



Nor'Easter Regatta

J/24 Southeastern Championship and Qualifier for 2027 World Championship

Ensign Midwinter Championship

E scows

Organizing Authority: Columbia Sailing Club, in cooperation with
J/24 Fleet 67, Ensign Fleet 83, E Scow Lake Murray Fleet

292 Shuler Road, Columbia, SC 29212

March 27 – 29, 2026

NOTICE OF RACE

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 less than disqualification. The notation [NP] in a *rule* means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), US Sailing Prescriptions, and by the Rules of the respective classes.
- 1.2 For all classes, a boat may sail with different crew on different days provided the crew changes are declared at registration. This changes J/24 class rule C.2.1.(b) as permitted by RRS 87.

- 1.3 Crew changes not declared at registration require advance written approval of the jury chairman and will only be approved in exceptional circumstances.
- 1.4 RRS 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...”
- 1.5 The Protest Committee may impose penalties less than disqualification (DPI), for violations of the class rules and racing rules other than those of Part 1 and Part 2. A DPI penalty shall be a minimum of 5% as calculated in RRS 44.3.
- 1.6 For E-scows, floatation panels are required at the top of the mast.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available on the official notice board no later than March 15, 2026.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The official notice board is online at <https://columbiasailingclub.theclubspot.com/regatta/WWnvFpYMLY>
- 3.2 Times of hearings for protests or requests for redress may also be sent via email or phone text messages using the contact information supplied with online registration.
- 3.3 Competitors may receive VHF radio transmissions from the race committee concerning safety, notice of OCS, starting, and general information to assist in the management of the event.
- 3.4 [DP] From the time a boat leaves her berth for the first race of the day until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency or to inform race committee that a boat is retiring, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communications that are not available to all boats.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The event is open to boats of the J/24 Class, Ensign Class, and E Scow Class. Entrants must meet all ownership, class membership, and measurement requirements of their respective class.
- 4.2 Eligible boats may enter by registering online at the event website <https://columbiasailingclub.theclubspot.com/regatta/WWnvFpYMLY> and paying the required fees.
- 4.3 Registration closes at 11:59 PM on 3/22/2026. After registration closes, any subsequent entries may be accepted only at the discretion of the organizing committee by petition through the appropriate fleet contact as listed in 16.2.

5 FEES

Class	Early Registration By Dec 31, 2025	Regular Registration Jan 1 - Mar 3, 2026	Late Registration Mar 4 – Mar 22, 2026
J/24	\$260	\$300	\$350
Ensign	\$260	\$300	\$350
E scow	\$200	\$240	\$290

- 5.1 For J/24s and Ensigns, fees include crane launching and hauling at the scheduled times, in-water berthing during the regatta, trailer parking, all social functions and meals for registered crew, except the optional burger lunch after racing on Sunday.
- 5.2 For E scows, fees include ramp launching and hauling, trailer parking, all social functions and meals for registered crew, except the optional burger lunch after racing on Sunday.
- 5.3 No refunds will be issued after Mar 3, 2026.

6 SCHEDULE

6.1 Check-In

Day	Date	From	To
Thursday	Mar 26	14:00	18:00
Friday	Mar 27	07:00	10:00

6.2 Launching

Day	Date	From	To	Method
Thursday	Mar 26	14:00	18:00	By Crane
Friday	Mar 27	07:00	09:00	By Crane
Any time				By Ramp

6.3 Competitors' Meeting

Day	Date	From	To	Location
Friday	Mar 27	10:00	10:30	CSC front porch

6.4 Racing

Day	Date	1 st Warning Signal	
Friday	Mar 27	11:30	Additional races to immediately follow
Saturday	Mar 28	10:30	Additional races to immediately follow
Sunday	Mar 29	09:30	Additional races to immediately follow

- 6.5 On the last scheduled day of racing, no warning signal will be made after 13:00.

7 VENUE

Racing will be on the waters of Lake Murray west of the dam, and east of the Spence Islands.

8 COURSES

The courses will be windward/leeward, of approximately 45-60 minutes duration.

9 PENALTY SYSTEM

RRS Appendix V (Alternative Penalties) shall apply.

10 SCORING

10.1 Unlimited races are scheduled. Three races are required to be completed to constitute a regatta.

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

10.3 When five or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

11 LAUNCHING, HAULING, DOCKING, PARKING

A crane will be available to launch and haul J/24s and Ensigns only during the hours specified in **6.2 Schedule**. There is no lifting charge. A gin pole is available. J/24 and Ensign Class boats must be wet sailed during the Regatta. Berthing will be provided at the Columbia Sailing Club. E-Scows are permitted to haul out following each day of racing. For the J/24 and Ensign Classes, haul outs during the regatta will be allowed only upon petition to and permission granted by the organizing authority. Parking, launching, and docking instructions will be provided at the club entrance. Boats may be parked at the club before or after the regatta, for travel to other regattas, with approval in advance.

12 RISK STATEMENT

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.

13 INSURANCE

Each participating boat is required to have third-party marine liability insurance with a minimum coverage of USD \$300,000 per incident or the equivalent (property and injury).

14 PRIZES

14.1 Trophies will be awarded to the top three boats in each class.

14.2 In addition

14.2.1 The name of the 1st place winner from the class having the largest number of competing boats will be placed on the perpetual Perlita Trophy.

14.2.2 The name of the 1st place winner in the J/24 class will be placed on the J/24 perpetual trophy, and the name of the highest placing member of J/24 Fleet 67 will be placed on Fleet 67's perpetual trophy.

14.2.3 The highest placing helmsperson in the J/24 class will qualify for a berth at the 2027 J/24 World Championship per IJCA Regatta Regulation 19.

15 CHANGES TO NOR

The organizing authorities retain the right to modify this NOR at any time. Please check the official notice board for any updates.

16 FURTHER INFORMATION and Contacts

16.1 Further information is available on the following page, and on the official notice board.

16.2 Contacts

General inquiries		noreasterregatta@columbiasailingclub.org	
J/24	Roger Dougal	rd5274@sc.rr.com	803.361.7448
E-Scow	Jared Cronin	jdcronin7@gmail.com	757.403.2777
Ensign	Fran Trapp	fran.trapp25@gmail.com	803.413.6500
Principal Race Officer	Charles Bumgardner	cgbum@me.com	803.315.8788
Chief Judge	Stephanie Taylor	wetagirl937@yahoo.com	336.209.0328

Revision Record

Ver 1.0	2025-12-01	Original issue
Ver 1.1	2026-01-26	Change sched for crane launching to Friday to permit later arrivals. Adjust other Fri sched details. May add back a Thurs crane launch opportunity if registration warrants.
Ver 2.0	2026-02-20	Change title to include J/24 SE Championship, change crane launching windows to include times on both Thurs and Fri, adjust times of other Fri schedule details, change prizes related to J/24 class.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

OPTIONAL ITEMS available for Separate Purchase

Accompanying persons who are not registered skippers and crew can purchase an entertainment pass or individual dinner passes, via ClubSpot, no later than 3/15/2026.

Burger Lunches after racing on Sunday, Mar 29, are **NOT** included in the registration fee nor in the entertainment pass. These must be separately purchased via ClubSpot, no later than 3/15/2026.

ONSHORE ACTIVITIES

Date	Time	Activity and Location
Thursday Mar 26	09:00	Club opens for early arrivals
	14:00-18:00	Crane launching available
Friday Mar 27	07:00-09:00	Crane launching available
Friday Mar 27	08:00-09:00	Continental Breakfast at clubhouse
	17:00	Beer wagon and refreshments at clubhouse
	18:00	Casual dinner at clubhouse
Saturday Mar 28	08:00-09:00	Continental Breakfast at clubhouse
	17:00	Beer wagon and refreshments at clubhouse
	18:00	Regatta Dinner at clubhouse
Sunday Mar 29	08:00	Continental Breakfast at clubhouse
	13:00	Crane retrieval starts after racing ends
	13:00	Burger lunch available (purchase separately via ClubSpot)
	14:00	Awards at clubhouse front porch

LODGING / CAMPING

Hotels: Several hotels are located near exit 102 on I-26, approximately 4-5 miles from CSC.

Camping: Camping is available on the CSC grounds, on a first-come basis. The campground has showers and restroom facilities, but no RV hook-ups.

Club rules **DO NOT ALLOW PETS** or open fires on the club grounds during club events or regatta weekends.

MISCELLANEOUS

CSC front gate is located at 292 Shuler Road (34 deg 03' 52.87" N, 81 deg 13'43.77" W)