

2025 FRAN GRAHAM FALL RACING SERIES



WESTHAMPTON YACHT SQUADRON
Remsenburg, NY 11960

September 7, 2025 to
October 5, 2025
(No Rain Dates)



NOTICE OF RACE

(Revised August 21, 2025)

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The Westhampton Yacht Squadron (WYS) is the Organizing Authority for this race. The WYS is located at 9 Yacht Club Drive (formerly New Street, at the foot of Shore Road), Remsenburg, New York 11960. The WYS website is www.yachtsquadron.com.
- 1.2 The Fall Series Race at the Westhampton Yacht Squadron shall consist of races on Five (5) Sunday afternoons commencing Sunday, September 7, 2025 and concluding on Sunday October 5, 2025.

2. RULES

- 2.1 The races will be governed by “The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2025-2028 including US Sailing Prescriptions” (“RRS”), except as changed by this Notice or the Sailing Instructions.
- 2.2 As provided for in Rule 44.1, that rule will be changed by requiring only one penalty turn under any circumstances covered by Rule 44.1.
- 2.3 Rule 60.4(a)(2) will be changed by deleting the phrase “was not involved in it or” from the rule. Other changes to the RRS pertaining to protests will be found in Para. 13 of the Sailing Instructions.
- 2.4 At all times from leaving the shore before the commencement of racing and returning to shore after the conclusion of racing, Competitors shall wear a US Coast Guard (USCG) approved personal flotation device (PFD) 100% dependent on foam for flotation and the appropriate size for the sailor, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment while on the water. The PFD must be worn outside of all clothing except that a thin shirt may be worn over the PFD to prevent snagging. Wet suits and dry suits are not personal flotation devices. This changes RSS Part 4 Preamble, RRS 40.1 and RRS 40.2.
- 2.5 Changes to the RRS pertaining to the Start/Finish Line will be found in the Sailing Instructions.

- 2.6 Changes to the RRS pertaining to Appendix A: Scoring will be found in the Sailing Instructions.
- 2.7 Code Flag X (blue cross on a white field) and 1 horn blast signals an individual recall. As a courtesy, the Race Committee will attempt to hail the sail numbers for boats that are OCS (on the course side). This modifies RRS 41. Boats shall not be entitled to redress for the following: the failure of a boat to hear or receive a recall hail; the order of recall numbers hailed; the promptness of the hail. This modifies RRS 62.1(a).

3. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the [Official Bulletin Board](#) No later than 6:00 PM on September 12, 2025.

4. COMMUNICATION

- 4.1 The online official notice board may be found on the Club Website or at the following link:

[Official Bulletin Board](#)

- 4.2 All boats may carry a VHF capable radio and/or a cell phone.
- 4.3 From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

5. ELIGIBILITY, ENTRY & REGISTRATION

- 5.1 The races are open to all eligible boats of the Sunfish (open & novice), Laser, 420, Vanguard 15, JY15 and Optimist (Red, Blue, White or Green Fleet). Eligible boats are entered in the series upon full completion of registration and payment of the applicable fee. Registration must be made by completing the online form on RegattaNetwork.com using the following link:

[REGATTA NETWORK](#)

- 5.2 The skipper of each boat **MUST** be a member of US Sailing www.ussailing.org or associated with a US Sailing Club.
- 5.3 Boats who participate but who have failed to properly and completely register as required above prior to participating will be scored DNC for the day without a hearing (changes RRS 63.1).

- 5.4 Sunfish designation as open or novice will be self-selected by the registrant, subject to re-designation by the Race Committee following the second week of racing.
- 5.5 Competitors are to sail in the boat in which they are registered. Any changes must be approved by the WYS Race Committee before racing.
- 5.6 The Organizing Authority reserves the right to exclude boats or competitors from this series pursuant to the terms of RRS 76.
- 5.7 Crew Substitutions:
- A. Skipper: The Skipper reflected in the registration shall be required to participate in all races sailed in the regatta, subject to permission of the Race Committee for a change for good cause shown.
 - B. Crew Member: Crew members of any registered boat may be changed due to the unavailability of such crew member. Notice of same must be given to the Race Committee prior to the first race such substitute crew member sails.
 - C. Any substitution of a boat skipper or crew is subject to RRS 2.

6. **FEES**

- 6.1 The entry fee per boat for the Fall Series is as follows:

Single Handed WYS Member Fee	\$ 95.00
Single Handed Non Member Fee	\$ 110.00
Double Handed WYS Member Fee (per boat)	\$ 115.00
Double Handed Non Member Fee (per boat)	\$125.00

7. **RACING AREA**

- 7.1 The racing area is on Moriches Bay directly in front of the WYS club house, as well as areas and coves to the east and west of the club house as designated in the WYS UCG permit (available on request).

8. **SUPPORT, COACHING & SPECTATOR BOATS**

- 8.1 Announcements from the RC to Support, Coaching & Spectator Boats may be made over VHF or by other suitable means. The channel being used will be identified at the Competitors' meeting.

- 8.2 Competitors may communicate with coach's in-between races at a common location adjacent to the starting area. Coaching is not permitted after a general recall.

9. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 9.1 Racing will be held on two separate courses, one for each division:

- ☐ Division 1: Sunfish - Open, 420's, JY15, Vanguard 15, Lasers
- ☐ Division 2: Sunfish - Novice, Optimists - Red/White/Blue and Green Fleets

- 9.2 Each racing day should include from three (3) to five (5) races but may be more or less depending on conditions and other factors.
- 9.3 Racers must check in with the Race Committee boat on the water prior to the first race each day. If leaving the race area, racers must communicate that information to the Race Committee as soon as possible.
- 9.4 Dates of Racing: The schedule of races, including date, time of skippers meeting, and race start and end times can be found on the Club Web Site at:

Racing Schedule

10. SCORING

- 10.1 The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A will apply as modified. As this is a series, RRS A5.3 of Appendix A shall be applied to the scoring. This modifies RSS A5.2.
- 10.2 There will one (1) throw-out race allowed for every five (5) races sailed. This changes RSS A2.1.
- 10.3 Provided the Race Committee Chairman is informed ahead of time, in writing or by email (providing the date and time of the away race, the Organizing Authority of same, the class of boat to be sailed and the capacity in which the away sailor will be sailing), any competitor registered in this Fall Series can race in a recognized Regatta and miss a regular Sunday race at WYS and receive a score other than DNC for the day missed. The scores for the Series races on the missed race day will be determined at the end of the season and will be based on an average of the competitor's scores in Fall Series for all races sailed at WYS during the Series. In addition, the away race must be a race in which the away competitor competes in the same class and capacity (i.e. skipper, crew, etc.) as they are racing in the WYS Series. This option may be exercised only one weekend during the Fall Series.

- 10.3 Any boat not properly registered in accordance with Para. 5 above will be scored DNC for any days such improper registration persists.

11. AWARDS

- 11.1 Series trophies will be presented at the Fall Series Awards Dinner to the top three (3) finishers in each class of boat that participated.
- 11.2 The Bob Rice Memorial Trophy will be awarded to the WYS Sunfish Open Division Member with the Best Score for the races held on the first Sunday in October (October 5th, 2025).
- 11.3 The Sail Action Trophy will be awarded to the 420 skipper and crew with the best score for the races held on the first Sunday race day in October (October 5th, 2025), without using any throw outs. Both skipper and crew must be WYS members and may not turn age 19 before the end of the race calendar year.
- 11.4 WYS Perpetual Trophies will also be awarded. However, non-WYS club members shall not be eligible for any of the club-based Perpetual Trophies.
- 11.5 An award will be presented to the highest finishing WYS Sunfish sailor, over the age of 60.
- 11.6 The Fall Series Awards Ceremony will be held directly after racing on October 5th, 2025.

12. USE OF CLUB BOATS

- 12.1 There are a limited number of WYS owned “club boats” available for use by WYS club members, only, during the fall series. The use is subject to the Club Boat Use Policy. In order to use a “club boat”, a reservation should be made. For 420’s and Opti’s contact the Junior Sailing Director (Michael DiSario (michael@woakbuilders.com) and for Sunfish contact the Sunfish Fleet Captain. (Suzanne K. Hulme: SKHulme@optonline.net)

- 13. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY - Competitors in this Series are bound by “*The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2025-2028 Including US Sailing Prescriptions*” and all other rules that govern this event and assume full responsibility for starting or continuing to race – see RRS Rule 3, Decision to Race. The organizing authority, host club and/or personnel conducting this event will not accept liability for material damages or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the event.**

- 15. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION – Contact the Regatta Chairs:**

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