



2026 RS Aero North American Championship

October 8 to 11, 2026
Westport, CT

Notice of Race

Organizing Authority:
Cedar Point Yacht Club
1 Bluff Point, Westport, CT 06880
www.cedarpointyc.org

Endorsed by the RS Aero North American Class Association

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The 2025-2028 Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2. RRS 40.1, Personal Flotation Device, applies.
- 1.3. US Sailing Prescriptions shall apply. Competitors are encouraged to take note of the prescription to RRS 65.1 (Legal Liability and Costs).
- 1.4. Rule 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”

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1. Competitor advertising shall be restricted by World Sailing Regulation 20, Advertising Code.
- 2.2. Boats may be required to display advertising and/or bow numbers chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1. The regatta is open to all boats of the RS Aero class.
- 3.2. All competitors must be current members of the North American RS Aero Class Association or their equivalent National Class Associations. Non-members can register online [here](#) to join the North American Class Association.
- 3.3. Eligible competitors may enter the regatta by completing the online registration and fee payment found at <https://cedarpointyc.org/regatta/B6ujfjOfpx>. There will be no in-person registration.
- 3.4. Competitors will be required to agree to a [waiver of liability](#) as a condition of eligibility.
- 3.5. Boats will be divided by rig sizes (5, 6, 7 and 9) for scoring. If a rig fleet has fewer than 5 boats entered it may be started with another rig fleet.
- 3.6. Entries will not be accepted after 11:59 PM on October 8, 2026.
- 3.7. Boats may change rig size before 11:59 PM on October 8, 2026 without penalty as follows
 - 3.7.1. By changing “Class” in their online registration
 - 3.7.2. At on-site check-in on October 8
- 3.8. Competitors may register and use a sail number that differs from the boat’s hull number. This changes Class Rule A10.2.
- 3.9. The competitor shall use the sail number on its registration. If a boat races with a different sail number than the one it registered with, it shall be scored DNS in that race without a hearing.
- 3.10. If two boats register with the same sail number, only one boat, the one with the matching hull number will be allowed to sail with that number. If neither hull matches the sail number, the boat that registered first will be granted use of that sail number. The other boat shall change its sail number or will be scored DNS without a hearing. Competitors are urged to check their sail number during the registration against prior registrants.
- 3.11. If a sail is damaged beyond repair, the competitor may replace it with another sail of the same size. If the replacement sail carries a different sail number than the original, the competitor must request of and be granted permission by, the race committee before 0900 of the day on which the change will take effect.

4. FEES

- 4.1. The entry fee is \$200 for adults and \$150 for juniors for entries completed with payment on or before September 1, 2026 (early registration).

- 4.2. The late entry fee is \$225 for adults and \$175 for juniors for entries completed or paid after September 1, 2026.
- 4.3. Entry fees include complimentary boat storage during the regatta, a light breakfast and post-racing refreshments each race day, and one ticket per competitor for the Saturday night regatta dinner. Admission to that dinner for guests may be purchased for \$40 per adult and \$20 per child.

5. SCHEDULE

Thursday, October 8	1000-1300	Check-in and rigging
	1100	Long Distance Race
	Post-racing	Competitor social
Friday, October 9	0830-0930	Late check-in
	0930	Competitors' meeting
	1100	First race warning
	Post-racing	Competitor social
Saturday, October 10	1100	First race warning
	1800	Regatta dinner at Cedar Point YC
Sunday, October 11	1100	First race warning
	1500	No warning signal will be made after this time
	After racing	Awards presentation

6. INSPECTION AND MEASUREMENT

All boats shall comply with the current [RS Aero Class Rules](#). Spot checks by the measurement committee may be performed on any boat at any time during the event.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available at event check-in and posted on <https://cedarpointyc.org/regatta/B6ujfjOfpx> no later than Wednesday, October 7, 2026.

8. SCORING AND PRIZES

- 8.1. Long Distance Race
 - 8.1.1. This will be a pursuit race for all 4 rigs and is targeted to be between 2 and 3 hours long.
 - 8.1.2. Prizes will be awarded to the top 3 finishers.

8.1.3. The scores from the Long Distance race will not count toward the North American Series.

8.1.4. Competitors may sail a different rig in the long distance race than the one that they registered for the North American Championship.

8.2. North American Championship

8.2.1. Nine races are scheduled. Two races must be completed to constitute a Championship.

8.2.2. The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A will apply, except that “Each boat’s series score shall, subject to rule 90.3, be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score” is changed to “Each boat’s series score shall, subject to rule 90.3, be as follows: If fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat’s series score shall be the total of her race scores. If 5 or more races have been completed, a boat’s series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.”

8.2.3. Prizes will be awarded to the top finishers in each rig size. Awards will also be given to the top woman and junior sailor in each rig size. A junior is a sailor who will not reach his or her 19th birthday in the 2026 calendar year.

9. **RACE AREA**

9.1. Racing will be on Long Island Sound near the mouth of the Saugatuck River, in Westport, Connecticut.

10. **COURSES**

10.1 Race courses will be trapezoid or windward-leeward as described in the Sailing Instructions.

11. **PENALTY SYSTEM**

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

11.2. An International Jury may be impaneled under Appendix N. If so, the decisions of that Jury shall not be appealed

11.3. Appendix P, Special Procedures for Rule 42 shall apply and is changed as follows:

11.3.1. In P2.1 First Penalty the word “first” is deleted.

11.3.2. P2.2 and P2.3 are deleted.

12. **SUPPORT BOATS**

- 12.1. All support boats shall be registered with the organizing authority and will be required to comply with event support boat requests, drop-off, storage, ramp and crane usage instructions, and basin and channel navigation guidelines..
- 12.2. Support boats shall monitor the VHF channel assigned by the race committee. and remain outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first fleet to start until all boats have finished or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall, abandonment, or requests assistance.
- 12.3. All support vessels shall be equipped with a functioning engine safety cut-out switch (kill switch) which shall remain attached to the support person (operator) at all times while the engine is on. Support vessels shall check-in with the RC Signal vessel before the first race of each day to demonstrate compliance. Failure to comply may be misconduct and result in expulsion from the event.

13. **STORAGE**

- 13.1. Boats arriving up to one week prior to the Regatta or staying up to one week after the regatta will not be charged. Storage for boats wishing to stay for longer periods of time shall be at the rate of \$20 per day and must inform the Club Manager, Alicia Martorella Poole clubmanager@cedarpointyc.org.

14. **CHARTER BOATS**

- 14.1. Boat charters can be found at <https://zimsailing.com/charters/rs-aero-charters/>. For questions, please send email to beckett@zimsailing.com.
- 14.2. If you are planning on sailing at both RS Fest and RS Aero North Americans and need charters for both, please be advised that Zim Sailing is offering a package deal. Reach out to beckett@zimsailing.com.

15. **INSURANCE**

- 15.1. Each boat shall hold adequate insurance including third-party liability insurance, and it is the owner or owners' representative's sole and inescapable responsibility to ensure that the insurance is in place and is adequate prior to participating in this event. Each boat must present proof of such insurance, by email or in person before the end of registration.

16. **WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND COMPLIANCE**

- 16.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Organizing Authority, Sponsors, Support Facilities, Volunteers, Agents, Employees and Service providers, the PRO and the Committee will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the Regatta for both on-the-water and on-land activities. By participating in this event, each competitor (owners, skippers, and crews) agrees to release the race organizers and all persons and groups listed above from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law. All competitors must acknowledge that by completing the online entry and waiver. That is much more easily done on line, before arriving at the regatta desk to complete the

registration process. No boat may start a race or be scored until the online entry and waiver has been completed.

17. CONTACT INFORMATION

- 17.1. For regatta information, contact Andrew McConnell amcconnellscspc@gmail.com or Madhavan Thirumalai Madhavan Thirumalai or visit the Regatta web site at <https://cedarpointyc.org/regatta/B6ujfjOfpx>.
- 17.2. For housing information with a host family, contact Storm Snaith stormsnaith@gmail.com.

US Sailing Prescription to RRS 65.1

Add to rule 65.1 *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 monetary damages.

(b) A protest committee shall find facts and make decisions only in compliance with the rules. No protest committee or US Sailing appeal authority shall adjudicate any claim for monetary 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 monetary damages arising from any breach of the rules shall be based on fault as determined by 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.