



2026 E SCOW NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP - SPONSORED BY BAIRD

Organizing Authority: The National Class E Scow Association (NCESA) is the Organizing Authority in cooperation with Lake Geneva Yacht Club

September 10 - 13, 2026

**Lake Geneva Yacht Club
1250 S Lake Shore Dr.
Fontana, WI 53125**

NOTICE OF RACE

(version 2026-05-06)

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a protest or request for redress related to that rule is invalid. This changes RRS 60.4 and 61.3 as stated in NOR 1.6 & 1.7. The notation '[DP]' in a rule means that the penalty for a breach of the rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be more or less than a single disqualification

1. Rules

- 1.1. The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.
- 1.2. The NCESA By-Laws Articles V (*Eligible Yachts*), VI (*Yacht's Number*), VII (*Recognized Events*), VIII (*Rules for Recognized Events*) and IX (*Trophies*) will apply and are available on the class website.
- 1.3. Please note Article VIII, #6 - No yacht while racing in a sanctioned event may have a paid hand for either skipper or as a paid member of the crew.
- 1.4. NCESA documents Part V (*Scantling Rules*) are the class rules in the context of RRS 78.1. These rules apply and are available on the class website.
- 1.5. 63.1(a)(5) is added: "allowed to have a representative present throughout the hearing of the evidence, but in a protest involving a rule of Part 2, 3 or 4, or redress, any representative who is not the registered skipper shall not be a Group 3 sailor as defined by World Sailing Regulation 22 unless there is good reason for the protest committee to decide otherwise. This does not prohibit Group 3 sailors from being called as witnesses.
- 1.6. 60.4(a)(4) is added: If it alleges a breach of a rule with the notation [NP].
- 1.7. RRS 61.3 adds "or cites as the reason a rule with the notation [NP].
- 1.8. This Notice of Race may be updated and posted on the event's website. The version date will be updated when changes are made and posted.
- 1.9. Vakaros RaceSense will be used for this event. This changes RRS 41. Additional rule changes will be in the Sailing Instructions for using RaceSense.

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- 1.10. NCESA Scantling Rules Part II, F.3.b. is suspended for the 2026 National Championship only for the use of RaceSense.
- 1.11. Each boat shall have a Vakaros Atlas 2 device configured for RaceSense at check-in, mounted on the aft side of the mast at all times while racing. Each boat must either provide a working Atlas 2 at check-in for RaceSense configuration or rent one directly from Vakaros.
- 1.12. All teams must have an active RaceSense Pass. (See NoR 5 - Fees for link)
- 1.13. A set of instructions about the use of the electronic device will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

2. **Sailing Instructions**

- 2.1. Sailing Instructions (SI's) will be available on the Official Notice Board located on the regatta website at <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/E4ySep3RyC> prior to the regatta. If you want to have a printed copy, please print it off from the website and bring it with you. No printed copies will be available onsite.

3. **Communications**

- 3.1. The official notice board is located at <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/E4ySep3RyC>
- 3.2. [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on the standard USA VHF channels.
- 3.3. VHF Radio will be used by the RC to communicate with competitors, on and off the water. Additional instructions regarding radio communication will be included in the SI's.
- 3.4. Amendments To This Notice: The Organizing Authority may amend this notice. Amendments will be posted on the Official Notice Board located at <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/E4ySep3RyC>

4. **Eligibility and Entry**

- 4.1. [NP] The Regatta is open to all yachts that meet the rules of NCESA, whose skipper is an Active Owner or Regular Member of NCESA, and whose sails and equipment comply with the Scantlings and By-laws of NCESA. See Additional Information for links for Scantlings, By-laws and membership.
- 4.2. Youth participation is encouraged. In addition to the Youth Trophy, the youth winner shall also receive a \$200 gift card as part of the award.
- 4.3. No yacht shall be entitled to race as a bona fide E-Scow unless the current annual NCESA Active Owner Member dues have been paid to the NCESA. Dues shall correspond to a single yacht (club designator and racing number).
- 4.4. Eligible boats may enter by going to <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/E4ySep3RyC> to complete the regatta's online entry.
- 4.5. **On-line Measurement Agreement & Waiver of Liability: As part of the entry process on Clubspot, all skippers must complete the "Waiver of Liability" and the "Online Measurement Agreement" to be a valid entry. Specific questions to answer:**
 - 4.5.1. **Youth Skipper 25 years old or younger**
 - 4.5.2. **My boat is registered to an Active Owner Member and skipper is an Active Owner or Regular Member in good standing with the NCESA**
 - 4.5.3. **Clearly legible silver certified lead added label and white lead seal stickers**
 - 4.5.4. **I understand that my boat may be inspected at any time during the regatta**
 - 4.5.5. **I agree that nobody will be paid as a helmsperson or crew**
 - 4.5.6. **Waiver of Liability**

5. **Fees**

- 5.1. The regatta entry fees are as follows:
 - \$400 - if received by June 1, 2026
 - \$450 - if received AFTER June 1, 2026
 - \$500 - if received AFTER August 7, 2026Youth entry - for skippers 25 years old or younger, the entry fee is \$50. There is no late fee for youths.

Vakaros RaceSense will be used at this event.

Do you already own an Atlas 2?

No, I need to rent:

Event Rental (\$105) - **Event Rentals are available through Melges**

(<https://melges.com/products/vakaros-event-rental-unit?variant=51845133730065>)

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Yes, use your own Atlas 2:

Month Pass [RaceSense One-Month Pass – Vakaros](#)

Annual Pass [RaceSense Annual Pass – Vakaros](#)

6. **Crew Limitations**

6.1. Per NCEA By-Laws Article VIII, #6: The number of persons comprising the crew is minimum 3, maximum unlimited, but each yacht shall sail the entire regatta with the same individuals and number of crew members that are declared at the close of registration, except for unusual situations when the technical committee may, at its discretion, authorize a substitution, the underlying concept being to prevent “strategic” changing of crew following the close of registration.

7. **Advertising**

7.1. Competitor advertising shall conform to the current ISAF Regulation 20 rules. Boats may be required to display event and sponsor’s advertising for the duration of the event in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20.4. These items will be supplied free of charge by the organizing authority (OA) at registration.

8. **Schedule**

8.1. **[NP] On-Site Registration:**

On-site Registration will be held as follows:

Thursday, September 10: 12:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Friday, September 11: 8:00 am - 9:00 am by appointment only

Registration includes:

- 1) Confirming crew names.
- 2) Confirm entry form requirements are complete (Online Measurement Agreement, Waiver, correct sail number, and entry fee paid).

8.2. **[NP] Daily Schedule:**

Thursday, September 10

12:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Registration
10:00 am	Powerboat Launching Opens
4:00 pm	No Powerboat Launching at LGYC for duration of the event
5:00 pm	Welcome Party at Melges Performance Sailboats
6:00 pm	Annual Membership Meeting at Melges Performance Sailboats

NCEA ANNUAL MEETING: The NCEA Annual Membership Meeting will be held on Thursday, September 10, 2026 at 6:00pm during the Welcome Party at Melges Performance Sailboats. An Agenda will be sent to all Owner members one month before the NCEA Annual Meeting. A proxy form will be available on the class website.

Friday, September 11

8:00 am - 9:00 am	Registration - By appointment only
7:30 am - 9:00 am	Breakfast
9:00 am	Competitors’ Briefing (also broadcast via radio on VHF 18)
11:00 am	Initial Warning Signal (2 races planned)
4:00 pm (approx)	NCEA hosted post race party with apps and drinks after racing

Saturday, September 12

7:30 am - 9:00am	Breakfast
11:00 am	Initial Warning Signal (3 races planned with on the water break for lunch)
6:00 pm	NCEA Banquet at LGYC (Dinner served 6:30pm)

Sunday, September 13

7:30 am - 8:30am	Breakfast
10:30 am	Initial Warning Signal (2 races planned)
After racing	Awards ceremony to follow the conclusion of racing

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8.3. **Race Format**

- 8.3.1. Seven (7) races are scheduled with up to three (3) back to back races a day. The Race Committee may run fewer races at its discretion.
- 8.3.2. On the final day of the regatta, the Warning Signal for the final race will not be made after 1:30pm unless the required three races have not been completed. If additional races are needed to have three completed races, the Warning Signal for the last race will not be made after 2:00pm.

9. **Equipment Inspection**

- 9.1. Boats may be inspected at any time during the regatta to ensure conformity with class rules by the technical committee or the protest committee.

10. **Clothing and Equipment**

- 10.1. Use of Flotation Panels that comply with Scantling rule VI(6) will be mandatory for all boats for the entire event.
- 10.2. [NP][DP] All safety equipment, as required by the NCESA class rules, shall be on board while racing. Anchor and anchor line are not required to be carried.

10.3. **Hull and Sail Requirements:**

- 10.3.1. If any competitor has made modifications to their boat and needs to be re-weighed, it shall be done in controlled ideal conditions BEFORE arriving at the National Championship Regatta by a class recognized representative.
- 10.3.2. Sails shall contain a manufacturer's serial number (or measurer's serial number) and an NCESA Royalty Tag.
- 10.4. [NP][DP] Installation of electronic devices for tracking and/or media coverage of the racing may be required on competitor boats. The OA may use the information received from the system for media coverage of the racing as well as for technical and safety purposes.

11. **Venue:**

- 11.1. The regatta host will be Lake Geneva Yacht Club (LGYC)
- 11.2. Boats may begin to arrive on LGYC property no earlier than Tuesday September 8th, 2026. Please contact the regatta chairs if other accommodations are needed.

12. **Courses**

- 12.1. The courses to be sailed will be a windward / leeward configuration as described in the SI's.

13. **Penalty System**

- 13.1. RRS US Sailing Appendix T shall be in effect.
- 13.2. RRS T1(b) is modified. A Post-Race Penalty is a 30% Scoring Penalty or 50% of the points between a boat's finishing position and the number of entries, whichever is smaller, calculated as stated in Rule 44.3(c). However, Rule 44.1(a) still applies.
- 13.3. RRS Appendix V1 is in effect.
- 13.4. The Scantling rules are determined to be the Class Rules for the purposes of RRS 63.5(d).

14. **Scoring**

- 14.1. Three (3) finished and not abandoned races are necessary to constitute a series.
- 14.2. The Low Point Scoring System of RRS Appendix A will apply with the following modifications: When six or more races have been sailed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores after throwing out her worst score.

15. **Support Person Vessels**

- 15.1. [NP][DP] From the time of the warning through the start of a race, support boats shall not be on the extensions of the starting line.
- 15.2. [NP][DP] The ILYA Drone Policy will be in effect (https://d282wvk2qi4wzk.cloudfront.net/upload_hY0w6c3Sgj_YlzzHUxBaa_1657148743704) and amended to replace ILYA with NCESA.
- 15.3. Launching and retrieval for Support Vessels is only permitted from 10am-4pm on Thursday. No support person vessels shall launch or retrieve Friday-Sunday at LGYC.

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16. Berthing

- 16.1. On-site trailer storage for E Scows is available for all competitors. No trailer storage is available onsite for support person vessels without pre-arranged permission from the regatta chairs. No permission will be granted without a request at least 14 days prior to registration.
- 16.2. Boats will be launched daily from the club's four davit hoists. Boats may arrive on club property beginning Tuesday, September 8th. If storage is required before that date or storage is requested for a support person vessel trailer, container trailer, or double trailer, please contact the regatta chairs.

17. Risk Statement

- 17.1. RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**
- 17.2. The Organizing Authority (NCESA), Lake Geneva Yacht Club, Race Committee, Protest Committee, Technical Committee, Safety Committee, sponsors, volunteers, or any other affiliated organization or official accepts no responsibility for any loss, damage, injury, death or inconvenience incurred, in conjunction with the regatta, however caused. By participating in this event, each competitor, or in the case of minors, each competitor's parent or guardian agrees to release the Regatta Organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

18. Insurance

- 18.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$300,000.00 per covered event.

19. Prizes

- 19.1. Awards will be as specified in the NCESA By-Laws Article IX.
- 19.2. To support youth sailing, in addition to the Youth Trophy, the youth winner shall also receive a \$200 gift card as part of the award.
- 19.3. Service trophies will also be presented at the award ceremony.
- 19.4. The final awards presentation will occur as soon as possible after the conclusion of racing on Sunday at Lake Geneva Yacht Club.

20. Further Information:

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Additional Information

NCESA Links:

- Membership confirmation: https://www.e-scow.org/content.aspx?page_id=2837&club_id=180842
- Scantling Rules: https://www.e-scow.org/content.aspx?page_id=22&club_id=180842&module_id=125006
- By-laws: https://www.e-scow.org/content.aspx?page_id=22&club_id=180842&module_id=125005