

Announcing the 2026 Y Flyer/MC Scow Thoroughbred Regatta!



**Y Flyer Fleet 63 and the Saratoga Lake Sailing Club
invite you to historic Saratoga Springs
on July 24th-26th, 2026
for Sailing and Celebrating!**

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NOTICE OF RACE

THOROUGHBRED REGATTA

SARATOGA LAKE SAILING CLUB BALLSTON SPA, NY

JULY 24th - 26th, 2026

The Thoroughbred Regatta is organized and conducted by the members of Y-Flyer Fleet 63. The Organizing Authority (OA) consists of the Fleet's officers. It is hosted by the Fleet and Saratoga Lake Sailing Club (SLSC), <https://sailsaratoga.org>.

- 1 **Rules** This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing, RRS, for 2025-2028, including the US Sailing Prescriptions, and the Rules and Specifications and By-Laws of the International Y-Flyer Yacht Racing Union (YRU) and the MC Sailing Association (MCSA).

- 1.1 MSCA Fleet 92 is responsible for its Class equipment rules. All other variations to the RRS are at the discretion of YRU Fleet 63.

- 2 **Eligibility and Entry**

- 2.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the Y-Flyer and MC Scow classes.

- 2.2 Eligible boats may enter by sending notification via the online form on the calendar of the SLSC website. The entry fee is \$90 for Y-Flyers and \$75 for MC Scows, to be paid via the same link.

- 3 **Schedule**

- 3.1 **Reception** – The welcome reception will begin at 5pm, July 24th. Bring something to share.

- 3.2 **Late Registration** at the site will begin at 5pm, July 24th, and finish by 9am, July 25th. Early entries are appreciated.

- 3.3 **Equipment Inspection and Event Measurement** will be on the morning of July 25th, if required. The measurers of Y-Flyer Fleet 63 and MC Scow Fleet 92 will be responsible for their respective classes.

- 3.4 **Racing** – The warning horn shall sound at 10am on Saturday and Sunday. In accordance with Y-Flyer YRU rules, no more than three races shall be conducted without an onshore break. The goal is to accomplish six races over two days (2 races/lunch/2 races on Saturday; 2 races on Sunday). No race shall start after 12pm on Sunday.

- 3.5 **Awards Presentation** – At about 2pm on Sunday

- 4 **Sailing Instructions** are attached.

- 5 **Venue – Saratoga Lake Sailing Club (SLSC)**, <https://sailsaratoga.org>

- 5.1 **Location:** 163 Manning Rd, Ballston Spa NY 12020. Maps and directions can be found on the SLSC website.

- 5.2 **Sailing Area:** On Saratoga Lake at the discretion of the RC. In general, operations occur between the Club and Snake Hill to the southeast.

- 6 **The Courses** will be selected from the SLSC Sailing Instructions as shown in Appendix B.

- 6.1 Y-Flyers will use triangular courses, the F, M1, or M2, at the discretion of the RC.

- 6.2 MC Scows will use windward/leeward courses, with windward offset, the I1 or I2, at the discretion of the RC.
- 6.3 The courses shall be marked with three green or yellow tetrahedrons and two red or orange balls. Tetrahedrons will denote the windward, gybe, and leeward marks. Balls will denote the pin and windward offset mark. Y-Flyers will ignore the offset mark. MC Scows will ignore the gybe mark.
- 7 **Scoring** for the regatta will be in accordance with the By Laws of the YRU. When fewer than six races have been completed, a skipper's score will be the total of all race scores. When six or more races have been completed, a skipper's score will be the total of race scores excluding the worst score.
- 8 **Prizes** – Bragging rights for all eternity. The Y-Flyer winner's name shall be engraved on the Fleet 63 permanent trophy. MC Scow participants shall receive a burgee.
- 9 **Disclaimer of Liability** Competitor's will participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS Rule 4, Decision to Race. The OA, the RC, the Saratoga Lake Sailing Club, SLSC members, and/or SLSC Board members will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the regatta.
- 10 **Further Information** – Direct questions to any of the following:
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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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- 2 **NOTICES TO COMPETITORS** will be posted on the Official Notice Board (ONB) in the SLSC Clubhouse. The Protest Notice Board will be a part of the Official Notice Board.
- 3 **CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS** – Any change to the Sailing Instructions (SI) will be posted before 9:00 AM on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 8:00 PM on the day before it will take effect. Any changes resulting from the Competitors' meeting will be posted at the conclusion of that meeting.
- 4 **SIGNALS MADE ASHORE** Signals made ashore will be displayed from the RC Boat flag staffs. One sound signal is the Harbor Signal. Competitors should proceed to the racing area. If racing has been postponed ashore with the display of Code Flag AP, the Harbor Signal ends the postponement. The next Warning Signal will be no sooner than 30 minutes after the Harbor Signal.
- 5 **SCHEDULE OF RACES** All times are Eastern Daylight Savings Time It is intended that two morning races be sailed, lunch ashore, and then two races be sailed in the afternoon. Weather conditions may change this intended schedule. No more than 3 races will be sailed back to back without the competitors being sent to shore. No more than 4 races will be sailed per day. Sufficient time each day will be provided for lunch. Three races must be completed to constitute the Regatta.
 - 5.1 **Saturday July 25** 9:15 AM - Competitors Meeting at the clubhouse. 9:30 AM - Harbor Signal – Competitors should launch their boats and sail to the racing area. 10:00 AM - Warning Signal of the first race. Afternoon – Harbor Signal – Competitors should sail to the racing area.
 - 5.2 **Sunday July 26** 9:30 AM - Harbor Signal – Competitors should launch their boats and sail to the racing area. 10:00 AM - Warning Signal of the first race. No race Warning Signal will be made after 12:00 PM Sunday.
- 6 **CLASS FLAG and RACE WARNING FLAG** - A black **Y** on a lime green background will be used for Y-Flyer starts. An **M** and **C** superimposed on each other on a white background will be used for MC Scow starts. The fleets shall start in separate divisions, the Y-Flyers starting first.
- 7 **RACING AREA** - The racing area will be the best area of Lake Saratoga as determined by the RC considering wind direction and strength.

- 8 **THE COURSES** will be selected from the SLSC Sailing Instructions as shown in Appendix B.
- 8.1 Y-Flyers will use triangular courses, the F, M1, or M2, at the discretion of the RC.
- 8.2 MC Scows will use windward/leeward courses, with windward offset, the I1 or I2, at the discretion of the RC.
- 8.3 The approximate course length will be 45-60 minutes. Due to wind conditions, the actual length of time may vary and the length of time for the first boat to finish will not be grounds for Redress. **This changes RRS 61.4 (b) (1).**
- 8.4 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel will display the course and approximate compass bearing of the first leg. The two fleets may sail different courses.
- 9 **MARKS** – The courses shall be marked with three green or yellow tetrahedrons and two red or orange balls. Tetrahedrons will denote the windward, gybe, and leeward marks. Balls will denote the pin and windward offset mark.
- 9.1 Y-Flyers will ignore the offset mark. MC Scows will ignore the gybe mark.
- 9.2 The Starting Line will be between the yellow staff bearing a flag on the RC boat and a port end starting mark.
- 9.3 The Finish Line will be between the yellow RC boat staff and a port end finishing mark.
- 10 **TIME LIMIT**
- 10.1 The racing shall be limited to 2 hours for the first boat to finish.
- 10.2 If the last boat/s to finish in a race is/are unduly delaying the start of another race, and/or such action by is determined by the RC to be in the best interest of the regatta, the RC will terminate the race and score those boats in the place they would have finished, based on the judgment by the RC, at the time the race is terminated. If the RC is unable to clearly judge the relative position of 2 or more boats, 2 or more boats will all be given the same better score. The scoring of a boat by the RC under SI paragraph 10.2 will not be grounds for redress. **This adds to RRS 35 and changes RRS 61.4(b)(1).**
- 11 **PROTESTS**
- 11.1 Competitors intending to protest about an incident that occurred in the racing area shall attempt to notify the RC Finish Boat, after finishing and while still in the immediate area of the RC Finish Boat, of their intent to protest including the sail number of the boat(s) being protested. Protests shall be written and lodged with the Protest Committee's representative at the Club House within the Protest Period which will begin when the RC Boat docks and ends 30 minutes later. **This changes RRS 60.3(b)(1).** Forms are available at the SLSC Club House. Protests will be heard in approximately the order of receipt as soon as possible in the Club House.
- 11.2 **Protest notices will be posted on the Official Bulletin Board within 30 minutes after the Protest Time ends to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. This changes RRS 60.3(b)(1).**
- 12 **SCORING** for the regatta will be in accordance with the By Laws of the YRU. When fewer than six races have been completed, a skipper's score will be the total of all race scores. The skipper's worst race score, other than Disqualification Not Excludable (DNE), will not be counted towards the total score if six or more races are completed. This changes RRS A2.1.

13 SAFETY REGULATIONS

13.1 FLOTATION – While the wearing of a Personal Flotation Device (PFD) is not required when not signaled, the Organizing Authority and the Race Committee strongly recommend that each competitor wear a PFD at all times while on the water.

13.2 RADIOS – Competitors' radios, if carried, should be tuned to Channel 72A.

14 RETIRING – A boat that retires from a race shall attempt to notify the RC or a support boat.

15 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS – On the water, a boat can be instructed by a member of the race committee or the technical committee to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection. Ashore, equipment may be inspected or measured at times specified in the respective class rules, the notice of race, and at the discretion of the OA.

16 PRIZES – Bragging rights for all eternity. The Y-Flyer winner's name shall be engraved on the Fleet 63 permanent trophy. MC Scow participants shall receive a burgee.

17 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. Competitors agree that the race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. As an inducement to the race organizers to produce the race, each competitor agrees that by participating in this event each competitor is deemed to have waived all claims against and released the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law and is deemed to have warranted that he/she has obtained this same release of the race organizers by each crew member. Each competitor is solely responsible for his own safety and agrees to sail and utilize SLSC's facilities at his/her own risk.

18 PRECEDENCE – In the event of a conflict between these Sailing Instructions and the Notice of Race, these Sailing Instructions shall have precedence. **This adds to RRS J.2.**

19 REVISION – These Sailing Instructions R(2) 26-07-15 are the second public release of the Sailing Instructions.- Subsequent revisions, as released, should have a greater R () number and a subsequent date.

APPENDIX A – Additional Information

- **Lodging**

- Saratoga Lake Sailing Club, club grounds camping – Please contact John Smith at john.smithflyer@gmail.com or 518-951-8792. Camping is available at SLSC with showers in the men's and woman's changing room. SLSC also has an outside lake temperature shower.
- Local motels from \$90.00 to \$200.00.

- **Dining**

- Beverages will be provided at the Friday reception. Please bring a dish to share.
- Breakfast will be provided on Saturday and Sunday.
- Lunch will be provided on Saturday and Sunday. Awards will be presented Sunday afternoon.
- Dinner will be provided on Saturday.

SLSC COURSE DIAGRAMS

