



# **BUZZELLI Nacra 15 North Americans Youth Worlds Qualifier 2026**

**October 10-12, 2026**

**Sarasota, FL**

## **Notice of Race (NoR)**

**Organizing Authority: Sarasota Youth Sailing**

### **1. RULES**

2.1. The event shall be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028.

2.2. The International NACRA 15 Class Rules shall apply.

2.3. In the event there is a conflict between languages, the English text shall take precedence.

2.4 Rule 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'

### **2. SAFETY**

2.1. [DP] Each competitor shall wear a USCG-approved life jacket, in good condition, that is 100% dependent on foam for flotation and the appropriate size for the sailor, at all times while on the water except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment per Rule 40.1 and 40.2(c).

### **3. PROCEDURES FOR PROTECTED COMPETITIONS**

3.1 US Sailing Regulation 12.03, US Sailing Selection Competitions, will be in effect for this event (or for the following class(es)). The following rules and procedures will apply:

(a) The US Sailing prescriptions in the preamble to Part 5, Section B and rule 63.1(b) shall apply to a US Sailing Selection Competition.

(b) The right of appeal will not be denied under rule 70.5 (b), (c) or (d), but an expedited appeal process will be used that balances the needs of the competitor for certainty with respect to berths in future competitions and sufficient time to prepare the arguments and evidence for the appeal. Specifically, the appeal shall be sent no later than 24 hours after the protest time limit on

the last day of the event, or 24 hours after receiving the written decision being appealed or the protest committee's decision not to reopen the hearing, whichever is latest. This changes rule R1.1(a).

(c) If a hearing is scheduled after the event is concluded and after the sailors and officials have left the venue, it will be scheduled as soon as possible, and in a place and manner chosen with deference to the competitor's preferences or circumstances; and parties to the hearing have the right to be present telephonically or via video feed as appropriate, provided all participants can see, hear, and speak to each other.

### 3.2 Other rule changes

(a) Rule 63.6(b) is changed as follows: "seven days" is changed to "24 hours" and "promptly" is changed to "within 24 hours."

(b) Rule 63.7, Reopening a Hearing, second sentence is deleted and replaced by: "However, if an appeal of its decision has been sent to the national authority, the hearing shall not be reopened unless the national authority requires reopening under rule R5.4 or decides the appeal cannot be considered."

### 3.3 Expedited appeals procedure

The expedited appeals system in rule R8, Expedited Appeals, will be used. Go to: <https://www.ussailing.org/competition/rules-officiating/appeals/#expedited-appeals>

## 4. ADVERTISING

4.1. Advertising shall conform to the current World Sailing Regulation 20 and the NACRA 15 Class Rules.

4.2. Boats may be required to display bow numbers and advertising chosen and supplied by the OA.

## 5. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

5.1. The event is open to all boats conforming to the NACRA 15 Class Rules, whose sailors are in good standing with the NACRA 15 Class Association.

5.2 Competitors shall be members of US Sailing or, if non-US competitors, a member of their home country's Member National Authority. Non-members can join US Sailing directly online at: <https://www.ussailing.org/membership/member-options/>

5.2. All boats shall enter by completing the online entry form and paying the \$350 entry fee.

5.3. The event entry deadline is 10/05/2026.

5.4. All entry fees are non-refundable on or after 9/18/2026.

## 6. YOUTH WORLDS TEAM SELECTION

6.1.NACRA 15 competitors (helm and crew) wishing to be selected for the 2026 Youth World Sailing Championship must meet the US Sailing and World Sailing eligibility criteria available at: <https://www.ussailing.org/olympics/selection/>

6.2.The highest placing eligible boat (helm and crew) at this event will be selected by US Sailing's International Selection Committee to compete in the 2026 Youth Sailing World Championships Vilamoura, Portugal from 11-19 December 2026.

## **7. SCHEDULE**

### Friday, October 9th 2026

- 0900 Sailors begin to arrive
- 1500-1700 early team check-in and special event TBD

### Saturday, October 10th 2026

- 0900 Report Time at Sarasota Youth Sailing
- 0915 Competitors Briefing
- 1100 Approximate Time of First Warning Signal (up to 5 races planned)
- 1600 Approximate Time of Last Warning Signal

### Sunday, October 11th 2026

- 0900 Report Time at Sarasota Youth Sailing
- 0915 Competitors Briefing
- 1100 Approximate Time of First Warning Signal (up to 5 races planned)
- 1600 Approximate Time of Last Warning Signal

### Monday, October 12th 2026

- 0900 Report Time at Sarasota Youth Sailing
- 0915 Competitors Briefing
- 1100 Approximate Time of First Warning Signal (no more than 2 races planned)
- 1300 No Warning Signal After

## **8. SAIL NUMBERS AND NATIONAL FLAGS**

8.1. Sails shall have a full sail number and national letters in accordance with the NACRA 15 Class Rules.

8.2.Display of Country Flags will not be required.

## **9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

9.1. Sailing Instructions will be made available to all competitors on the event website no less than 5 days prior to the event. A paper copy of the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

## **10. VENUE**

10.1. All races will be sailed on Sarasota Bay.

10.2. All NACRA 15's will launch and return from the SYS beach located on City Island.

10.3. All visiting coach boats will launch and return from the Ken Thompson Boat Ramp.

## **11. STORAGE, BERTHING, AND CHARTERS**

11.1. Visiting boats may arrive at Sarasota Youth Sailing beginning at 1600 on Thursday, October 8th 2026.

11.2. Visiting boats shall depart the venue no later than Tuesday, October 13th 2026.

11.3. Storage Arrangements for visiting trailers prior to Thursday shall be made by contacting: Sarasota Sailing Squadron Manager:

Susan Clark,  
[manager@sarasotasailingsquadron.org](mailto:manager@sarasotasailingsquadron.org)  
941-388-2355.

11.4. Berthing Arrangements for visiting boats shall be made by contacting: Sarasota Youth Sailing Director:

Nick Lovisa  
[nick@sarasotayouthsailing.org](mailto:nick@sarasotayouthsailing.org)  
941-504-4236.

## **12. PENALTY SYSTEM**

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

## **13. SCORING AND RACES**

13.1. Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

## **15. PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES**

15.1. A. No participant or competitor shall use or possess, either on or off the water: 1. marijuana or any other substance if possession is illegal under state or federal law; or 2. any alcoholic beverages. An alleged breach of one of these regulations shall not be grounds for a protest. However, when the protest committee believes that a competitor may have breached one of these regulations, it shall follow the process described in the US Sailing Code of Conduct. If a competitor is found to have breached one of the elements within the Code of Conduct, they shall be excluded from the remaining races of the series and, where practicable, removed from the regatta venue and sent home. The competitor's boat shall be disqualified from all races of the series.

## **16. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

16.1. Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this race participate entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers (OA, Ratings Authority, Race Committee, Protest Committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this race. By participating in this race, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

## **17. FURTHER INFORMATION**

17.1. Contact SYS Sailing Director – Nick Lovisa, [Nick@sarasotayouthsailing.org](mailto:Nick@sarasotayouthsailing.org)  
941-504-4236.