



2025 BAXTER BOWL (Star & Finn)

Hosted by Newport Harbor Yacht Club

Saturday & Sunday, June 14-15

NOTICE OF RACE

The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Newport Harbor Yacht Club (NHYC) in conjunction with the International Star Class Yacht Racing Association (ISCYRA).

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.
- 1.2. The following US Sailing Prescriptions will apply: 60.1, 61.4, 65.1, 76.1, and Appendix R. These are attached as Addendum A.
- 1.3. Appendix P will apply. RRS P2.2 and P2.3 are deleted.
- 1.4. Appendix T will apply, as modified by the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.5. Add new rule 41(e) for the Finn Fleet Only
 - 1.5.1. help to recover from the water and return on board a crew member, provided the return on board is at the approximate location of the recovery.
- 1.6. If there is a conflict with language and interpretation, English will prevail.
- 1.7. The Sailing Instructions may also change other rules as approved by the ISCYRA if necessary.

2. NOTICE BOARD & SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 All regatta notices, Sailing Instructions, amendments, updates and scoring will be available at: www.nhyc.org
- 2.2 The Sailing Instructions will be posted no later than June 13, 2025.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. Boats may carry VHF radios for purposes of safety and for receiving race committee communication, including notification of OCS boats. Race Committee failure to notify, delay notification, and the order announced will not be grounds for redress.
- 3.2. From a race day's first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency or for a boat that is retiring from a race, 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. The event is open to boats of the Star and Finn Class whose skipper is a member of the respective Class Association as of the first day of the regatta. Star Crews must comply with STCR 26.2. Boats must comply with STCR 21.
- 4.2. Eligible boats may enter by completing the on-line registration at www.nhyc.org not later

than 2359 hours PDT Friday, June 13, 2025.

- 4.3. If your crew changes before the regatta, please edit your crew list online the same way. Crew names must be identified at on-site registration.
- 4.4. Entries received on or after June 1st will be subject to a late fee.
- 4.5. Only skippers and crew eligible to compete under World Sailing (WS) Eligibility Code, Regulation 19, are to compete in this regatta.
- 4.6. A Competitor is not entered, is not entitled to race and will not receive a score until: (a) All fees are paid; (b) Measurement and crew weight-in are completed not later than 1730 on June 13, 2025; and, (c) Proof of insurance is provided.

5. FEES

- 5.1. The entry fee for the Star Class of USD \$95.00 includes the Star Class fee, boat and trailer parking, launching, hauling, and invitations to officially hosted social events for skipper and crew.
- 5.2. The entry fee for the Finn Class of USD \$60.00 includes boat and trailer parking, launching, hauling and invitation to officially hosted social events.
- 5.3. A late entry fee of \$20 will be added after June 1st, 2025.
- 5.4. Entry fees are due at time of entry, but not later than June 13th and payable via credit card on the website checkout form.
- 5.5. Entry fee refunds
 - 5.5.1. Full refund of entry only if canceled prior to the close of entries.
 - 5.5.2. 50% if canceled in the first 14 days following the close of entries.
 - 5.5.3. No refund if canceled more than 14 days from the close of entries
 - 5.5.4. Full entry fee will be refunded if the entry is rejected.

6. ADVERTISING

- 6.1. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA. If this rule is broken, WS Regulation 20.9.2 applies.

7. SCHEDULE

Friday, June 13	2359 hrs. PDT	Entry Deadline
Saturday, June 14	0800 - 0915 hrs.	Registration, Inspection of boats, Team Weigh-In
	0930 hrs.	Skippers Meeting
	1000 hrs.	All boats afloat
	1030 hrs.	Tow leaves NHYC
	1230 hrs.	First Warning Signal (2 races scheduled)
	After Racing	Social hour with hosted refreshments

Sunday, June 15	1030 hrs. 1230 hrs. 1530 hrs. After Racing	Tow leaves NHYC First Warning Signal (2 races scheduled) No Warning Signal After this Time Awards Ceremony
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8. MEASUREMENT & BOW NUMBERS

- 8.1. Each boat shall produce a valid measurement certificate. In addition, boats will be checked for equipment required under STCR 31.2.2.
- 8.2. Teams shall demonstrate compliance with team weight limits in accordance with STCR 31.1.3 prior to the end of inspection. Teams will not be subject to re weighing during the regatta subject to the exception in STCR 31.1.3.
- 8.3. A boat may be ordered to be re-checked during the regatta.
- 8.4. Baxter Bowl weigh in does not satisfy requirements of the North American Championship.
- 8.5. Assigned bow numbers will be provided at Registration. Bow numbers shall be affixed to the hull as described in the associated instructions.

9. VENUE

Racing will be in the Pacific Ocean, west of the Newport Pier, Newport Beach, California, USA. The race area attachment shows the approximate racing venue.

10. THE COURSES

- 10.1. The courses to be sailed will be in accordance with STCR 34.
- 10.2. Format C, as may be amended by the Sailing Instructions and approved by the ISCYRA.

11. PENALTY SYSTEM

STCR 35.5 changes the Two-Turn penalty in RRS 44.1 and P2.1 to a One-Turn Penalty.

12. SCORING

- 12.1. Four (4) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 12.2. The scoring system is the Low Point System of RRS A.
- 12.3. Races completed in the Series.
 - (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, which shall change RRS A2.

13. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

- 13.1. Support vessels shall fly an OA supplied pink support flag at all times during the regatta.

- 13.2. Individual and Support Vessels / coach boats shall register with the OA during registration at the regatta registration office and shall comply with the RRS and the STCR.
- 13.3. Support Vessels and Persons shall carry an operative VHF, monitor the required channels and shall assist the Race Committee pursuant to RRS 37.
- 13.4. The Sailing Instructions and/or the OA may further limit the activities of the Support Vessels.
- 13.5. All Support Vessels shall be equipped with a functioning engine safety cut-out switch (kill switch) which shall remain attached to the support person at the helm at all times while the engine is running. Failure to comply may be misconduct and/or result in expulsion from the event.

14. PRIZES

- 14.1. Prizes will be awarded in accordance with STCR 24.
- 14.2. Series prizes will be awarded to the skipper and crew, depending on the number of entries.
- 14.3. Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the OA.

15. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The OA will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in connection with, or prior to, during, or after, the regatta.

16. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:

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RACE AREA ATTACHMENT

(soundings in fathoms)

[NOAA Chart - 18746 Public](#)

