

Star of the North Regatta 2026

Organizing Authority ("OA"): Wayzata Yacht Club ("WYC") & WYC Capri, Sonar & S2 7.9 Fleets
September 18, 19, 20, 2026
Wayzata MN (USA)

Notice of Race ("NoR")

1. Rules.

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing* ("RRS").
- 1.2. The prescriptions of U.S. Sailing to the Racing Rules of Sailing shall apply.
- 1.3. Links to the above rules can be found at <https://www.wyc.org/rules>
- 1.4. The notation [NP] in a *Rule* means that a boat may not *protest* another boat for breaking that, *Rule*. This changes RRS 60.1.
- 1.5. The notation '[DP]' in a rule means the Protest Jury may award a penalty other than disqualification. This changes RRS 60.5(c).
- 1.6. [DP] Each boat must comply with all applicable local governmental laws, rules and regulations including having requisite safety gear (e.g., U.S. Coast Guard approved PFDs and throwable), proper registration and display licenses and numbers as required by law.
- 1.7. For the CAPRI 25 fleet.
 - 1.7.1. Class rules will be available on regatta website before the regatta.
 - 1.7.2. **One (1) World Sailing [WS] Group 3 (Pro) sailor allowed per yacht.** Per Attachment 2, *for the Capri 25 class*. They shall not drive unless they are a partial owner on the boat. No skipper or crew will receive compensation to race in the event for Capri 25s. The foregoing does not prohibit an owner from being paid for chartering his/her boat and such owner sailing in the event.
 - 1.7.3. All Capri 25s must comply with WYC Capri 25 One Design Fleet 0 Special Rules, found at <https://www.wyc.org/c25>, with additions and modifications to such WYC Capri 25 One Design Fleet Rules described in Attachment 2 hereto. This changes WYC Capri 25 One Design Fleet 0 Special Rules.
- 1.8. For the S2 7.9 fleet
 - 1.8.1. All S2 7.9's must comply with S2 7.9 class rules, except as follows:
 - 1.8.2. There will be no minimum, nor maximum number of crew, nor crew weight. This changes class rule 3.6.1.
 - 1.8.3. For purposes of clarification, WYC S2 7.9 Fleet Special Rules will not apply for this regatta. This changes S2 7.9 class rules.
- 1.9. For the Sonar fleet
 - 1.9.1. All Sonars must comply with Sonar class rules and the "Sonar Special Fleet Rules effective 4-15-2025" (available at <https://www.wyc.org/rules>) except as follows:
 - 1.9.2. During the regatta the crew must consist of a minimum of three persons. This modifies Sonar Class Association class rule C.2.1(a).
 - 1.9.3. Sonars are **not** required to apply or display Sonar Membership Sticker on the hull of the boat for this regatta. This changes Sonar Class Rule B4.02.

2. Sailing Instructions.

- 2.1. Sailing Instructions ("SIs") will be available at the Star of the North event page found at <https://wyc.org/regatta/MpELfoPQt0> by August 25, 2026.
- 2.2. Printed copies of the NoR, SIs and US Sailing Prescriptions will **not** be distributed to competitors at the Event. Competitors shall be responsible for providing their own copies of the NoR, SIs and Sailing Prescriptions, or have

access to digital copies of these documents.

3. Communications.

- 3.1. The official notice board is located next to the front door of WYC's clubhouse.
- 3.2. [NP][DP] All boats shall carry an operating VHF marine-band radio capable of communicating on VHF radio channels 16, 68, 69, 70, 71 and 72. On the water, race committee ("RC") may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio channel stated in the SIs.
- 3.3. [NP][DP] From the time RC displays the line flag before the first start of the day until all boats and all classes have *finished* racing for the day, 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 except (A) in an emergency, (B) when retiring from a race.

4. Eligibility and Entry. Event is open to boats of the Capri 25, Sonar and S2 7.9 classes that meet the following:

- 4.1. All boats must meet the measurement criteria of their class.
- 4.2. WYC Capri 25s and Sonars must be paid members of their respective WYC fleets. This requirement is waived for non-WYC boats.
- 4.3. S2 7.9's must be paid members of S2 7.9 National Class Association and display class decal on their boat.
- 4.4. The "person in charge" of each Sonar must be a paid member in good standing with the Sonar Class Association.
- 4.5. Eligible boats must enter by completing the entry form and submitting it, together with required fee:
 - 4.5.1. Online at <https://wyc.org/regatta/MpELfoPQt0>, or in person at WYC during the times listed in Attachment 1.
- 4.6. No registration shall be accepted after 2000 (8:00pm CDT) September 17, 2026.

5. Fees. Entry fee

5.1.

Time period	Fee per boat
By midnight on August 14, 2026	US \$250
August 15, 2025 – August 29, 2026	US \$275
August 30, 2025– September 17, 2026	US \$300

- 5.2. Each registration includes breakfast & dinner for Friday, continental breakfast & dinner for Saturday and continental breakfast & lunch for Sunday (after racing).

6. Advertising. [DP] Boats *may* be required to display bow numbers and/or advertising chosen and supplied by OA.

7. Schedule of Events.

- 7.1. See Attachment 1 for Schedule of Events.
- 7.2. A maximum of 10 completed races (per class) is scheduled for the regatta.

8. Inspection. All boats shall conform to the measurement rules of their one design class rules, except as specified in NoR or Sis. A boat may be inspected at any time.

9. Venue & Race Area. Event venue will be at Wayzata Yacht Club. Race area is Lake Minnetonka.

10. Courses.

10.1. Course to be sailed will be windward leeward buoy courses.

11. Penalty System.

11.1. PENALTY AT THE TIME OF AN INCIDENT. The first sentence of RRS 44.1 is replaced with the following; "A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 in an incident while racing."

11.2. RRS Appendix T (ARBITRATION) shall apply.

11.3. A lesser penalty than DSQ (which may include no penalty) may be given at the discretion of the protest committee for an infringement of Rules other than the Rules of Part 2 or RRS Rule 31. This changes RRS *Rule 60.5(c)*.

12. Scoring.

12.1. One (1) race (per class) is required to be completed to constitute a series (per class).

12.2. When fewer than 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

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

13. Tracking.

13.1. [DP] Boats may carry a position recording device (PRD) onboard (a) as permitted in their class rules or WYC Official Special Fleet Rule(s); or (b) for the purpose of recording data, but may not access such data (via RaceQ's, Kattack, or other position recording device / system) until ashore. This changes RRS *Rule 41*. Tracking replay is intended for entertainment and educational purposes only. Unless prohibited by class rules, each boat may use instruments utilizing GPS technology.

14. Launching, Trailer Storage and Berthing. Launching, trailer storage and berthing will be at WYC, unless otherwise specified at registration or permitted by OA. All Capri 25 and Sonars must be afloat by 8:30am CT on September 18, 2026.

15. Haul-Out Restrictions. [DP] Boats shall not be hauled-out by trailers or crane between 8:00pm on September 17, 2026 and the end of the regatta, except: (a) with and according to the terms of the written permission of the PC; or (b) each boat may be hoisted out of the water via an in-the-water lift, if permitted by their WYC Fleet Special Rules.

16. Diving Equipment. [DP] Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used between 8:00pm CT on September 17, 2026, and the end of the regatta.

17. Publicity & Photographer's Rights. As a condition of participation, each participant (on behalf of him/herself and their children/minors) grant Event Organizers, Organizing Authority, fleets, classes, sponsors and their designated photographers the perpetual, irrevocable right, license and permission to use, publish and distribute the

participant's name, photos, video, images, finishes, results, and statements of them and their boat and crew in all forms and media worldwide (including without limitation Internet) for any purposes whatsoever (including without limitation advertisements, promotions, public sale of pictures, etc.) without compensation or further permission.

18. RISKS STATEMENT; DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY; WAIVERS AND RELEASE.

18.1. **RISKS.** RRS *Rule 3* (DECISION TO RACE) 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.**

18.2. **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY.** PARTICIPANTS AND ATTENDEES PARTICIPATE IN THE EVENT AND ASSOCIATED ACTIVITIES SOLELY AT THEIR OWN RISK. TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW, **ORGANIZING AUTHORITY**, DEFINED ABOVE, WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE OR LIABLE FOR PROPERTY DAMAGE OR PERSONAL INJURY, DISABILITY, PERMANENT DISABILITY, OR DEATH SUSTAINED IN CONJUNCTION WITH OR PRIOR TO, DURING OR AFTER THE EVENT.

18.3. **LIABILITY WAIVERS REQUIRED.** As a condition of eligibility and participation in the Event, all skippers, crews and Support Persons (for themselves and on behalf of their children and minors) will be required to agree (via signature and/or online 'click-through') to a separate waiver of liability to participate in the Event. Active WYC members who already have a current signed WYC liability waiver on file do not need to submit an additional waiver for this regatta.

19. Insurance. Each boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance not less than \$300,000. Each boat will present proof of insurance upon OA's request.

20. Prizes. Prizes will be awarded to top 5 finishers in Capri 25 and Sonar classes; and top 2 finishers in S2 7.9 class. Other prizes may be given at OA's discretion.

21. Amendment. OA may amend NoR at any time upon posting on the regatta notice board at <https://wyc.org/regatta/MpELfoPQt0>. This changes RRS *Rule 89.2(b)*.

22. Further Information. Host Club is Wayzata Yacht Club, located at 1100 Eastman Lane, Wayzata MN 55391. For further information, please contact:

- Regatta Chairs: Nils Brennom at nbrennom@yahoo.com; Sue Truax at struaxsail@gmail.com
- Capri 25 Representative – Todd Myers at myersmn4@gmail.com
- Sonar Representative – John Sligh at john.p.sligh@gmail.com
- S2 7.9 Representative – Kurt Wintheiser at klwintheiser@gmail.com

Attachment 1
Schedule of Events

<u>Thursday – September 17, 2026</u>	
4:00pm – 8:00pm CT	Registration online or at WYC clubhouse.
5:45pm CT	Warning signal for practice race (Race 3 of WYC's M Series). All visiting Star of the North boats are invited to compete. See the WYC 2026 Race Program for Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions for this practice race. The 2026 Race program can be found at https://www.wyc.org/rules
<u>Friday - September 18, 2026</u>	
8:30am CT	All Capri 25 and Sonars must be afloat.
7:30am – 9:00am CT	Breakfast provided by Pete Ice, Edina Realty - <u>Friday only</u> .
8:30am CT	Competitor's meeting at WYC clubhouse
10:00am CT	First (1st) warning signal. Competitors should plan to be on the water all day, including bringing their own lunch.
After racing	Social hour – refreshments and the famous E-Scow Bar, followed by dinner.
6:30pm CT	Live music at WYC clubhouse
<u>Saturday - September 19, 2026</u>	
7:30am - 8:00am CT	Continental Breakfast provided.
10:00am CT	First (1st) Warning signal. Competitors should plan to be on the water all day, including bringing their own lunch.
After racing	Social hour – refreshments and the famous E-Scow Bar, followed by dinner.
6:30pm CT	Live music at WYC clubhouse and prize drawing during the evening.
<u>Sunday - September 20, 2026</u>	
7:30am – 8:30am CT	Continental breakfast provided.
10:00am CT	First (1st) Warning signal.
12:00pm CT	No warning signal will be made after 12:00 pm on Sunday. <i>Please note:</i> Per section 8.2 of WYC 2026 Sailing Instructions, WYC club races will NOT be held for Capri 25, S2 7.9 or Sonar classes on Sunday afternoon (or counted towards WYC C or Championship Series).
After races	Awards Ceremony

Attachment 2

Modifications to WYC Capri 25 One Design Fleet Rules

WYC Capri 25 One Design Fleet Rules (as posted on the WYC website) will apply, including new additions and the following modification(s):

1. The minimum number of crew will be 4 (including skipper and crew).
2. **This changes SFR Article 7 Racing Policies: One (1) World Sailing [WS] Group 3 (Pro) sailor allowed per yacht *for the Capri 25 class***, will be allowed per yacht to race in Capri 25 class. They shall not drive unless they are a partial owner on the boat. No skipper or crew will receive compensation to race in the event for Capri 25s. The foregoing does not prohibit an owner from being paid for chartering his/her boat and such owner sailing in the event.
3. Each boat skipper must submit to and/or provide whatever measurements or inspections are needed to demonstrate that they meet the WYC Capri 25 One Design Fleet Rules and the rules of the regatta. This documentation will include signing appropriate regatta forms attesting they meet the underwater and above water standards for hull shape and standing rigging, and also attest they have all required boat appurtenances and safety equipment on their vessel. The Capri 25 Fleet Rules Committee may make a physical inspection of a boat including lifting it out of the water to make measurements.
4. Non-WYC Capri 25 competitors will be provided with the same new sail inventory considerations as provided for new boats in the WYC Capri 25 Fleet One Design Fleet Rules under the standard WYC Capri 25 Fleet One Design Fleet Rules.
5. A boat that does not comply with the WYC Capri 25 Fleet One Design Fleet Rules may request the Capri 25 Fleet Rules Committee to review their non-conformance issues and provide a ruling regarding their ability to participate. The Capri 25 Fleet Rules Committee will make a ruling based solely on the speed potential of the non-conforming specification. The Capri 25 Fleet Rules Committee may:
 - a. allow participation with no conditions.
 - b. allow participation with conditions concerning certain equipment (e.g., must use conforming spinnaker pole); and/or
 - c. disallow participation.

Racing Area Map

