



2025 Harbor 20 Class Championship

March 20-22, 2025

Organizing Authority: Newport Harbor Yacht Club

NOTICE OF RACE



The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the notice of race (NoR) [or sailing instructions (SIs)] means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the notice of race (NoR) [or sailing instructions (SIs)] means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a). All times are US Pacific Daylight Savings time. All fees are in US dollars.

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.
- 1.2 This Notice of Race ("NoR") incorporates the *Harbor 20 Class Rules* including those amendments made by the *Harbor 20 Class Board* specifically for this event. Those amendments are provided in Attachment A.
- 1.3 Appendix T will apply, as modified by the Sailing Instructions.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The Sailing Instructions (SIs") will be posted no later than March 13, 2025.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The Official Notice Board is located at: [Official Online Notice Board](#)
- 3.2 On the water, the race committee intends to make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The specific channel will be stated in the SIs.
- 3.3 [DP] 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.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 Each boat must have at least two persons on board, i.e., a helmsman and a crew member. Boats are permitted to sail with more than two persons subject to the following: a) the full team must sail in all races in the Championship; and b) there shall be no helmsman or crew substitutions during the Championship unless there are exceptional circumstances (e.g. serious injury or illness) and advance approval in writing is obtained from Gary Thorne garythornepmp@gmail.com prior to commencing racing with a different team member as detailed in Attachment A.
- 4.2 The Helmsmen (Skipper) must be an Owner Member who has been a member of the Harbor 20 Class Association for over 60 days.
- 4.3 Eligible boats may enter by completing the on-line application on the [Event website](#) together with the required early entry fee, by 1700 on Friday, February 7, 2025.
- 4.4 Entries received after 1700 on February 7, 2025, will be subject to a late fee.
- 4.5 Entries will not be accepted after 1700 Monday, March 10, 2025.
- 4.6 Registrants shall ensure their Class membership is accurately shown by March 1, 2025, in the Harbor 20 Class membership roster at www.harbor20.org under the Members - Member Roster option.
- 4.7 To be considered a valid entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements including the waivers (Skipper and Crew) and pay all fees.

5. FEES

- 5.1 The early entry fee of \$450 is due by 1700 on Friday, February 7, 2025
- 5.2 The late entry fee of \$100.00 will be assessed for entries received after 1700 Friday, February 7, 2025.
- 5.3 The fee is non-refundable. Entry fees will only be refunded (i) if the entry is rejected, or (ii) should travel restrictions that are out of the sailor's control be further constrained after the entry fee is paid.

7. SCHEDULE

DAY 1 Wednesday March 19, 2025	1000-1300 1300 1700	On-site Registration Practice Races Social - NHYC Crows Nest
DAY 2 Thursday March 20, 2025	1000 1100 1200 1700	Harbor 20 Class Meeting & Local knowledge briefing Daily Competitors Briefing First Warning Signal Racing Welcome Reception - NHYC Cabins C & ML
DAY 3 Friday March 21, 2025	1200 1100 1600	First Warning Signal Daily Competitors Briefing Post Race light appetizers, beer/wine Free night to enjoy Newport Beach
DAY 4 Saturday March 22, 2025	1200 1100 After racing	First Warning Signal Daily Competitors Briefing Dinner & Trophy Ceremony - NHYC Cabins C & ML

- 7.1 There will be no warning signal after 1530 on the last day of the regatta.

8. MEASUREMENT & BOW NUMBERS

- 8.1 Each boat shall provide a valid measurement certificate, as described in class bylaw III.A.8, prior to the regatta.
- 8.2 Any boats without a valid measurement certificate, or with sails requiring measurement, will need to contact the Fleet 1 measurer, Chris Hill (freewheel510@yahoo.com) prior to the event to make arrangements.
- 8.3 Boats must sail with bottom paint applied.
- 8.4 Per Harbor 20 Class Bylaws, the first five finishers may be inspected at the finish of each race.
- 8.5 The Organizing Authority may assign bow numbers at Registration. Bow numbers shall be affixed to the hull as described in the associated instructions.

9. VENUE

- 9.1 The racing area will be in the harbor north of the Main Dock of the Newport Harbor Yacht Club.

10. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 10.1 Penalties while racing: RRS 44.1 is changed so that only one tack and one gybe are required.

11. SCORING

- 11.1 The scoring system is the Low Point System in RRS Appendix A.
- 11.2 Four (4) races are required to be completed to constitute a regatta.
- (a) When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
 - (b) When five (5) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. This changes RRS A2.
- 11.3 RRS A5.3 will be in effect.

12. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

- 12.1 Support Vessels shall carry a functioning VHF and monitor the required channel and shall assist the Race Committee if requested.
- 12.2 The Sailing Instructions and/or the OA may further limit the activities of the support vessels.

13. RISK STATEMENT

- 13.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.'

14. INSURANCE

- 14.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 combined single limit per incident.

15. PRIZES

- 15.1 The Arthur Strock Harbor 20 National Championship Trophy will be engraved with the name of the top finisher.
- 15.2 Trophies will be awarded to the top three finishers.
- 15.3 Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.

16. MEDIA RIGHTS

- 16.1 By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the Harbor 20 Class, the OA, and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.

17. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 17.1 Charter Boats, sails and housing information will be available, subject to availability. Details forthcoming.
- 17.2 For further information please contact:
- Event Co-Chair: John Drayton, john.a.drayton@gmail.com
 - Event Co-Chair: Bill Menninger, bmenninger1@gmail.com
 - NHyc Race Director: Jess Gerry, jess.gerry@nhycstaff.org

Attachment A

Harbor 20 Class Championship Class Rule Changes - Approved 10/7/24

The following changes to class rules for the 2025 Harbor 20 Class Championship were approved by the class board. This constitutes "written permission of the class association for the change" per rule 87, allowing the Class Championship Notice of Race to change class rules.

Gary Thorne, Harbor 20 Class President

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II.D.2. The crew for Class Championship must be a person who meets the basic principles and intent of these rules (Section II.A.4), has sailed in at least 12 Class Yacht races since the last Class Championship, and is a Member of the Association in good standing. Paid professional sailors and full-time sailing coaches must have been retired for at least three full years.	<p>The following is added to class rule II.D.2:</p> <p>For the Class Championship, each competing Class Yacht must have at least two persons on board, i.e., a helmsman and a crew member. Boats are permitted to sail with more than two persons subject to the following: a) the full team must sail in all races in the Championship; and b) there shall be no helmsman or crew substitutions during the Championship unless there are exceptional circumstances (e.g., serious injury or illness) and advance approval in writing is obtained from the Class Board prior to commencing racing with a different team member. Crew registrants shall submit an e-mail certification from their Fleet Captain to the Board that the 12- race requirement is satisfied. Crew registrants not belonging to a Fleet shall provide sufficient information by e-mail to the Board to establish meeting this requirement and a personal certification of compliance. Notices to the Board shall be sent to Gary Thorne (garythornepmp@gmail.com).</p>
II.D.4. It is intended that strict adherence to the rules specified in this section be maintained. However, a Member with special circumstances may petition the Class Board for a variance in these II.D Rules using the provisions of I.E.16. This should be done well in advance of the event.	<p>Class rule II.D.4 is replaced by the following:</p> <p>It is intended that strict adherence to the rules specified in this section be maintained. However, a Member with special circumstances may petition the Class Board for a variance in these II.D Rules using the provisions of I.E.16. The petition must be emailed to Gary Thorne (garythornepmp@gmail.com) by March 1, 2025, or at the earliest opportunity after a</p>

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	change in circumstances that necessitates the petition.
<p>III.C.2.c. The main sail is to meet these specifications:</p> <p>c. The boat number is to be affixed to both sides of the sail approximately one-third of the way down from the top.</p>	<p>Class rule III.C.2.c is replaced by the following:</p> <p>The boat number, or a sail number different from other sail numbers used in the regatta, is to be affixed to both sides of the mainsail approximately one-third of the way down from the top.</p>
<p>III.C.1.f. For a Class Yacht, the Owner may purchase one jib sail in each calendar year and one main sail in every second calendar year. The calendar year for sail purchase begins on the date the sail was officially measured.</p>	<p>Class rule III.C.1.f is replaced by the following:</p> <p>For the Class Championship, there is no prescribed time limit on the purchase and use of new sails. However, the sails used for the Championship must: meet the requirements of the Association's Governing Documents; be manufactured by a sailmaker approved by the Fleet to which the Helmsman belongs or by the Fleet 1-approved sailmakers (main by Elliot-Pattison, jib by Ullman Newport Beach); and be measured, signed and dated by a Fleet or Class Measurer as being compliant with the Class Rules. The same main and jib sails must be used for all races of the Championship.</p>
<p>III.C.1.h. If a sail is damaged beyond reasonable repair, lost, or for some reason is unusable, the Owner may petition the Class or Fleet Measurer for permission to purchase a replacement sail.</p>	<p>Class rule III.C.1.h is replaced by the following:</p> <p>Notwithstanding the provisions of Class rule III.C.1.f as revised, if during the Class Championship a sail is damaged beyond reasonable repair or for some reason becomes unusable, the Skipper may petition the Class Board for permission to use a replacement sail that is compliant with the Class Rules by emailing Gary Thorne (garythornepmp@gmail.com).</p>