



2026 Championship Series

May 23rd – Sept 20th, 2026

Wayzata Yacht Club (WYC) - Apostle Islands Station (AIS)
Bayfield Wisconsin, USA

NOTICE OF RACE (NOR)

The Organizing Authority (OA) of the 2026 Championship Series is the Apostle Islands Station / Wayzata Yacht Club, LLC (AIS/WYC).

The notation [NP] in a rule in the Notice of Races means that breaches in this rule will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1.

1. RULES

- 1.1. The series will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS). The Racing Rules will be changed as follows:
 - 1.1.1. 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*
 - 1.1.2. Any use of a waypoint, defined by latitude and longitude coordinates, that the course requires a boat to leave on a specified side shall be in accordance with World Sailing (WS) Appendix WP. This appendix changes RRS 18 and RRS 28 and adds a definition of a waypoint. WS Appendix WP can be found at the relevant wyc.org/ais event page.
 - 1.1.3. [NP] RRS Appendix G2 has been changed to read: Other boats shall comply with the rules of their national authority or class association in regard to the allotment, carrying and size of insignia, letters and numbers. Such rules shall, when practicable, conform to the above requirements. In lieu of sail numbers, other identifying characteristics such as bow numbers will be allowed with prior written permission from the Race Committee (RC).
 - 1.1.4. [NP][DP] RRS Appendix G1.2(a) and G2 shall be enforced.
- 1.2. [DP] Each boat shall comply with all U.S. Coast Guard and other applicable governmental laws, rules and regulations.
- 1.3. 2026 WYC/AIS Safety Equipment Requirements, which can be found at www.wyc.org/ais.
- 1.4. Bayfield Race Week and Around the Islands Race will be conducted under their own, separate NOR and SI. These two events are included in this NOR for the sole purpose of respective series and overall season scoring.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. The Sailing Instructions (SI) will be available on May 18, 2026, at the relevant wyc.org/ais event page.
- 2.2. Competitors are expected to obtain the NOR, SI, and any other documents for this event on their own.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. The online Official Notice Board (ONB) is located at the relevant wyc.org/ais event page
- 3.2. All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on channel 16, 22A, 68, and 72.
- 3.3. On the water, the RC may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF.



- 3.3.1. The RC may report all visual signals displayed by the RC including identification of OCS boats after the start on the VHF channel. The failure to hail her number, failure of her to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed shall not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 61.4(b)(1).
- 3.3.2. The VHF channel for communications with the competitors will be stated in the SI.
- 3.4. [DP] Except in an emergency, or if requested by the RC, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication, by any device that are not available to all boats.
4. **[NP] ENTRIES / ELIGIBILITY**
- 4.1. The event is open to keelboats and sport boats between 20-70 feet LOA, and multi-hull boats 24-60 feet LOA between hull perpendiculars. Other boats may enter based on written authorization of the OA and meeting all the registration requirements.
- 4.2. All boats are required to have a valid 2026 Midwest PHRF (MWPHRF) rating certificate.
- 4.2.1. The MWPHRF rating applies to all boats racing in all classes.
- 4.2.2. For any boat that does not submit a valid 2026 MWPHRF rating certificate with registration, a PHRF rating for this boat will be assigned by the OA. The assigned handicap rating shall not be subject to redress. This changes RRS 61.4(b)(1).
- 4.3. Boats are also required to meet the following requirements:
- 4.3.1. All monohull boats shall be seaworthy and self-righting sailboats.
- 4.3.2. For monohull boats 24 feet or less, lifelines (or lack thereof) per the manufacturer's specifications or Class Rules are permitted.
- 4.3.3. All multihull boats shall be seaworthy.
- 4.3.4. All boats shall have a working motor appropriate for the size for the boat.
- 4.3.5. Each boat shall have a functioning GPS receiver capable of displaying the boat's latitude and longitude position while racing.
- 4.3.6. Autopilots and power winches may be used only in JAM Fleet.
- 4.4. Fleet designations will be for Open Class, Jib and Main (JAM), and Multihull Fleets.
- 4.4.1. Class designations within each fleet will be by grouping boats of similar PHRF ratings. The number of PHRF classes will be at the discretion of the OA.
- 4.4.2. Any boat racing with a MWPHRF one design rating shall comply with their respective one design class rules.
- 4.4.3. JAM Fleet designation. JAM Fleet boats are limited to a headsail (jib) and mainsail only, no spinnaker shall be flown while racing.
- 4.4.4. Class designations will be posted on the ONB prior to the competitors' meeting.
- 4.5. To be considered a valid entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements.
- 4.5.1. A completed entry form, which can be found on the relevant Wyc.org/ais event page.
- 4.5.2. Pay all fees.
- 4.5.3. Include with registration proof of insurance.
- 4.6. All competitors, crew, and support persons shall submit an online, completed Liability Waiver Form within 48 hours of each race weekend. The person in charge of each boat is responsible to ensure all crew and support persons, including any new crew and support persons comply. This form is available by clicking on the QR Code, or at the following weblink. <https://forms.gle/A6YybDJebbwWhbdLA>
- 4.7. All entries, and fees, shall be received, acknowledged, and accepted by OA prior to the initial VHF radio call competitors' meeting.



Crew Waiver
QR Code



5. FEES

- 5.1. Race Fees are listed in Appendix 1.
- 5.2. Fees are included with fleet dues for current WYC/AIS fleet members.
- 5.3. Required fees are non-refundable.

6. CREW LIMITATIONS

- 6.1. The following crew limitations apply:
 - 6.1.1. Open and JAM Fleets: The minimum number of crew is 2 (skipper +1).
 - 6.1.2. Multihull Fleet: The minimum number of crew is 3 (skipper +2), except boats 24 feet and under may be sailed by 2 persons (skipper +1).

7. ADVERTISING

- 7.1. [NP] All competitors or boat advertising shall be in compliance with WS Regulation 20.

8. SCHEDULE

- 8.1. The Racing Schedule is listed in Appendix 2.
- 8.2. OA will hold a competitors' meeting by means of a VHF radio call approximately 120-minutes prior to the first scheduled warning signal each day.
- 8.3. On the last scheduled day of a racing event, no warning signal shall be made after 1400 hours.

9. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 9.1. Boats may be inspected at any time.

10. VENUE

- 10.1. Racing may be held in the vicinity of the Apostle Islands, except the "Silver Bay Scramble" will start in or near Apostle Islands and race to Silver Bay, MN.

11. COURSES

- 11.1. Open, JAM, and Multihull Fleets may sail a course that contains a combination of drop marks, fixed marks, islands, or virtual marks indicated by GPS coordinates.

12. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 12.1. Appendix V Alternative Penalties, a US Sailing prescription, shall apply.
- 12.2. The protest committee may impose penalties less than disqualification [DP] for violations of the Class Rules and racing rules other than those of RRS Part 1 and Part 2. This changes RRS 60.5(c).

13. SCORING

- 13.1. A boat's series score shall be the total of all her race scores. No score will be excluded.

14. PRIZES

- 14.1. Prizes will be specified in the relevant sailing instructions.
- 14.2. To be eligible for end of season prizes, owner shall be a registered and paid Full Member of WYC (including membership dues and membership certificate fee as applicable) and shall be a registered and paid member of the AIS fleet, excluding payment of dues waived by AIS fleet vote or policy.



15. RISK STATEMENT, DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 15.1. Competitors participate in this regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 3, Decision to Race. Competitors acknowledge that sailing involves potential risks. As a condition of their participation in this regatta, competitors release all claims they may have against AIS/WYC and its officers, directors, members, committees, and employees for damage to property, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta. Competitors shall be responsible for damage or injury caused by their breach of The Racing Rules of Sailing or applicable governmental rules for the avoidance of collision.

16. INSURANCE

- 16.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$300,000 for bodily injury and minimum coverage of \$100,000 for property damage per incident.
- 16.2. Each boat shall present proof of insurance upon OA's request.

17. CONDITION OF PARTICIPATION

- 17.1. Code of Conduct. The registered competitor shall be responsible for conduct of the entire crew before, during, and after the Race while at Race related locations for Race related events. See RRS 2 and 69.
- 17.2. As a condition of participation, each participant (on behalf of him/herself and their children and minors) grants OA, sponsors and their designated photographers the perpetual, irrevocable right, license and permission to use, publish and distribute the participant's name, photos, video, images and statements of them and their boat and crew in all forms and media worldwide (including without limitation Internet) for any purposes whatsoever (including without limitation advertising, promotions, sales of pictures, etc.) without compensation or further permission.

18. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 18.1. Organizing Authority (OA) and host club is the AIS/WYC Station, LLC, a Wisconsin nonprofit corporation. For further information, contact AIS Fleet Captain, Andy Spence-Parsons, by emailing andy.spence-parsons@wyc.org or calling (763) 360-8587.



Appendix 1 –Race Fees

2026 Racing Events	Date(s)	WYC & AIS Member	Non WYC & AIS Member
Spring Series	May 23-25	Included	\$175 Weekend
Single/Double Hander	June 13-14	Included	\$75 Weekend
Around the Islands (ATI)	June 27	Included	\$75 Event
Bayfield Race Week (BRW)	June 29 - July 3	Included	\$325 Event / \$425 Event after 6/15/26
Silver Bay Scramble	August 16	Included	\$0 Event
Fall Series, including Hulings around Madeline Island Race	September 5-7	Included	\$175 Weekend
Dobson Regatta	September 19-20	Included	\$100 Weekend

WYC Membership, AIS Fleet, MWPHRF and dock fees are additional.

- A1.1. WYC Full Membership of \$550 is required as a requirement of AIS Fleet.
- A1.2. In the year a member joins the WYC as a FULL member, a Membership Certificate of \$400 is required. When a member joins the AIS fleet in the same year as becoming a FULL member of WYC, the AIS fleet dues are waived for that year.
- A1.3. AIS annual fleet dues of \$350 shall be paid prior to the event to qualify for season WYC trophies.
- A1.4. AIS Fleet encourages all skippers and crew become US Sailing members.
- A1.5. US Sailing membership is required to obtain a MWPHRF measurement certificate. US Sailing membership is available at <https://www.ussailing.org/membership/>
- A1.6. MWPHRF certificate is available on application via the form at <https://www.mwphrf.org/>



Appendix 2 – Racing Schedule

2026 Dates	Warning	Series	Scheduled Races		Comments
			Open and JAM*	Multihull*	
May 23	1100	Spring Series	1	2	
May 24	1100	Spring Series	1	2	
May 25	1100	Spring Series	1	2	
June 13	1100	Single/Double Handed	1	1	Note C
June 14	1100	Single/Double Handed	1	1	Note C
June 27	1000	Summer Series	1	1	Around the Islands Note C
June 29	Note A	Summer Series	Note A	Note A	Bayfield Race Week
June 30	Note A	Summer Series	Note A	Note A	Bayfield Race Week
July 1	Note A	Summer Series	Note A	Note A	Bayfield Race Week
July 2	Note A	Summer Series	Note A	Note A	Bayfield Race Week
July 3	Note A	Summer Series	Note A	Note A	Bayfield Race Week
August 16	1000	Silver Bay Scramble	1	1	Note C
September 5	1030	Fall Series Regatta	1	1	Bill Hulings Around Madeline Race
September 6	1100	Fall Series Regatta	1	2	
September 7	1100	Fall Series Regatta	1	2	
September 19	1100	Dobson Regatta	1	1	
September 20	1100	Dobson Regatta	1	1	

* While Open and JAM Fleets are scheduled to sail one race per day, a second race is allowed at the discretion of the RC and/or OA.

Note A: Race schedule (e.g. start times and number of races) during Bayfield Race Week will be specified in Bayfield Race Week Sailing Instructions

Note B: Championship Series. AIS Championship Series is open to all yachts that have paid their WYC and AIS fleet dues for the season. The Championship is a summation of the series points awarded for the Spring, Summer and Fall series plus the Dobson regatta. The Championship Series scoring excludes the Silver Bay Scramble and the Single/Double handed races for all fleets. See https://www.wyc.org/ais_results for cumulative Championship Series results and calculation method.

Note C: There will be a Single/Double Hand Series (SDHS). The SDHS shall consist of 4 races held June 14, June 15, and Single/Double Hand Fleet entrants for ATI & Silver Bay Scramble. The series results will be awarded based on the 3 best finishes in those 4 races.