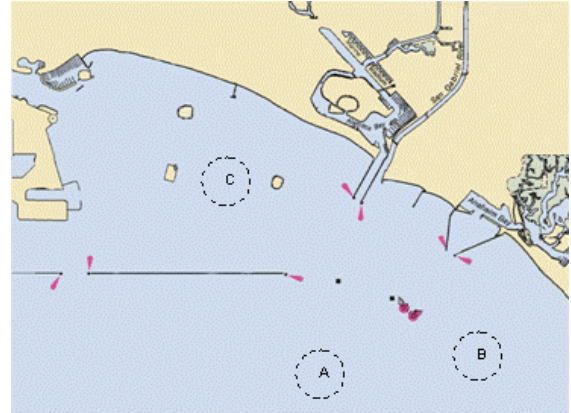
- 12.1. Each competitor shall wear an USCG approved life jacket that is 100% dependent on foam for flotation and the appropriate size for the sailor, at all times while on the water, except for brief periods while adding or removing clothing. PFDs will be checked at registration and during the event.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

13. SUPPORT BOATS

- 13.1. Support/coach/spectator boats shall register with the Race Office during the registration period.
- 13.2. A unique registration number will be assigned to each support boat. Support, coach, spectator boats shall prominently display their assigned coach flag at all times while on the water. [DP]
- 13.3. Coaches and supporters are required to monitor the course channel on their VHF radios and be available to assist with safety when requested. Coaches are expected to attend the coaches meeting each morning. [DP]
- 13.4. Rules governing the conduct of support/coach/spectator boats will be in the sailing instructions.

14. BERTHING

- 14.1. Boats shall be stored overnight on the public beach immediately adjacent to the ABYC facility for the duration of the event. [DP]
- 14.2. After each day of racing, all personal belongings shall either be secured within a boat or removed from the beach area; the OA assumes no responsibility for any lost or missing items. [DP]





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15. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

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. [DP]

16. PRIZES

- 16.1. Prizes will be awarded to the top 5 teams.

17. 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.

18. 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.

19. PROCEDURES FOR PROTECTED COMPETITIONS

- 19.1. US Sailing Regulation 12.03, Protected Competitions, will be in effect. 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 10-year 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.
 - d) Any boat that is a party to a redress hearing may be represented by up to two individuals. This changes rule 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.



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- 19.2. Other rule changes
- a) Rule 65.2 is changed as follows: "seven days" is changed to "24 hours" and "promptly" is changed to "within 24 hours."
 - b) Rule 66, Reopening a Hearing, second sentence is deleted and replaced by:
 - c) "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."
 - d) Rule 70.2 is deleted.

19.3. Expedited appeals procedure

The expedited appeals system in rule R8, Expedited Appeals, will be used. See:

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

20. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 20.1. Due to space limitations, vehicle parking on ABYC grounds is restricted. Off-street paid parking is available across the street in municipal lots. [DP]
- 20.2. The Regatta fee includes launching, recovery, and storage for visiting competing boats from the day prior to the pre-event CISA clinic until the day following the event. If the event ends on a Sunday, this period is extended to the next day the club is open, as ABYC is closed on Monday and Tuesday. [DP]
- 20.3. Visiting competing boats may request extended storage IN ADVANCE by contacting the ABYC office. The cost is \$10.00 per day paid in advance. [DP]
- 20.4. Any boat or trailer found on ABYC property without prior written authorization from ABYC is subject to impound and associated fees. [DP]

Additional useful information regarding accommodations, travel, equipment services and area recreation are available at www.abyc.org or contact the ABYC office abyc@abyc.org or +1 562 434 9955.

Event Chair: Pete Melvin

Board Liason: TBD

PRO: Mark Townsend, IRO

Chief Judge: TBD