



NACRA 15 Youth Worlds Qualifier
Sarasota Youth Sailing
Sarasota Bay, Florida, USA



August 13-15, 2021

NOTICE OF RACE



1. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

1.1. The event is organized under the overall authority of Sarasota Youth Sailing.

2. RULES

2.1. The event shall be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024.

2.2. The International NACRA 15 Class Rules shall apply.

2.3. In the event there is a conflict between languages, the English text shall take precedence.

2.4. Competitors shall be required to wear non-inflatable life jackets acceptable by their country of residence while on the water. Use of buoyancy aids are at the sole risk of competitors and not subject to protest.

3. PROCEDURES FOR PROTECTED COMPETITIONS

3.1. 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 63.1 and 63.2 shall apply to a Protected Competition, except that the words “when practicable” in the prescription to rule 63.1 are deleted.
- (b) Protest committees shall include 20% “sailor-athlete” representation. “Sailor-athlete” has the meaning of “athlete” set forth by the 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 3.2.3 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 part 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.

3.2. 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 66.1, Reopening a Hearing, second sentence is deleted and replaced by: “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.”

3.3. Expedited Appeals Procedure:

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

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

4. ADVERTISING

- 4.1. Advertising shall conform to the current World Sailing Regulation 20 and the NACRA 15 Class Rules.
- 4.2. Boats may be required to display bow numbers and advertising chosen and supplied by the OA.

5. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 5.1. The event is open all boats conforming to the NACRA 15 Class Rules, whose sailors are in good standing with the NACRA 15 Class Association.
- 5.2. All boats shall enter by completing the [online entry form](#) and paying the \$250 entry fee.
- 5.3. The event entry deadline is 8/9/2021.
- 5.4. All entry fees are non-refundable on or after 8/9/2021.

6. YOUTH WORLDS TEAM SELECTION

- 6.1. NACRA 15 competitors (helm and crew) wishing to be selected for the 2021 Youth World Sailing Championship must meet the US Sailing and World Sailing eligibility criteria available at: <https://cdn.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/2021-Youth-Worlds-Athlete-Selection-System-5.26.21-REVISION45.pdf>
- 6.2. The highest placing eligible boat (helm and crew) at this event will be selected by US Sailing's International Selection Committee to compete in the 2021 Youth World Sailing Championship at Al-Mussanah, Oman on December 11-18, 2021.

7. SCHEDULE

Friday, August 13th 2021

- 0900 Report Time at Sarasota Youth Sailing
- 0915 Competitors Briefing
- 1100 Approximate Time of First Warning Signal
- 1600 Approximate Time of Last Warning Signal

Saturday, August 14th 2021

- 0900 Report Time at Sarasota Youth Sailing
- 0915 Competitors Briefing
- 1100 Approximate Time of First Warning Signal
- 1600 Approximate Time of Last Warning Signal

Sunday, August 15th 2021

- 0900 Report Time at Sarasota Youth Sailing
- 0915 Competitors Briefing
- 1100 Approximate Time of First Warning Signal
- 1300 Approximate Time of Last Warning Signal

8. SAIL NUMBERS AND NATIONAL FLAGS

- 8.1. Sails shall have a full sail number and national letters in accordance with the NACRA 15 Class Rules.
- 8.2. Display of Country Flags will not be required.

9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 9.1. Sailing Instructions will be made available to all competitors digitally no less than one week prior to the event. A paper copy of the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

10. VENUE

- 10.1. All races will be sailed on Sarasota Bay.
- 10.2. All NACRA 15's will launch and return from the SYS beach located on City Island.
- 10.3. All visiting coach boats will launch and return from the Ken Thompson Boat Ramp.

11. STORAGE, BERTHING, AND CHARTERS

- 11.1. Visiting boats may arrive at Sarasota Youth Sailing beginning at 1600 on Friday, July 30th 2021.
- 11.2. Visiting boats shall depart the venue no later than 1600 on Monday, August 16th 2021.
- 11.3. Storage Arrangements for visiting trailers shall be made by contacting:
Sarasota Sailing Squadron Manager: Allyssa Thomas, manager@ssssailing.com, 816-866-0613.
- 11.4. Berthing Arrangements for visiting boats shall be made by contacting:
Sarasota Youth Sailing Director: Kevin Dooley, sysailingdirector@gmail.com, 941-504-4236.

12. COURSES

- 12.1. The intended courses shall be windward leeward laps with windward offsets and leeward gates.
- 12.2. The intended race durations shall be approximately 45 minutes for the leading boats.

13. PENALTY SYSTEM

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

14. SCORING AND RACES

- 14.1. Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 14.2. Up to five races are scheduled to be sailed on 8/13 and 8/14.
- 14.3. Up to two races are scheduled to be sailed on 8/15.
- 14.4. Series scores shall be calculated in accordance with RRS A2.1.

15. PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES

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

16. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 16.1. Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this race participate entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers (OA, Ratings Authority, Race Committee, Protest 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 race. By participating in this race, 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.

17. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 17.1. Contact SYS Sailing Director – Kevin Dooley, sysailingdirector@gmail.com, 941-504-4236.