

INTERNATIONAL Y-FLYER
YACHT RACING UNION

INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP REGATTA

SARATOGA LAKE SAILING CLUB
BALLSTON SPA, NY

JULY 17 – 19, 2024

The organizing authority for this regatta is the American Y-Flyer Yacht Racing Association (AYFYRA) in conjunction with the Saratoga Lake Sailing Club, SLSC, Ballston Spa, NY.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES – The regatta will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), prescriptions of the US Sailing Association, except Prescriptions related to RRS 63.2 and 63.4 and the International Y-Flyer Yacht Racing Union (IYFYRU) By-Laws except as modified in the Notice of Race, and these Sailing Instructions (SI).

1.1 Instructions 5.2 and 11.1b change Race Signals – AP Flag and First Substitute.

1.2 Instructions 9 and 13.2 change RRS 62.1(a)

1.3 Instruction 14 changes RRS 32.2

1.4 Instruction 15.1 changes RRS 61.1a.

1.5 Instruction 16 changes RRS A4.

1.6 Instruction 21 changes RRS 63.7

2. ENTRY - Competitors declared eligible by IYFYRU may enter boats by completing the registration form with the organizing authority, AYFYRA.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS – Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board (ONB) in the SLSC Clubhouse. The Protest Notice Board will be a part of the Official Notice Board.

4. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS – Any change to the Sailing Instructions (SI) will be posted before 9:00 AM on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 8:00 PM on the day before it will take effect.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE -

5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the RC Boat flag staff.

5.2 When Code Flag "AP" is made ashore with 2 sounds, further racing is postponed until the next Harbor Signal is made. The next Harbor Signal will not be made for at least 30 minutes after Code Flag AP is displayed ashore. This changes RRS Race Signals.

5.3 The leaving of the RC Boat from its mooring, with one sound signal, is the Harbor Signal. Competitors should proceed to the racing area. If racing has been postponed ashore with the display of Code Flag AP, the Harbor Signal ends the postponement. The next Warning Signal will be no sooner than 30 minutes after the Harbor Signal.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

All times are Eastern Daylight Savings Time

It is intended that two morning races be sailed, lunch ashore, and then two races be sailed in the afternoon. Weather conditions may change this intended schedule. No more than 3 races will be sailed back to back without the competitors being sent to shore. No more than 4 races will be sailed per day. Sufficient time each day will be provided for lunch. Three races must be completed to constitute the Regatta.

Tuesday July 16

5:00 PM – Harbor Signal – Competitors should launch their boats and sail to the racing area.

5:30 PM - Warning Signal of the Practice Race.



Wednesday July 17

9:15 AM - Competitors Meeting at the lakeside seawall under the tent in front of the Club House.

9:30 AM - Harbor Signal – Competitors should launch their boats and sail to the racing area.

10:00 AM - Warning Signal of the first race.

Afternoon – Harbor Signal – Competitors should sail to the racing area.

Harbor Signal + 30 minutes – Warning Signal of next race

Thursday July 18

9:30 AM - Harbor Signal – Competitors should launch their boats and sail to the racing area.

10:00 AM - Warning Signal of the first race.

Afternoon – Harbor Signal – Competitors should sail to the racing area.

Harbor Signal + 30 minutes – Warning Signal of next race.

Friday July 19

9:30 AM - Harbor Signal – Competitors should launch their boats and sail to the racing area.

10:00 AM - First race Warning Signal.

Afternoon – Harbor Signal – Competitors should sail to the racing area.

Harbor Signal + 30 minutes – Warning Signal of next race.

No race Warning Signal will be made after 3:00 PM unless less than three races have been completed at this time.

7. CLASS FLAG and RACE WARNING FLAG - A black Y on a lime green background.

8. RACING AREA - The racing area will be the best area of Saratoga Lake as determined by wind direction and strength.

9. COURSE. The RC will attempt to set a course where the first boat will finish in approximately 50 to 70 minutes. Due to wind conditions, the actual length of time may vary and the length of time for the first boat to finish will not be grounds for Redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a). The racecourse will be sailed around drop marks on Saratoga Lake and will be either an Olympic Modified and identified on the RC Boat course board by a F placard, or a Windward Leeward Modified, 2 laps and identified on the RC Boat course board by a I 2 placard. There will be an offset mark at the windward mark. The finish line is open when not finishing

10.0 MARKS –

10.1 The marks of the course will be as delineated in paragraphs 10.2 and 10.3 below.

10.2 The course windward, leeward, and leeward gate marks will be green shapes. The windward offset mark will be an orange shape.

10.3 The Starting Line and Finish Line marks will be a green shape.

11. THE START –

11.1 Races will be started using RRS 26 with the following changes:

11.1.a Code Flag L indicates that the RC Boat is on station for the start of the next race. All competitors shall sail past the RC Boat, preferably on starboard, hail the sail number, and receive acknowledgment to be “Ranked As a Starter” (RAS). Competitors not reporting or observed in the vicinity of the RC Boat may be scored “Did Not Compete” (DNC).

11.1.b The lowering of Code Flags AP, First Substitute, and/or L will be accompanied with four sounds, one minute before the display of the Warning Signal. This changes RRS Race Signals.

11.2 The Starting Line will be between the orange flag on the RC Boat on the starboard end and the yellow shape on the port end described in paragraph 10.2. An orange ball tied to the aft end of the RC Boat is considered part of the RC Boat.

11.3 The RC will attempt to notify all competitors who are on the course side, **OCS**, of the Starting Line at the start of a race by the hail of the sail number after displaying Code Flag X. The order of the sail numbers hailed and whether or not the hail is made, or heard by the competitor, will not be grounds for Redress. The RC will not send a support boat to notify any OCS competitor not returning to the starting area to properly start a race.

12. THE FINISH – The Finish Line will be between the orange flag on the RC Boat and the adjacent yellow mark. The RC will hail and point to the SLSC harbor if the competitors are to leave the racing area and return to SLSC after finishing. Code Flag A when flown will indicate no more racing for the day.

13. TIME LIMIT –

13.1 The racing shall be limited to 2 hours for the first boat to finish.

13.2 If the last boat/s to finish in a race is/are unduly delaying the start of another race, and/or such action by is determined by the RC to be in the best interest of the regatta, the RC will terminate the race and score those boats in the place they would have finished, based on the judgment by the RC, at the time the race is terminated. If the RC is unable to clearly judge the relative position of 2 or more boats, 2 or more boats will all be given the same better score. The scoring of a boat by the RC under SI paragraph 13.2 will not be grounds for Redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

14. SHORTENING COURSE - A support boat will notify all boats of the shortening of the course by displaying Code Flag S, with two sounds, as the leading boat passes the mark, that then begins the new last leg of the course and ends at the RC Boat from the direction of the last mark. Code Flag S will be displayed, with additional two sounds, until all boats have passed. This changes RRS 32.2

15. PROTESTS -

15.1 Competitors intending to protest about an incident that occurred in the racing area shall notify the RC Finish Boat, after finishing and while still in the immediate area of the RC Finish Boat, of their intent to protest including the sail number of the boat(s) being protested. This adds to rule 61.1(a). Protests shall be written and lodged with the Protest Committee's representative at the RC Boat within the Protest Period that will begin when the RC Boat docks and ends 45 minutes later. The RC Boat will display Code Flag B with one sound upon docking signaling the beginning of the 45-minute Protest Period. Code Flag B will be removed with one sound signal at the end of the Protest Period. Forms are available at the RC Boat and at the SLSC Club House. Protests will be heard in approximately the order of receipt as soon as possible in the SLSC Clubhouse.

15.2 Protest notices will be posted on the Official Bulletin Board within 45 minutes after the Protest Time ends to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. The time limitations of RRS 62 (Redress) and 66 (Reopening) are changed so that the time limit for both is the Protest Time Limit of 45 minutes. RRS 67 will be in effect as it applies to RRS 42.

16. SCORING – Scoring shall be in accordance with Appendix A of the IYFURU By-Laws. This changes the related sections of RRS Appendix A that is copied at the end of this SI. The skipper's worst race score, other than Disqualification Not Excludable (DNE), will not be counted towards the total score if six or more races are completed.

17. FLOTATION: - While wearing a Personal Flotation Device (PFD) is not required, the Organizing Authority and the Race Committee strongly recommend that each competitor wear a PFD at all times while on the water.

18 Retiring - A boat that retires from a race shall attempt to notify the RC or a support boat.

19. Prizes – Prizes will be awarded to the skippers and crews placing first through fifth in the regatta. Additional prizes will be presented.

20. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. Competitors agree that the race organizers (organizing 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 event. As an inducement to the race organizers to produce the race, each competitor agrees that by participating in this event each competitor is deemed to have waived all claims against and released the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law and is deemed to have warranted that he/she has obtained this same release of the race organizers by each crew member. Each competitor is solely responsible for his own safety and agrees to sail and utilize SLSC's facilities at his/her own risk.

21. PRECEDENCE – In the event of a conflict between these Sailing Instructions and the Notice of Race, these Sailing Instructions shall have precedence. This changes RRS 63.7.

22. REVISION – These Sailing Instructions R(2) 7-28-2014 supersede previous revisions.

SCORING

Scoring for the International Youngquist Trophy Races shall be a low point system as follows:

RAS - Rank As Starter. All competitors sailing in the vicinity of the Starting Line.

Starter – All competitors who start properly.

Finisher - All competitors who are finished by the Race Committee. Scored as $\frac{3}{4}$ point for first place and point score = finish order of crossing the finish line for all other race finish positions.

DNF - Did Not Finish. A competitor who starts but does not finish the race. Scored = Finishers + 1.

OCS – On the Course Side – On the course of the starting line at the start of the race. Scored = RAS.

DSQ - Disqualified by the Race Committee for infringement of a racing rule. Scored = RAS + 1. If a competitor is given a finish position by the Race Committee and subsequently is awarded DSQ by the Protest Committee section of the Race Committee, all subsequent finishers are moved forward in the finish order.

DNC - Did Not Compete. Competitor did not RAS. Scored = Regatta registrants.

Redress - A competitor whose race score is adjusted by the Protest Committee. The Protest Committee shall follow the guidance on Redress of the ISAF and indicate the method of scoring.

Breaking of Ties – In the event of a tie in the scoring at the conclusion of the racing, the competitor who beat the other competitor, or competitors, the most times, including any thrown out race scores, shall be awarded the better overall finish position. If a tie still exists, the results of the last race of the series shall govern. If a tie still exists, the last race sailed in which one or both of the tied competitors finished shall govern.