



# NOTICE OF RACE

AMENDED 1/23/2026



## Flying Scot® Women's North American Championship

**May 29-31, 2026**

**Hosted by: Greater Richmond Sailing Association**

4301 Woolridge Rd.  
Moseley, VA 23120

Organizing Authorities: Flying Scot® Sailing Association (FSSA) and Greater Richmond Sailing Association

### 1. RULES:

- 1.1. This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2. Participants agree to abide by the RRS and all other rules that govern this event and those of the host club. Payment of the Entry Fee acknowledges agreement and consent to the rule requirement of this NOR.
- 1.3. RRS 60.4(a)(2) is changed as follows: "(2) if it alleges a breach of a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 and is from a boat that was not involved in, and did not see, the incident, or..."
- 1.4. The following prescriptions of US Sailing will apply: the Preamble of Part 5, RRS 65.1 70.3(b), 76.1, Appendix R and V.

### 2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. The Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be available after 8:00am on April 1, 2026 at [https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/30092#\\_home](https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/30092#_home).

### 3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. The Official Notice Board is online and located at [https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/30092#\\_home](https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/30092#_home).
- 3.2. The race committee may use VHF radios to communicate with competitors while racing. On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SI's. Boats are strongly encouraged to bring a VHF radio to monitor race committee communications.
- 3.3. From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency or to inform the race committee that a boat is retiring, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

### 4. ELIGIBILITY:

- 4.1. The helmsperson shall be female and a current Active, Life, Junior, Club or Family Member of the FSSA ([www.fssa.com](http://www.fssa.com)). The Class Rules define each membership category.
- 4.2. All crew shall be female.
- 4.3. Active, Life, Junior and Family Members shall sail the boat they have registered with the FSSA, and "Club Members" (as defined in the Class Rules) shall sail one of their club's registered club boats.
- 4.4. Any helmsperson borrowing or chartering a boat shall submit the Chartering or Borrowing Form (available at [www.fssa.com](http://www.fssa.com) under Documents) by April 28, 2026.
- 4.5. Any co-owner, if a helmsperson on their own boat, shall submit a Co-ownership Certification Form (available at [www.fssa.com](http://www.fssa.com) under Documents) by April 28, 2026. The other co-owner may not enter the same Championship as a helmsperson.
- 4.6. A competitor who does not own a Flying Scot may request a one-time exemption to participate by emailing their request, including their reason for requesting the exemption, to the FSSA Executive Secretary at [info@fssa.com](mailto:info@fssa.com) at least four weeks prior to the close of registration. If approved, the non-owner must join FSSA as an Affiliate Member by the close of registration.
- 4.7. For a separate Challenger Division to be raced, at least five entrants must be registered as Challenger Division competitors by the close of registration.
- 4.8. Competitors must complete the following by the close of registration, unless otherwise specified below, before a boat's entry will be accepted:
  - 4.8.1. FSSA membership dues must be paid in full.
  - 4.8.2. Club Boat registration fees must be paid in full.
  - 4.8.3. The registration form must be completed in full.
  - 4.8.4. All event registration fees must be paid in full.
  - 4.8.5. An approved Co-owner Certification Form must be submitted, when applicable, to the host club.
  - 4.8.6. An approved Chartering and Borrowing Form must be submitted, when applicable, to the host club.

### 5. REGISTRATION:

- 5.1. Online registration may be completed at [https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet\\_registration\\_form.php?regatta\\_id=30092](https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_registration_form.php?regatta_id=30092) no later than May 29, 2026, with late fees applicable after May 16, 2026. Late and/or on-site registration may be completed online or at the GRSA Pavilion Registration Desk no later than 1000 on May 30, 2026.

- 5.2. During registration, entrants shall select the Championship or Challenger Division, subject to the approval of the FSSA National Championships Committee.
- 5.3. Check-in at the on-site registration desk is required, where Sailing Instructions (SI) and identifying streamers for the Challenger Division will be provided.

## 6. FEES:

- 6.1. The registration fee (\$175) includes the welcome party and dinner Friday evening, continental breakfasts Saturday and Sunday, lunches Saturday and Sunday, snacks and beverages after racing Saturday, and dinner Saturday evening. The late registration fee (\$200) includes all the above but with meals subject to availability.
- 6.2. For extra meals for the weekend see the Registration form.

## 7. SCHEDULE:

- 7.1. A maximum of five races per division are planned.
- 7.2. The Regatta Schedule below provides a list of events, dates and times that are planned for the regatta.

### REGATTA SCHEDULE

Date	Event	Time	Location
Friday, May 29	On-Site Registration and Check-In	1300-1800	Pavilion
	Practice Races	1500-1630	Swift Creek/RC Pontoon
	Welcome Party-social hour and dinner	1730	Pavilion
Saturday, May 30	Continental Breakfast	0900 - 1030	Pavilion
	Late Registration	0900 - 1000	Pavilion
	Competitors Meeting	1100	Pavilion
	Lunch Pickup	After meeting	Kitchen
	First Warning Signal	1230	Swift Creek/RC Pontoon
	Social Hour	1800	Pavilion
	Dinner	1900	Pavilion
Sunday, May 31	Continental Breakfast	0730 - 0900	Pavilion
	First Warning Signal	1000	Swift Creek/RC Pontoon
	No Warning Signal After	1300	Swift Creek/RC Pontoon
	Awards and lunch	After racing	Pavilion

## 6. MEASUREMENT:

- 6.1. Boats and sails must conform to the Specifications in the Class Rules.
- 6.2. All sail numbers shall match the hull number except for chartered boats, and club boats must be identified as proscribed in Class Rule, Article B-IX.
- 6.3. Each boat must carry safety equipment required by the FSSA and the US Coast Guard which includes having an inflated bow bag and transom port.

## 7. VENUE:

- 7.1. The race area will be on a course South-East of GRSA's location, approximately a quarter mile into Swift Creek Reservoir.

## 8. THE COURSES:

- 8.1. The courses to be sailed will be described in the Sailing Instructions. At a minimum, windward-leeward courses will be included.

## 9. PENALTY SYSTEM:

- 9.1. Appendix V applies.

## 10. SCORING:

- 10.1. One completed race by each Division will constitute a series for that Division.
- 10.2. Each boat's score shall be the total of her race scores, and no score shall be excluded.

## 11. SUPPORT BOATS:

- 11.1. A competitor shall not use support or spectator personnel or their equipment, including towing vessels, while away from the dock unless they have been pre-approved by the Judges or Race Committee, or made available to all competitors by an Organizing Authority.

## 12. BERTHING/PARKING/LAUNCHING:

- 12.1. Boats and trailers shall be kept in their assigned parking spot at GRSA; assignments will be made at Check-In. GRSA has one wide ramp, and two single ramps. GRSA does have a hoist for bottom cover removal, or boat work, but not used for launching. Boats need to be trailered every day after racing.
- 12.2. Car and auto parking will be wherever you can find it. If you are parking in front of boats during the day please leave your keys in your vehicle so members may access their boats during the day.

### **13. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY:**

13.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. The Organizing Authorities will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the regatta and all events associated with it. RRS 3 states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone." By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia, or other causes.

### **14. INSURANCE:**

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

### **15. PRIZES:**

- 15.1. The Joan Burnside Memorial Trophy perpetual trophy will be awarded to the first place boat in the Championship Division; if the helmsperson is sailing under the non-owner exemption, they may not take this perpetual trophy with them.
- 15.2. The Fleet 23 Trophy perpetual trophy will be awarded to the first place boat in the Challenger Division; if the helmsperson is sailing under the non-owner exemption, they may not take this perpetual trophy with them.
- 15.3. The Lynn Bruss Sportsmanship Award perpetual trophy will be presented to the skipper or crew who demonstrates exemplary sportsmanship, as voted on by the competitors; if the helmsperson is sailing under the non-owner exemption, they may not take this perpetual trophy with them.
- 15.4. Keeper trophies will be awarded as follows:
  - 15.4.1.1st through 3rd place, Championship Division, helmsperson and crew.
  - 15.4.2.1st through 3rd place, Challenger Division, helmsperson and crew.

### **16. FURTHER INFORMATION**

Regatta Chair: Kate Gomes, 804-350-2086, [fswomensnac2026@gmail.com](mailto:fswomensnac2026@gmail.com)

Greater Richmond Sailing Association: [www.grsa.org](http://www.grsa.org)

4301 Woolridge Rd., Moseley, VA 23120

#### **Addendum**

#### **Additional Information**

1. **Apparel.** Event-specific regatta apparel can be purchased online through Coral Reef and delivered to you before the regatta. Apparel will be available for purchase here: <https://stores.crsapparel.com/FSWNAC2026/shop/home>; items will become available early 2026.
2. **Charter Boats.** There are a limited number of boats available for charter on a first-come, first-served basis. Contact Kate Gomes at [fswomensnac2026@gmail.com](mailto:fswomensnac2026@gmail.com) if you are interested in chartering the charter fee is \$50 and will be payable at registration. Charter forms will need to be completed with FSSA at least a month ahead of time. The chartered boats are all privately owned and are in generally very good racing condition, though some are older than others.
3. **Camping.** Camping. Limited camping is available at GRSA. GRSA does have a bath house and kitchen facility with ice maker. We have one shower stall for each women and men. Please reach out if you plan on camping to [fswomensnac2026@gmail.com](mailto:fswomensnac2026@gmail.com). More extensive camping options and cabin/yurt rentals can be found at Pocahontas State Park which is 23 minutes from GRSA. Information can be found here: [https://www.dcr.virginia.gov/state-parks/pocahontas#cabins\\_camping](https://www.dcr.virginia.gov/state-parks/pocahontas#cabins_camping)
4. **Hotel Blocks.** Two hotel blocks have been made:
  - a. **Hampton Inn** Richmond-Southwest-Hull Street, 3620 Price Club Blvd., Midlothian, VA 23112. Reservations need to be made by May 14, 2026 for the discounted rate. Booking information can be found here: <https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/2026flyingscotwomensnac/>
  - b. **Holiday Inn Express** Brandermill, 5030 West Village Green Dr., Midlothian, VA 23112. Reservations need to be made by April 28, 2026. The rates for Holiday Inn Express is for double Queen rooms, \$189/night. Please call 804-744-7303 and reference 'National Level Sailing ' for the discounted rate.
5. **GRSA Site Specifics.** Pets are not allowed on GRSA property, per our bylaws. The speed limit on property is 3.5 miles hours, please drive slowly. GRSA is accessible by an automatic locked gate; how to access the gate will be sent out after registration is complete.