

# INTERNATIONAL SOLING CLASS NORTH AMERICAN FLEET RACING CHAMPIONSHIP

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THE 2023 SOLING NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP  
will take place at Hamilton, Ontario, From 8 to 11, June 2023.

## **Organizing authority**

The organizing authority is the International Soling Class (ISA) in conjunction with Royal Hamilton Yacht Club

## **1. Rules**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 The following prescriptions of Sail Canada will apply;  
46: Person in charge. Sail Canada prescribes that the designated person in charge, if resident in Canada, shall be a Member of Sail Canada through either a club affiliated to Sail Canada or such person's Provincial Sailing Association.  
61.2: Protest Contents: Sail Canada prescribes that no fee shall be charged for delivering a protest or a request for redress  
67: Damages: Sail Canada prescribes that a boat that has been found by a protest committee to have broken a rule and caused damages shall be considered at fault for the purposes of rule 67.
- 1.3 The ISA Championship Rules will apply.
- 1.4 The following rules will be changed; 28, 31, 32, 35, 42.3, 44.1, 60.1(a), 61.3, 62, 63.7, 66, A5.  
(a) RRS 63.7 is changed as follows; when there is a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions will take precedence.  
(b) RRS 42.3(c1) is changed to conform to Soling Class Rules C.9.1 as permitted by RRS 86.1(c). Changes to the racing rules will appear in full in the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.5 Amendments to any of the rules applying to the regatta must be approved and signed by the ISA Liaison Officer appointed for the event before publishing or posting at the board.
- 1.6 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

## **2. Advertising category**

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority. If this rule is broken, World Sailing Regulation 20.9.2 applies [DP].

## **3. Eligibility and entry**

- 3.1 The regatta is open to all yachts of the International Soling Class as prescribed in Championship Rule 4 – Eligibility.
- 3.2 ISA Membership is obligatory for all crew members. Membership fees will be collected from any crew member failing to present proof of previously paid membership fee.
- 3.3 It is also required that all yachts entering display the ISA sticker for the current year. An additional amount will be collected from the helmsman or representative of any yacht not displaying the ISA sticker of the current year at the appropriate position.
- 3.4 Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry forms on the event website and completing registration. Website details to be released at a later date.

## **4. Classification**

No classification requirements are applied.

## **5. Fees**

- 5.1 The entry fee will be \$400.00 Canadian per boat. The entry fee includes:
  - .1 Racing including eventual practice race.
  - .2 Measurement
  - .3 Craning
  - .4 Parking
  - .5 Social events; Opening ceremony, ISA championship dinner and closing ceremony.
  - .6 ISA fee 75 Euro
- 5.2 Soling teams whose combined age is less than 100 on first day of racing will receive a 50% discount on the nominal entry fee.
- 5.3 An early entry discount of \$50 will apply on the nominal entry fee if payment received by April 6<sup>th</sup> 2023.
- 5.4 Registration is completed after payments are effective and registration forms are signed at the registration office

before 9.00 AM Thursday June 8<sup>th</sup>. Late check in by permission of the organizing authority.

## 6. **Qualifying Series and Final Series**

There will be no qualifying series or final series.

## 7. **Schedule**

### 7.1 Registration:

The Race Office at RHYC will be open for registration on Wed June 7<sup>th</sup>; 9.00 AM

### 7.2 Equipment inspection and event measurement will take place at RHYC on Wed June 7<sup>th</sup> ; 10 AM to 6 PM and Thur. June 8<sup>th</sup>; 8 Am to 10.00 AM

### 7.3 Launch; all boats shall be in the water by 10.00 AM Thursday June 8<sup>th</sup>

### 7.4 Skippers meeting; Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> at 10.30AM

### 7.4 Dates of Racing:

Date	Races
2023-06-08	Race 1 & 2
2023-06-09	Race 3 & 4
2023-06-10	Race 5 & 6
2023-06-11	Race 7 & 8

### 7.4 The first warning signal each day will be at 12.00 PM.

## 8. **Measurement**

Boats and spars will not be measured. Sails will be stamped, at time of registration, as per Soling Class rule C.8.2(a); not more than one mainsail, two jibs and two spinnakers of either size shall be carried when racing. No other sails may be used during the event without the express permission of the organizing authority. Safety equipment available for inspection.

## 9. **Sailing instructions**

Sailing Instructions will be available at registration completion.

## 10. **Venue, Course area**

A chart showing the course area will be posted with the sailing instructions.

## 11. **The courses**

Standard ISA Championship courses will be used.

## 12. **Penalty system**

### 12.1 The One-Turns Penalty, rule 44.2, will apply.

### 12.2 An International Jury will be appointed in accordance with RRS Appendix N. Their decisions will be final and not subject to appeal in accordance with RRS 70.4.

## 13. **Scoring**

### 13.1 The Low Points Scoring System of RRS A4 will apply.

### 13.2 8 races are scheduled of which 4 must be completed to constitute a valid championship.

### 13.3 a) When 5 or less races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

b) When 6 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

## 14. **Support Boats**

## 15. **Berthing**

Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while they are in the harbour [DP]

## 16. **Hall out restrictions**

The Solings shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee. [DP]

## 17. **Diving Equipment and Plastic Pools**

Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around the Solings between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the regatta. [DP]

## 18. **Radio Communications and Electronics**

### 18.1 Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice

- or data communication that is not available to all boats. [DP]
- 18.2 Boats may be required to carry onboard a tracking device with a specific tracking system installed and running with devices fully charged. [DP]

**19. Prizes**

Prizes for top 3 teams.

-The Bear. Perpetual trophy, donated by the Canadian Soling Association “with the intention of bringing together as many competitors of various nationalities as possible for yacht racing in a friendly spirit”. To the winning team of ISA North American Championship.

-Samuel V. Merrick Trophy (USA). Perpetual trophy donated by Samuel V. Merrick to the winning team of the ISA North American Championship.

-Jack van Dyck Trophy. To the winning team of the Red division. After the first day of racing for the Soling North American’s, the fleet is split in half based on the cumulative finish record of that day for each boat. The top half of the fleet are then for the rest of the regatta in the blue division, the remaining boats are in the Red division.

-Daily first.

-Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organizing committee.

**20. Disclaimer of liability**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

**21. Insurance**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$1,000,000 for the duration of the regatta.

**22. Further Information**

For further information please contact: Gord deVries; g.devries@live.ca.....

A1.1 When requested by the host club and approved by the ISA Championship Committee the IJ may hold hearings and meetings while using a solid communications platform that allows to connect to all parties using video, audio, phone and chat under the following conditions

- (a) The NOR (or amendment to the NOR ) must announce the use of online IJ hearings.
- (b) All members of the IJ must be present (online) during a hearing.
- (c) At least one (1) member must be physically present during all online hearings on site. This person cannot be the chair.
- (d) The remote hearing may only be available for parties as described in the RRS.
- (e) The technical online hearing environment shall
  - (1) Be in place before the start of registration days.
  - (2) Have sufficient bandwidth and networking speed.
  - (3) Guarantee privacy.
  - (4) Not make use of personal communication devices of competitors, IJ members, race officials or witnesses
  - (5) Gain approval by the host club, an IJ member and the ISA Liaison officer after an assessment during the registration days.

**ATTACHMENT 1**

Chart showing the course area in relation to the host club will be available at time of registration.

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