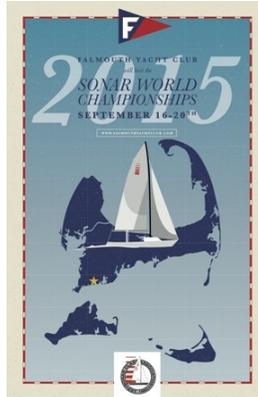


# 2015 SONAR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP REGATTA NOTICE OF RACE



September 16 – 20, 2015  
Falmouth Yacht Club  
Falmouth, Massachusetts, USA

## 1 - RULES

- 1.1 The Organizing Authority is the Sonar Class Association and the host is the Falmouth Yacht Club.
- 1.2 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.3 Only the prescriptions shown in ATTACHMENT 1 will apply. All other US Sailing prescriptions will not apply.
- 1.4 The following racing rules will be changed: 32, 35, A2. The changes will appear in full in the Sailing Instructions and the Sailing Instructions may also change other racing rules.
- 1.5 The Sonar Class Association Constitution, By-Laws, Class Rules and Rules Governing the Sonar Class World Championship (collectively, SCA Rules) will apply.
- 1.6 The regatta is a Sonar Class Association sanctioned event.

## 2 - ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Boats may be required to display numbers and advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority. The numbers and advertising must be displayed for the duration of the event in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20.4. The placement location of the numbers and advertising will be specified in the sailing instructions. The numbers will be assigned on an ascending order based on the date and time of PAID registration.
- 2.2 A boat and her crew shall comply with ISAF Regulation 20, Advertising Code.

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### 3 - ELIGIBILITY, CLASSIFICATION AND ENTRY

3.1 The regatta is open to all yachts of the Sonar Class Association as prescribed in SCA Championship Rule 1.2 – Eligibility.

3.2 The ISAF Regulation 22, Sailor Classification Code will not apply.

3.3 The event website may be found at <http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/9300>. Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry forms on the event website before the regatta, or in person on Wednesday, September 16 from 1300 – 1800 at FYC. Registration is not complete until all fees are paid.

3.4 No entries will be accepted after 1800 on Wednesday, September 16, 2015.

3.5 Crew names shall be submitted prior to the close of Check-In at 1800 on Wednesday, September 16, 2015.

### 4 - FEES

4.1 The entry fee will be US\$650.00 if paid on or before September 1, 2015 and \$750 if paid after September 1, 2015. The entry fee may be paid by credit card on the event website.

4.2 The entry fee includes craning on the Club's hoists to launch and haulout, mooring or dockage, four tickets for Thursday and Saturday, and snacks and refreshments after racing every day.

4.3 Additional tickets for Thursday and Saturday can be purchased for US\$20.00 and US\$45.00 each, respectively.

### 5 - SCHEDULE

5.1 See ATTACHMENT 2 for the complete Schedule of Activities

5.2 A maximum of twelve (12) races may be sailed.

5.3 All Boats must be in the water no later than 1800 on Wednesday, September 16 and may not be hauled out unless approved by IJ and RC to repair damage or at discretion of the IJ for measurement throughout the duration of the regatta.

### 6 - MEASUREMENT

Each boat shall produce a valid measurement certificate. Sails shall be measured, certified and carry certification marks. Sails shall comply with the class rules in force at the time of the initial fundamental measurement. Boats may be measured and inspected for compliance with the SCA Rules. Measurements and required gear may be spot checked during the event.

### 7 - SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available on the event website and at Check-In/Registration on Wednesday, September 16.

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### 8 - VENUE

The racing area will be the Falmouth outer harbor and the waters of Vineyard Sound. NOAA #13229 and ATTACHMENT 2 show the general location of the racing area.

### 9 - COURSES

9.1 Standard SCA Championship courses as prescribed in SCA Championship Rule 1.8 – Courses will be used.

9.2 Courses may utilize a leeward gate and/or a windward offset mark.

9.3 Compensatory marks may be used to balance courses for current or other purposes.

### 10 - PENALTY SYSTEM

10.1 An International Jury will be appointed in accordance with RRS Appendix N. Their decisions will be final and not subject to appeal in accordance with RRS 70.5.

10.2 A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under rule 44.1 shall complete and submit an acknowledgment form available at the jury desk within the protest time limit.

### 11 - SCORING

11.1 The Low Point Scoring System of RRS A4 will apply.

11.2 12 races are scheduled of which 4 must be completed to constitute a valid championship.

11.3 When fewer than 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

11.4 When 6 – 9 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. When 10 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores. This changes RRS A2.

### 12 - PRIZES

12.1 Prizes will be awarded to the skipper and crew of the top five boats in the series.

12.2 Additional prizes may be given at the discretion of the host club.

### 13 - DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

13.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule RRS4, Decision to Race. Neither the Organizing Authority nor the Host has any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

13.2 All competitors will be required to sign a Competitors Liability Waiver form during registration and/or check-in.

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### 14 – INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of US\$500,000 per incident or the equivalent. It is the owner or owner's representative's sole and inescapable responsibility to ensure that the insurance is in place and is adequate prior to participating in this event. The organizing authority will require proof of insurance, such as a Certificate of Insurance or a copy of your insurance binder, at check-in.

### 15 – LAUNCHING/HAULOUT, DOCKAGE, MOORINGS AND PARKING

- 15.1 Boats shall be assigned dockage in the Falmouth Yacht Club basin area, or moorings in the Falmouth Inner Harbor area, for the duration of the regatta. All boats should have docklines and fenders for rafting.
- 15.2 There will be dock staff to assist you with launching from 0900 – 1800 on September 15 and 16.
- 15.3 Masts will be stepped and lowered using gin poles. FYC has one gin pole for use by competitors. Competitors may want to bring their own gin pole.
- 15.4 FYC has adequate but limited parking space. Each competitor will receive one vehicle parking pass. All other vehicles and trailers must be parked off site. FYC will provide off-site trailer parking at no charge for the duration of the regatta.
- 15.5 In order to reserve space for launching and haulouts, on Wednesday and Sunday there will be no parking along the FYC bulkhead on those days.
- 15.6 Volunteers from the host club will be available to begin hauling boats at 0830 on Sunday, September 20.

### 16 – DEHUMIDIFIER/DIVING EQUIPMENT/PLASTIC POOL RESTRICTIONS

- 16.1 Dehumidifiers shall not be used in boats after 0830 on Thursday, September 17.
- 16.2 Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around boats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the regatta.

### 17 - COACH AND SUPPORT BOATS

All coach and support boats shall register with the Check-In/Registration desk before 0830 on Thursday, September 17.

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### 18 - RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

- 18.1 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.
- 18.2 The RC will use VHF radio, Channel 71 to communicate to the fleet, including the location of the starting area, countdown to the start, OCS bow/sail numbers, General Recalls and Postponements. Failure to make these broadcasts or failure to include a bow#/sail# or failure to hear them shall not be grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 62.1.

### 19 – MEDIA RIGHTS

Competitors give absolute right and permission for video footage or photographs of themselves or their boat to be published in any media for press purposes and editorial or advertising purposes.

### 20 – CHARTER BOATS

Charter boats may be available. For further information contact regatta chair Joe Voci.

### 21 - ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Event website - <http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/9300>

Falmouth YC website - <http://www.falmouthyachtclub.com/>

Falmouth Sonar Fleet website - <http://falmouthsonar.org/>

Regatta Co-Chairs – Joe and Mary Voci - [jvvoci@gmail.com](mailto:jvvoci@gmail.com) - 508-564-4652

PRO – John Strassman – International Race Officer

Chief Judge – Elliot Levy – International Judge

Measurer – Gene Hinkel – International Measurer

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### ATTACHMENT 1 - US SAILING PRESCRIPTIONS

The following US SAILING prescriptions to rules 61.4, 67, 76.1 and Appendix T, Sections A, B and D, shall apply.

- A1. Add rule 61.4: "US Sailing prescribes that no fees shall be charged for protests or requests for redress."
- A2. After rule 67 add: "US Sailing prescribes that:
- (a) A boat that retires from a race or accepts a penalty does not, by that action alone, admit liability for damages.
  - (b) A protest committee shall find fact and make decisions only in compliance with the rules. No protest committee or US SAILING appeal authority shall adjudicate any claim for damages. Such a claim is subject to the jurisdiction of the courts.
  - (c) A basic purpose of the rules is to prevent contact between boats. By participating in an event governed by the rules, a boat agrees that responsibility for damages arising from any breach of the rules shall be based on fault as determined by the application of the rules, and that she shall not be governed by the legal doctrine of 'assumption of risk' for monetary damages resulting from contact with other boats."
- A3. After rule 76.1 add: "US Sailing prescribes that an organizing authority or race committee shall not reject or cancel the entry of a boat or exclude a competitor eligible under the notice of race and sailing instructions for an arbitrary or capricious reason or for reason of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, or age."
- A4. Add Appendix T, Sections A, B and D :

### SECTION A - PENALTIES WHILE RACING

#### T1 PENALTIES AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT

The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: 'A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while *racing*. However, when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while in the *zone* around a *mark* other than a starting *mark*, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.'

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### SECTION B - POST-RACE PENALTIES

#### T2 PENALTIES TAKEN AFTER A RACE

- T2.1 After a race, a boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while *racing* may take a Post-Race Penalty for that incident. The penalty shall be a Scoring Penalty, calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c). However, rules 44.1(a) and (b) apply. A boat takes a Post-Race Penalty by informing the race committee in writing and identifying the race number and when and where the incident occurred.
- T2.2 The Post-Race Penalty shall be
- (a) 20%, if taken before the protest time limit, or
  - (b) 30%, if taken after the protest time limit but before the beginning of a hearing involving the incident.

### SECTION D - ARBITRATION

*When Section D applies, a boat may take the applicable Post-Race Penalty in Section B without participating in an arbitration meeting.*

#### T5 PROTEST ARBITRATION

- T5.1 An arbitration meeting will be held prior to a protest hearing for each incident resulting in a *protest* by a boat involving a rule of Part 2 or rule 31, but only if each *party* is represented by a person who was on board at the time of the incident. No witnesses will be permitted. However, if the arbitrator decides that rule 44.1(b) may apply or that arbitration is not appropriate, the meeting will not be held, and if a meeting is in progress, that it will be closed.
- T5.2 Based on the evidence given by the representatives, the arbitrator will offer an opinion as to what the protest committee is likely to decide:
- (a) the *protest* is invalid,
  - (b) no boat will be penalized for breaking a rule, or
  - (c) one or more boats will be penalized for breaking a rule, identifying the boats and the penalties.
- T5.3 A boat that may have broken a rule may take a Post-Race Penalty as provided in Section B. However, the penalty in rule T2.2(a) is available only until the protest time limit or until the beginning of the arbitration meeting, whichever is earlier. During a meeting, a boat may take a penalty by acknowledging her acceptance of the penalty in writing.
- T5.4 If a boat asks to withdraw her *protest*, the arbitrator may act on behalf of the protest committee in accordance with rule 63.1 to accept the withdrawal.
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## ATTACHMENT 2 – SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

Sunday – September 13	FYC Leland Trophy Regatta – Visiting sailors are invited to participate – No entry fee	1300
Monday – September 14	Open day	
Tuesday – September 15	Check-In, late registration, measurement, inspection and launching	0900 – 1800
Wednesday – September 16	Check-In, measurement, inspection and launching Practice race All boats launched Welcome reception and competitors meeting	0900 – 1800 1500 1800 1830
Thursday – September 17	Mandatory Competitors Meeting Harbor Start First Warning Post-race cookout, daily awards and daily raffle	0830 – 0845 900 1030
Friday – September 18	Daily Conditions Briefing Harbor Start First Warning Post-race party with daily awards, daily raffle and special skippers raffle Dinner on your own	0830 – 0840 900 1030
Saturday – September 19	Daily Conditions Briefing Harbor Start First Warning Annual general meeting Dinner at FYC, daily awards and daily raffle	0830 – 0840 900 1030 1830 – 1915 1930
Sunday – September 20	Daily Conditions Briefing Harbor Start First Warning No warnings after 1400 unless required to constitute a series Post-race awards Haulout in order by bow number	0830 – 0840 900 1030

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## ATTACHMENT 3 – RACING AREA

