

RS Aero 2025 North American Championship

September 25-28, 2025

Fairhope, AL

Notice of Race

Organizing Authority:

Fairhope Yacht Club

101 Volanta Avenue, Fairhope AL 36532

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Endorsed by the RS Aero North American Class Association

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2. RRS 40.1 applies.
- 1.3. US Sailing Prescriptions shall apply. Competitors are encouraged to take note of the prescription to RRS 67 (Damages).

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1. Competitor advertising shall be restricted to World Sailing Regulation 20, Advertising Code.
- 2.2. Boats may be required to display advertising and/or bow numbers chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1. The regatta is open to all boats of the RS Aero class.
- 3.2. All competitors must be current members of the North American RS Aero Class Association or their equivalent national Class Association. Non-members can register online [here](https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_registration_form.php?regatta_id=29611).
- 3.3. Eligible competitors may enter the regatta by completing the online registration and fee payment found https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_registration_form.php?regatta_id=29611. Competitors will be required to agree to a waiver of liability as a condition of eligibility.
- 3.4. Rig Sizes
 1. Boats may be divided by rig sizes (5, 6, 7 and 9) for starting. Boats will be scored by rig size.
 2. Boats may change rig size without penalty as follows:

By changing "Class" in their online registration, OR at on-site check-in on September 25th or 26th, OR by emailing eugene.schmitt@svn.com with the subject line "Rig Size Change" prior to 10:00 PM on September 24, 2025.

3.5. Sail Number

1. Competitors may use a sail number that differs from the boat's hull number, which changes Class Rule A10.2. However, a competitor shall use the sail number on its registration and shall not use the same sail number that another competing boat is using. If a boat races with an unregistered sail number, it shall be scored DNS in that race without a hearing. If two boats with the same sail number race at the same time, both shall be scored DNS in that race without a hearing. Competitors are urged to check their sail numbers prior to the end of registration and modify their registration so as to ensure that the number on the sail they intend to use on the water matches their registration and is not a duplicate.
2. If a sail is damaged beyond timely repair, the competitor may replace it with another sail of the same size, but with a different sail number not already being used by another competitor, only if the competitor requests and receives permission from the RC for that change in registration.

4. FEES

- 4.1. The entry fee is \$190 for entries completed with payment on or before September 19, 2025.
- 4.2. The late entry fee is \$230 for entries completed or paid after September 19, 2025.
- 4.3. Entries will not be accepted after 0930 September 26, 2025.
- 4.4. Entry fees include complimentary boat storage during the regatta, a light breakfast and post racing refreshments each race day, and one Saturday night dinner ticket per competitor. Admission to dinner for guests will be available for purchase at the event.

5. SCHEDULE

Thursday, September 25	0900-1100	Check-in and rigging
	1200-1400	Regatta Clinic
	1400	Practice racing
Friday, September 26	0830-0930	Late check-in
	0900	Complimentary Breakfast
	1000	Competitor Meeting
	1215	First race of day warning
	After Racing	Competitor social
Saturday, September 27	0900	Complimentary hot Breakfast in Ballroom
	1100	Full menu upstairs and under club food options for additional charge.
	1215	First race of day warning
	1700	Multiple big screen TVs with special appetizer's
	1800	Competitor Dinner
Sunday, September 28	0830	Complimentary hot Breakfast in Ballroom
	1055	First race of day warning
	1500	No races starting after this time
	ASAP	Trophy Presentation – Following last race of the day

6. INSPECTION AND MEASUREMENT

All boats shall comply with the current [RS Aero Class Rules](#). Spot checks by the measurement committee may be performed on any boat at any time during the event.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available at event check-in and posted to https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/regatta_uploads/27634/rsaero.PNG no later than Wednesday, September 24, 2025.

8. SCORING AND PRIZES

- 8.1. Nine races are scheduled. Three races must be completed to constitute a Championship.
- 8.2. The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A will apply, except that "Each boat's series score shall, subject to rule 90.3, be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score" is changed to "Each boat's series score shall, subject to rule 90.3, be as follows: If fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores. If 5 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score."
- 8.3. Prizes will be awarded to the top finishers in each rig size.

9. RACE AREA

Racing will be on Mobile Bay west of the FYC.

10. COURSES

Race courses will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

11. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 11.1. US Sailing prescription Appendix V1 (Alternative Penalties) shall apply, as follows: The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: 'A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident while racing. However, when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty'.
- 11.2. Appendix P, Special Procedures for Rule 42 shall apply and is changed as follows:
 - In P2.1 First Penalty the word "first" is deleted.
 - P2.2 and P2.3 are deleted

12. SUPPORT BOATS

- 12.1. All support boats shall be registered with the organizing authority and will be required to comply with event support boat requests.
- 12.2. Support boats shall monitor the race committee VHF channel and remain outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first fleet to start until all boats have finished or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall, abandonment, or requests assistance.
- 12.3. All support vessels shall be equipped with a functioning engine safety cut-out switch (kill switch) which shall remain attached to the support person (operator) at all times while the engine is on. Support vessels shall check-in with the RC Signal vessel before the first race of each day to demonstrate compliance. Failure to comply may be misconduct and result in expulsion from the event.

13. STORAGE

Trailer or dolly-stored boats arriving up to one week prior to the Regatta or staying up to one week after the regatta will not be charged. Storage for boats wishing to stay for longer periods of time shall be at the rate of \$20 per day.

14. INSURANCE

Each boat shall hold adequate insurance including third-party liability insurance, and it is the owner or owners' representative's sole and inescapable responsibility to ensure that the insurance is in place and is adequate prior to participating in this event. Each boat must present proof of such insurance, by email or in person before the end of registration.

15. WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND COMPLIANCE

- 15.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Organizing Authority, Sponsors, Support Facilities, Volunteers, Agents, Employees and Service providers, the PRO and the Committee will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the Regatta for both on-the-water and on-land activities. By participating in this event, each competitor (owners, skippers, and crews) agrees to release the race organizers and all persons and groups listed above from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law. All competitors must acknowledge that by completing the online entry and waiver. That is much more easily done on line, before arriving at the regatta desk to complete the registration process. No boat may start a race or be scored until the online entry and waiver has been completed.

16. INFORMATION

For further information contact Randy Fitzpatrick-Wainwright at fitz1350@bellsouth.net or Eugene Schmitt at eugene.schmitt@svn.com. Housing options available in the area can be found on www.exploreeasternshore.com website under "Stay".