

Notice of Race (NOR) – SLSC TWCF – 2026

Date: September 18- 20, 2026

Venue: Saratoga Lake Sailing Club, 163 Manning Road, Ballston Spa, NY.

Website: www.sailsaratoga.org

Description:

Join the SLSC Multihull Fleet for a weekend of fun sailing and competitive racing on Saratoga Lake. The event features Weta, Hobie 16, and Multihull open fleets. Friday includes a fun distance regatta followed by a BBQ. Saturday and Sunday features round-the-buoy racing with Sunday racing concluded by 1 PM.

Decision to Race:

Sailing has inherent risks. Participation in the event constitutes an acceptance of all rules, instructions, and waivers. The organizing authority accepts no liability for material damage or personal injury/death. See RRS 3, Decision to Race.

Eligibility/Fees:

- Open to all multihulls capable of being rated under Portsmouth Yardstick (PYS).
- Boats not currently listed in PYS must apply for a rating prior to the regatta.
- All boats must possess appropriate safety equipment for the conditions.
- Entry Fee: \$50.
- All liability waivers must be signed by captain and crew prior to the start of the event; failure to do so will result in a "DNS" score and forfeiture of the entry fee.

Format/Rating/Scoring/Rules:

The race course(s) to be sailed will be determined by the race committee based upon weather and wind conditions. The rating system will be the Portsmouth Yardstick (PYS) rating system; RRS 2025-2028 Part 2, this NOR, Regatta Sailing Instructions. Course length will be determined to optimize fair racing for each boat type and wind conditions on the racing day.

Penalty at the time of the incident:

Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

Sailing Instructions:

Sailing Instructions (SIs) will include all rule clarifications, modifications and course information and will be available online.

Awards:

An award will be given for the overall best corrected times to the top three finishers.

Communications:

The Race Committee will broadcast "In-Race" instructions on VHF Channel '71'. Carrying a VHF Radio is highly recommended.

Safety:

- All boats shall carry a tow line of at least 30 feet in length.
- As stated earlier, VHF radios are highly recommended.
- A PFD is required on board for each crew member. While wearing a PFD is recommended at all times, if the Race Committee flies the "Y" flag, a PFD shall be worn except when changing clothing.

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.

Schedule:

- **Friday:** 4:30 pm - Pre-Regatta Informal Distance Race, followed by BBQ and beers.
- **Saturday:** 10:00 am - Committee Boat on Station; 10:30 am - Start Sequence; Lunch provided after racing.
- **Sunday:** 10:00 am - Committee Boat on Station; 10:30 am - Start Sequence; 12:00 pm - Last start sequence; 2:00 pm - Festivities & Award Ceremony.
(Postponements will be in 5-minute increments; all times are approximate.)

Registration & Information:

<https://www.sailsaratoga.org/regatta/pKprnUYRap>

Camping & Directions:

- Camping on club grounds is permitted. Please contact the PRO at saratogamulti@gmail.com to coordinate.
- **Directions:** Take I-87 North to Exit 13S (Route 9 South). Proceed south to the first light and turn left onto Malta Avenue Extension (CR63). Proceed downhill to the lake, bear left onto Manning Road; SLSC is the only driveway on the right.
- **Google Maps:** 📍 **Saratoga Lake Sailing Club**

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