



2026 U.S. Championship of Champions for the Jack Brown Trophy

September 16-20, 2026
Syracuse, IN



Organizing Authority: US Sailing
Host Club: Wawasee Yacht Club
All times are Eastern Daylight Time

NOTICE OF RACE (NoR) Posted February 3, 2026

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the NoR means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the NoR means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule nor request redress based on that rule. This changes RRS 60.1 and 61.1.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028* (RRS).
- 1.2 Other documents that govern the event are:
 - (a) US Sailing Championship Conditions, available at <https://www.ussailing.org/competition/resources/championship-conditions/>
 - (b) Conditions for the US Championship of Champions (USCOC Conditions), available on the [event website](#).
 - (c) [NP] US Sailing Championship Code of Conduct, available on the [event website](#).
 - (d) [DP] US Sailing Coaching and Support Boat Policy, available at: <https://www.ussailing.org/competition/resources/coaching-and-support-boat-policy/>. This is a Grade 3 event; no private coaching allowed.
- 1.3 RRS 77 is changed so that a boat is not required to display national letters.
- 1.4 Vakaros RaceSense will be used for this event. This changes RRS 41(c). Additional rule changes will be in the Sailing Instructions for using RaceSense.
- 1.5 Each boat will be supplied with either a Vakaros Atlas 2 or Atlas Edge configured for RaceSense, mounted on the aft side of the mast at all times while racing. Functionality may be limited, with permitted functions outlined in the SIs.
- 1.6 A set of instructions about the use of the electronic device will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

2 SAFETY

- 2.1 [DP] Each competitor shall wear a USCG-approved PFD, in good condition, that is 100% dependent on foam for flotation and the appropriate size for the sailor, at all times, while on the water except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment.
- 2.2 The PFD must be worn outside of all clothing except that a thin shirt or bib may be worn over the PFD to prevent snagging.
- 2.3 The PFD must be brought to registration/check-in for inspection.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The official notice board is online and located at the [event website](#).
 - 3.2 All boats are strongly encouraged to bring a VHF radio capable of communicating on standard US VHF channels and to monitor the race committee channel. The organizing authority will not provide radios.
 - 3.3 On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs.
 - 3.4 [DP] 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.
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4 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 Provisional sailing instructions will be posted on the notice board approximately one week before the event.

5 ELIGIBILITY & FORMAT

- 5.1 In accordance with the USCOC Conditions, this is an invitational event for three or four-person teams, racing in a round-robin format.
- 5.2 Racing will be limited to 20 invited skippers, including a "mystery guest."
- 5.3 Skippers shall be current U.S. citizens or resident aliens who are U.S. National, North American, or World Champions of a one design class whose class association is a current member of US Sailing, for championships completed during the qualifying period from August 13, 2025 through August 9, 2026.
- 5.4 All competitors shall be 18 years or older at the time this event is held.
- 5.5 Total crew weight shall be between 630 and 700lbs.
- 5.6 All competitors shall be members of US Sailing or, if non-members, may compete as a member of their home country's Member National Authority. Non-members can join US Sailing directly online at: <https://www.ussailing.org/membership/member-options/>
- 5.7 No skipper or crew may be paid to sail in this event. Skippers and crew shall sign a declaration of compliance online along with the Code of Conduct.

6 INVITATIONS AND ENTRY

- 6.1 Skippers will be invited in accordance with the USCOC Conditions.
- 6.2 Eligible skippers may apply for this event by submitting an online application using the link provided in the invitation letter and paying a non-refundable application fee of \$50.00 no later than August 12, 2026.
- 6.3 The US Sailing Championship of Champions Committee will review all applications. Applications selected to participate will be notified on a rolling basis with final invitations sent no later than August 14, 2026. Upon selection, applicants will be sent detailed information regarding on-line registration and the on-line payment of entry fees.
- 6.4 Eligible skippers may enter no later than August 19, 2026, by registering online in accordance with instructions contained in their letter of invitation and paying all required fees.
- 6.5 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all advance and on-site registration requirements and pay all fees.

7 FEES

- 7.1 The entry fee is \$750 per boat for crew of 3 and \$850 per boat for a crew of 4. The entry fee includes borrowed boat insurance, breakfast, lunches, dinners, parties, banquet (both skipper and crew) and any commemorative item that may be provided.
- 7.2 Entry fees are not refundable after August 20, 2026.
- 7.3 A separate damage deposit fee of \$500 is required. This fee will be payable by credit card or PayPal during onsite registration.
- 7.4 A limited number of meal tickets for non-competitors accompanying a competitor may be purchased online in advance or at registration.

8 BOATS AND EQUIPMENT

- 8.1 The event will be held in E Scow type boats provided by the Wawasee Yacht Club.
- 8.2 Teams shall comply with boat handling and equipment rules to be detailed in the sailing instructions.

9 CREW SUBSTITUTIONS

- 9.1 Crew substitutions shall be in accordance with the U.S. Championship Conditions.

10 ADVERTISING

- 10.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.
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11 SCHEDULE

11.1 The schedule is as follows (all times are US Eastern Time):

Date	Time	Item
Wed 9/16/2026	0800	Registration
	1000	Boat Familiarization
	1400	Practice Race(s)
	1900	Meet the Teams Welcome Dinner
Thurs 9/17/2026	1000	Race Day - first warning
Fri 9/18/2026	1000	Race Day - first warning
Sat 9/19/2026	1000	Race Day - first warning
Sun 9/20/2026	1000	Race Day - first warning
	1500	No warning after this time

12 [DP] ON-SITE REGISTRATION

12.1 By the end of onsite registration:

- (a) All competitors shall, in writing or online, agree to abide by the US Sailing Championship Code of Conduct.
- (b) All competitors shall, in writing or online, agree to US Sailing Waiver of Liability.

13 COURSES AND VENUE

13.1 The racing area will be in the navigable waters of Lake Wawasee, Syracuse, IN.

13.2 Courses will be Windward-Leeward courses and will be fully described in the sailing instructions.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

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

15 SCORING

15.1 Four (4) races are required to be completed to constitute a championship.

15.2 Appendix A2 is modified as follows:

- (a) When fewer than seven (7) races have been completed, a competitor's series score will be the total of that competitor's race scores.
- (b) When seven (7) to thirteen (13) races have been completed, a competitor's series score will be the total of that competitor's race scores excluding that competitor's worst score. If 14 or more races have been completed, a competitor's series score will be the total of that competitor's race scores excluding that competitor's worst two (2) scores.

15.3 Additional scoring details will be provided in the sailing instructions.

16 RISK, DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

16.1 Competitors participate in the regatta at their own risk. See RRS 3 (Decision to Race). The organizing authority, host or regatta volunteers 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.

16.2 Competitors shall accept full responsibility for their actions during any activity related to the event. This includes activities before, during, and after the regatta from the time they arrive at the venue until they leave the venue at the conclusion of the event.

17 PRIZES

17.1 US Sailing medals will be awarded to the top three (3) teams.

17.2 The winning team will have their name placed on the Jack Brown Perpetual Trophy.

17.3 Additional awards may be given at the discretion of the organizing authority and host club.

18 FURTHER INFORMATION

18.1 For further information please contact:

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