



NOTICE OF RACE

December 11th – December 16th

Hosted by Hobe Sound Radio Sailing Club

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

The 2023 International One Metre Class North American Championship is organized by **IOMUSA** National Class Association, with the approval from American Model Yachting Association **AMYA**, International One Metre Class Association **IOMICA** and the International Radio Sailing Association **IRSA**.

1. RULES AND GOVERNANCE:

- 1.1. The event will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and Appendix E.
- 1.2. The current applicable Heat Management System (HMS) with a maximum of 76 boats.
- 1.3. The Equipment Rules of Sailing and the Equipment Inspection Regulations as part of the sailing instructions.
- 1.4. The IOM Championship Class Rules (**CCR**).
- 1.5. The World Sailing DR21 02 Test Rule for Umpired Radio Sailing.
- 1.6. WS Call book for Radio Sailing.
- 1.7. No US Sailing Prescriptions apply except prescriptions to RRS 60.3, 61.4, 67, 76.1. (See Attachment A)
- 1.8. IRSA SYRPH.

2. CHANGES TO RULES:

- 2.1. In RRS 90.3(e), replace "24 hours" with "5 minutes".
- 2.2. Chartered or loaned boats may carry the national letters denoting the national authority and/or the sail number of the person or organization providing the boat. This changes RRS G1.1(b), as modified by RRS E8.
- 2.3. There shall be no appeal from decisions of the International Jury, per RRS 70.5.

3. ELIGIBILITY:

3.1. The competition is open to International One Metre class certified boats selected by an IOM National Class Association in good standing with IOMICA. The WS Regulations regarding eligibility apply with the additional requirements of the IOMICA Class Championship Regulations.

3.2. Competitors with disabilities: Competitors that require any form of help or specific requirements should, prior to entry, contact the Organize Authority to check if the O.A. is able to help with the provision of any such specific requirements. The onus is on the competitor to establish whether the available facilities are adequate before deciding to enter the event.

4. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION:

4.1. All boats and equipment shall be inspected by the technical committee prior to racing in this event.

4.3. The Race Committee may extend the time for registration and inspection if there is a valid reason to do so.

4.4. No boat shall be eligible to race until it has been registered and has passed equipment inspection.

4.5. At the discretion of the Race Committee, checks of randomly selected boats may be conducted during the event to ensure that they comply with class rules.

5. FREQUENCIES:

5.1. No Radio frequency conflicts will be allowed.

5.2. Permitted frequency bands are FCC-approved surface bands. Transmitters on 75 MHz must be narrow band certified. Radio frequencies will be allocated on a "first come first served" basis. Each competitor is required to have a minimum of three (3) additional frequencies available.

5.3. 2.4 GHZ radios are permitted and are exempt from RRS E2.4.

6. PRE-REGISTRATION:

6.1. Pre-registration shall be conducted on the event website (www.2023iomnacr.org) through June 30, 2023. This pre-registration form is intended to give the OA an indication of interest from potential competitors. As this is our first tentative North American, we cordially ask all interested parties to pre-register as early as possible assisting the O.A. and IOM ICA to better administer the 2023 IOM North Americans.

6.2. Non-North American NCA shall pre-register no later than June 23, 2023. This changes CCR 8.2.1.

6.3. Each NCA confirmed pre-registrant will be assigned a personal registration code by the IOM ICA to be used in the official registration process.

7. OFFICIAL REGISTRATION:

7.1. Entries and allocation of places shall be governed by IOMICA Championship Class Rules with modified paragraph 8 approved by IOM ICA Executive Board.

7.2. Registration (with nonrefundable payment) is open to all IOMICA NCA members in good standing.

7.3. A competitor is officially registered for this event when **ALL** of the following has been completed:

a. The Official Registration Form is completed on the event website <https://www.2023iomnacr.org/registration>.

b. **Nonrefundable** registration fees of \$375.00 are fully paid.

c. The waiver has been signed (available on the website).

7.4. The event fee per boat is \$375.00 (USD) and includes daily lunches & beverages on race days, social events, trophies, race management, bank fee, and IOM ICA fee.

7.5. An email will be sent to all NCA confirmed pre-registrants on or before July 5, 2023, with information and methodology for paying registration fees. This changes CCR 8.6.

7.6. All NCAs authorities shall register your competitors, per NOR 7.3, no later than July 11, 2023. This changes CCR 8.2.

7.7. The Organize Authority shall announce the official entry list no later than July 25, 2023.

7.8. Then, if there are still places available, any IOM NCA member who has requested a place after the initial closing date (Jul 11), should be added at this stage. This changes CCR 8.8.2 (b).

7.9. When the maximum of 76 fully paid registrations has been achieved, a waiting list will be created. Registrants on the waiting list should not pay until a registration spot is opened and offered to them. This changes CCR 8.7 and 8.8.

8. VENUE:

Hobe Sound Radio Sailing Club, located at 1425 SE Bridge Rd, Stuart, FL 34997 at the Hobe Sound Farmers Market. **This venue is being provided by Hobe Sound Farmers Market. It is a working farm, and we are guests at this facility! As a result, pets are not allowed on site. Above all: DO NOT EXCEED 10 MPH WHEN ON SITE!! VIOLATORS WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE THE VENUE!**

9. SCHEDULE

Day/Date	Time	Activity
Sat, May 21	2400	Pre-Registration Opening Day
Fri, Jun 23	2400	Non-North American NCA Pre-Registration Closing Day
Fri, Jun 30	2400	Pre-Registration Closing Day
Wed, Jul 5	2400	Payment information and IOM ICA official numbers emailed to pre-registrants
Tue, Jul 11	2400	Initial Closing Date for all entry forms and competitor fees
Tue, Jul 25	0800	Announcement of confirmed official registration
Mon, Dec 11	0900 - 1700	Check-in and equipment inspection
	0900 - 1700	Practice Day
Tues, Dec 12	0830 – 1000	Check-in and equipment inspection
	1000	Opening Ceremony
	1030	Skipper's Meeting
	1100	First scheduled warning
	1700	No warning after this time
	Approximate	Happy Hour (beer, wine, soft drinks, snacks)

Wed - Fri, Dec 13 - 15	0900 - 0915	Open water
	0925	First scheduled warning
	1700	No warning after this time
	Approximate	Happy Hour (beer, wine, soft drinks, snacks)
Sat, Dec 16	0900 - 0915	Open water
	0925	First scheduled warning
	1630	No warning after this time
	1730	Awards and Closing Ceremony
NOTE	All times ET	

10. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:

10.1. The Sailing Instructions will be available for download at www.2023iomnacr.org at least two weeks prior to the event.

11. SCORING AND RACING SYSTEM:

11.1. The Regatta shall be raced and scored under the current Heat Management System HMS.

11.2. Five races are required to be completed to constitute the championship.

11.3. Boats finishing in an incorrect heat will not be allowed to sail in their assigned heat for that race and will be scored DNS for their correct heat.

12. RACE OFFICIALS:

Event Manager: Fred Rocha **USA**

Regatta Chairman: Jon Luscomb **USA**

Regatta Co-Chairman: David Zahn **USA**

Principal Race Officer: Fred Rocha **USA**

Technical Committee Chairman: Steve Landeau **USA**

Protest Committee Chairman: Chris Watts **GBR**

Regatta Info please contact Fred Rocha: chaiman@iomusa.org

13. PERSONAL SAIL NUMBERS:

13.1. Personal Sail Numbers will take precedence if there are numbering conflicts.

14. UMPIRED RACES:

14.1 WS International Umpires or International Judges shall be appointed as umpires. National Judges and National Umpires may be appointed to assist.

14.2 Competitors shall be required to undertake Observer duties.

14.3 An International Jury conforming to RRS Appendix N shall be appointed.

14.4 When a hearing is reopened under rule 66 or RRS N1.4(b) applies, any decision to penalize or give redress made after the warning signal of any heat to which a party to the hearing may be promoted shall not change the heat assignments for that race. This changes rules 64.1 and 64.2.

15. AWARDS:

15.1. Top 5 finishers.

15.2. Perpetual Trophy

15.3. Top 3 finishers in the following age categories, based on ages as of December 12th, 2023:

U26 (under 26), Open **Op** (26 - 54), Master **M** (55 - 59), Grand Master **GM** (60 – 64), Great Grand Master **GGM** (65 – 69), Legend **L** (70 – 74) & Fantastic Legend **FL** (75 and above).

16.CONDUCT:

16.1. The PRO, all race officials and observers have been directed to record any incidents, which will be dealt with to the full extent available to the Protest Committee. Penalties available to the Protest Committee include exclusion from the race in question or subsequent races, exclusion from the regatta, or other action within the Committee's authority.

17.MEDIA RIGHTS:

17.1. Competitors, owners of the boats agree to allow use of pictures and videos of persons and boats during the regatta in media, including commercials, press materials and all other promotional activities and press releases, unless it is notified by writing before submitting entry to the O.A. (chaiman@iomusa.org) and IOM ICA VC Events (vcevents@iomclass.org)

18.DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY:

18.1. All those entering or taking part in this Championship do so at their own risk and responsibility. Hobe Sound Farmer's Market LLC, Martin County Florida, IOMUSA, IOM ICA, IRSA, Hobe Sound Radio Sailing Club (AMYA#412), regatta staff & race officers, and or any other parties involved in the organization of this event refuse all responsibility whatsoever for loss, damage, injury, or inconvenience that might occur to persons and goods, both ashore and on the water, because of entering or participating in the event covered by the official Notice of Race. At all times, the responsibility for the safety of their boat and themselves including the decision to participate or continue shall rest with the competitors and participants. By entering this event, it is deemed that you accept these conditions. Competitors and participants are advised to ensure that they have adequate insurance that provides coverage for public liability and their injury in the Country and County of this event.

18.2. On submitting entry form, the competitor representing his/her NCA agrees to be bound by *The Racing Rules of Sailing* and by all rules that govern this event.

19. RISK STATEMENT:

RRS 3 states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone." Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore involves an element of risk. By taking part in any of the events covered by this NOR, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

1. They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event whether afloat or ashore.
2. They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions.
3. Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate.

4. The provision of a race management team, patrol boats, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.
5. The provision of rescue boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

20. HOBE SOUND WAIVER FORM:

ALL COMPETITORS AND RACE STAFF MUST SIGN THE WAIVER FORM.



Attachment A - APPLICABLE US SAILING PRESCRIPTIONS

After rule 60.3 add:

US Sailing prescribes that rule 60.3(b) is changed to:

(b) request redress for a boat or call a hearing to consider redress.

Add at the end of rule 61:

61.4 Fees for Protests and Requests for Redress

US Sailing prescribes that no fees shall be charged for protests or requests for redress.

After rule 67 add: US Sailing prescribes that:

- (a) A boat that retires from a race or accepts a penalty does not, by that action alone, admit liability for damages.
- (b) A protest committee shall find facts and make decisions only in compliance with the rules. No protest committee or US Sailing appeal authority shall adjudicate any claim for damages. Such a claim is subject to the jurisdiction of the courts.
- (c) A basic purpose of the rules is to prevent contact between boats. By participating in an event governed by the rules, a boat agrees that responsibility for damages arising from any breach of the rules shall be based on fault as determined by application of the rules, and that she shall not be governed by the legal doctrine of 'assumption of risk' for monetary damages resulting from contact with other boats.

After rule 76.1 add:

US Sailing prescribes that an organizing authority or race committee shall not reject or cancel the entry of a boat or exclude a competitor eligible under the notice of race and sailing instructions for an arbitrary or capricious reason or for reason of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, or age.