



White Bear Yacht Club 2025 Racing Season

White Bear Yacht Club (WBYC) – Sailing Division

May-September 2025

White Bear Lake, Minnesota

Notice of Race (NoR)

1 RULES

- 1.1 The Racing Season (event) is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028* (RRS).
- 1.2 The prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association (US Sailing) will apply. The RRS rule book with US Sailing prescriptions is available here:
<https://www.ussailing.org/competition/rules-officiating/the-racing-rules-of-sailing-2025-2028/> .
- 1.3 The rules and scantlings of the following national sailing associations governing each class apply.
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| Class A: | National Class A Scow Association (NCASA), except as amended by a majority vote of the WBYC Sailing Class A members, one vote per registered boat (see SI 20.4 for class rule exceptions). |
| Class E: | National Class E Scow Association (NCESA) |
| Class MC: | MC Sailing Association (MCSA) |
| Class C: | National C Scow Sailing Association (NCSSA) |
| Class X: | Inland Lakes Yachting Association (ILYA) |
| Class ILCA: | International Laser Class Association (ILCA) (<i>Formerly Laser Class</i>) |
| Class M15: | International Melges 15 Class Association (IM15CA) |
| Class Cat: | Shall conform to their Small Catamaran Handicap Rating System (SCHRS) measurement certificate. See NoR 11 Scoring for details. |
- 1.4 All boats shall display a legible sail number, and if required by their class, a hull number in accordance with their class rules. Classes **Cat**, **MC**, **M15** and **ILCA** will be identified by their builder's number.

- 1.5 Boats in need of a racing number for classes **A**, **E**, **C**, and **X** should contact the WBYC Sailing Registrar for an assignment.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The sailing instructions will be available no later than 2 weeks prior to the first race of the season on the WBYC Sailing website's official notice board (see NoR 3.1).

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The official notice board is located online at <https://wbycsail.org/wp/sailing-instructions/> .
- 3.2 All boats except classes **ILCA** and **M15** should carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on VHF Channel 72 and monitor this channel.
- 3.3 On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors using VHF radio on channel 72.
- 3.4 While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. This includes mobile phones.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 WBYC Sailboat Racing is open to all members of the WBYC (Sailing and Proprietary) who meet these eligibility and entry requirements. The Sailing Program is open to all members of the public. To join the WBYC Sailing Program, please visit: <https://wbycsail.org/wp/apply-to-join/> .
- 4.2 The WBYC Sailboat Racing is open to all boats of the classes **A**, **E**, **C**, **MC**, **X**, **ILCA**, **M15**, and **Catamarans** conforming to their Small Catamaran Handicap Rating System measurement certificate.
- 4.3 Eligible boats may enter by completing the **online entry form** (see NoR 4.4), printing it, signing it, and submitting it together with the **required fees** (see NoR 5.1) and the **waiver form** (see NoR 4.9) by mail to the Registrar at the address listed on the entry form. The registration form must be postmarked by May 4 to avoid a late fee (see the fee table in NoR 5.1). Boats will not be scored until 1 week after their registration is received. New sailing members (not registered in prior years or other WBYC Classes) may register at any time with no late fee or scoring delay.
- 4.4 The online entry form is available at the WBYC Sailing Member website located here: https://wbycsail.org/wp/member_area/ .
- 4.5 To be considered an entry in the WBYC Racing Season, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees. Once registration has been

accepted and logged by the Registrar, properly registered boats will appear in a Roster listing online at: <http://www.wbycsail.org/wp/roster>.

- 4.6 It is the responsibility of a boat’s owner/skipper to visit this web page to verify registration. If your registration does not appear in the Roster seven days after submitting your registration, please contact the Registrar.
- 4.7 All class **E** boats must comply with NCEA membership rules and properly display a valid membership sticker for the current year, or they will not be scored.
- 4.8 Class **ILCA** boats not registered at WBYC must submit proof of registration with an affiliated program to participate in the WBYC **ILCA** series races.
- 4.9 The 2025 RACING SEASON WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY included in NoR Appendix A must be read, completed, signed, and returned with the registration form (see NoR 4.3).

5 FEES

- 5.1 Entry fees including crew and discounts must be submitted with the registration form (see NoR 4.3) and are described online here <https://wbycsail.org/wp/sailing-fees/> and are as follows:

Class	Hull & Skipper	Each Crew	Required Crew	WBYC Sailing School Discount (NoR 5.2)	Youth and New Sailor Discounts (NoR 5.3,5.4)	Late Fee
A	\$540.00	\$110.00	5	N	Y	\$50
C	\$540.00	\$110.00	1	N	Y	\$50
CAT	\$540.00	\$110.00	0	N	Y	\$50
E	\$540.00	\$110.00	2	N	Y	\$50
ILCA	\$100.00	-	0	Y	N	\$50
M15	\$220.00	\$90.00	1	N	N	\$50
MC	\$540.00	\$110.00	0	N	Y	\$50
X	\$250.00	\$50.00	1	Y	N	\$50

- 5.2 Entry fees are waived for class **X** and class **ILCA** who are members of White Bear Sailing School (WBSS) Race Teams for those fleets. These boats must still register for the WBYC Racing Season as required in NoR 4.3.
- 5.3 Hull & Skipper entry fees are reduced by 50% for boats owned by a skipper (or his/her parents) who is under age 25. Additionally, in a boat with a youth skipper, crews under age 25 receive a 50% discount.

5.4 Hull & Skipper entry fees are reduced by 50% for boats owned by skippers 25 years of age or older who have never registered a boat at WBYC. Crews of new skippers who also have never previously registered to race at WBYC also receive a 50% discount. Past participation in WBYC races through the WBSS Race Teams is not considered being registered for the purposes of this discount.

5.5 Other fees:

- 1) A Picture Trophy fee of \$30 will purchase a matted picture of the member's boat sailing during races. Photos are available at the awards banquet at the end of the year but must be ordered in advance on the registration form.
- 2) A Lift Fee of \$840 is required of sailors that wish to keep their boat on a lift along the shoreline of the WBYC property. The lift must be provided by the sailor. Participation in the Lift-In and Lift-Out events is required for sailors with lifts at the WBYC or a \$50 fee will be assessed per event.
- 3) A storage fee of \$200 is required of sailors that wish to keep a class **ILCA** (Laser) along the shoreline of the WBYC property.
- 4) Awards Banquet and other social events may have additional fees.

6 CREW LIMITATIONS

6.1 For class **X** during the Pre-Season and Twilight series, the rules restricting the age of crew are waived. Class **X** skippers may use crew over the age of 16, including adults, during races in these series. New class **X** skippers are strongly encouraged to enlist the help of experienced sailors for coaching. These crew over age 16 should not take the helm while racing.

7 SCHEDULE

7.1 Racing Calendar:

The racing schedule (race dates assigned to specific series and specified makeup dates) as approved by the WBYC Sailing Division Board at the beginning of the year cannot be altered without action by the Board. The final racing schedule will be posted on the WBYC Sailing Division prior to the opening day of registration. The days available for racing during the season will be determined by the Board.

For classes **E**, **Cat**, **C**, **MC**, and **X**, the dates for Pre-Season, Twilight, August, and Post Season series races will be the same for these classes and will be determined by the board. For Championship and Special series races, class representatives will notify the Fleet Manager of race distribution for their fleet among the racing dates chosen by the board, including makeup dates, by Feb 1.

For classes **A**, **ILCA** and **M15**, class representatives will notify the Fleet Manager of the assignment of racing dates to specific series for their fleet among the racing dates chosen by the board, including makeup dates, by Feb 1.

All makeup dates for a specific series will occur after the final regularly scheduled date of that series.

Any changes to race dates or assignment of dates to series must be posted to the WBYC Sailing website at least two weeks before the dates of any of the affected races. All changes to the racing schedule during the racing season will be communicated to the sailing members via email.

7.2 Registration will open in May. The registration deadline is listed in NoR 4.3.

7.3 Dates of racing are listed in the online Racing Calendar located here:
<https://wbycsail.org/wp/calendar/> .

7.4 The scheduled time of the warning signal for each race is listed in the online Racing Calendar. There may be 1 or 2 races per day for each class. Classes **ILCA** and **M15** will sail up to 4 short races per day.

8 VENUE

8.1 Racing may be held anywhere on the navigable waters of White Bear Lake but will generally be located on the large part of the lake and into the bay towards Mahtomedi. Classes **ILCA** and **M15** will generally race in the WBYC bay.


9 COURSES

9.1 The courses to be sailed will generally be Windward/Leeward as detailed in SI Addendum A.

10 PENALTY SYSTEM

10.1 For classes **MC**, **X**, and **Cat**, the Two-Turns (two tacks and two gybes) penalty of RRS 44.1 and 44.2 for breaking a rule of Part 2 will apply.

10.2 For classes **A**, **E**, **ILCA** and **M15**, RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty (one tack and one gybe).

10.3 For class **C**, a boat may accept either a Two-Turns Penalty or a Scoring Penalty of 20% of the number of starters by flying code flag "I"  or a yellow flag across the finish line and reporting her flag to the Race Officer. This changes RRS 44.1 and 44.3.

10.4 Boats completing turns to acknowledge penalties shall report these turns at the finish to the Race Committee.

11 SCORING

11.1 Various scoring systems will be used including RRS A4, High-Point Percentage Scoring, and Handicap Scoring for the August Series. Class **Cat** will be handicapped using the Small Catamaran Handicap Rating System (SCHRS). The

scoring systems and when they are used are described in SI 18 and SI Addendum C.

- 11.2 1 race is required to be completed to constitute a series for scoring purposes. Championship series scoring will be based on 10 scheduled “Champ” series races and will include makeup “Champ (MU)” race dates if 10 “Champ” races have not been completed.

Class **A** Championship series scoring will be based on 14 scheduled races. If fewer than 8 Class **A** Championship series races have been completed, the first two race dates in August will be used as Championship series make up races to bring the series total to 8 races.

- 11.3 SI 18 describes a boat’s series score, excluding worst race scores, and whether RRS A5.3 applies.

12 RISK STATEMENT, WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY

- 12.1 RRS 3 states: ‘The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.’ By participating in the WBYC 2025 Racing Season, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks.

See NoR Appendix A, 2025 RACING SEASON WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY, for more details.

13 PRIZES

- 13.1 Prizes will not be given. For each class and series, winners’ names will be added to the perpetual trophies.

14 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 14.1 For further information, please use the email contact form at <https://wbycsail.org/wp/contact-us/> .

NoR APPENDIX A - 2025 WBYC RACING SEASON WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY

For and in consideration of the White Bear Yacht Club and the White Bear Yacht Club Sailing Division (collectively referred to as the "Organization") allowing me, the undersigned, to participate in any capacity in an Organization sanctioned or approved event or activity ("Activity" or "Activities"), I, for myself, and on behalf of my children, heirs and next of kin, and any legal and personal representatives, executors, administrators, successors, and assigns, hereby agree to and make the following acknowledgements and agreements:

A. RULES AND REGULATIONS: I hereby agree to abide by the rules, regulations, and policies of the Organization, including any and all communicable disease or pandemic related safety measures required by the Organization.

B. ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RISK: I knowingly, willingly, and voluntarily acknowledge the inherent risks associated with the sport of sailing, and that participation in any Organization Activity, including sponsored races or other events, may involve risks and dangers including, without limitation: the potential for serious bodily injury (including broken bones, head or neck injuries); sickness and disease (including communicable diseases such as COVID-19); trauma; pain & suffering; permanent disability; paralysis and death; loss of or damage to personal property; exposure to extreme conditions and circumstances; accidents involving other participants, event staff, volunteers or spectators; contact or collision with other participants or natural or manmade objects; adverse weather conditions; facilities issues and premises conditions; failure of protective equipment; inadequate safety measures; participants of varying skill levels; situations beyond the immediate control of the Activity organizers and competition management; and other undefined, not readily foreseeable and presently unknown risks and dangers (collectively "Risks").

C. ASSUMPTION OF RISK: I understand that the Risks may be caused in whole or in part or result directly or indirectly from my own actions or inactions, the actions or inactions of others participating in the Activities, or the negligent acts or omissions of the Released Parties defined below, and I hereby voluntarily and knowingly assume all such Risks and responsibility for any damages, liabilities, losses, or expenses that I incur as a result of my participation in any such Activity. I also agree to be responsible for any injury or damage caused by me or any agents under my direction and control at any such activity.

D. RELEASE AND INDEMNITY: In consideration of my participation in any such activity, I hereby release from liability and waive any claims against the organizer of the Activity, its licensees, competition managers, promoters, sponsors, advertisers, beneficiaries, venue providers, and supporting organizations, together with the officers, directors, employees, volunteers and contractors of them (the "Released Parties" or "Activity Organizers"), with respect to any liability, claim(s), demand(s), cause(s) of action, damage(s), loss, or expense (including court costs and reasonable attorney fees) of any kind or nature ("Liability") which may arise out of, result from, or relate in any way to my participation in the activity, including claims for Liability caused in whole or in part by the negligent acts or omissions of the Released Parties. Further, I agree to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the Released Parties and Activity Organizers against and from any and all Liability imposed on, incurred by, or asserted against any Released Party or Activity Organizer resulting from, arising out of, in connection with, or relating to my breach of this Agreement.

E. COMPLETE AGREEMENT AND SEVERABILITY: This Agreement represents the complete understanding between the parties regarding these issues and no oral representations, statements or inducements have been made apart from this Agreement. If any provision of this Agreement is held to be unlawful, void, or for any reason unenforceable, then that provision shall be deemed severable from this Agreement and shall not affect the validity and enforceability of any remaining provisions.

I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS DOCUMENT IN ITS ENTIRETY, UNDERSTAND ALL OF ITS TERMS AND CONDITIONS, AND KNOW IT CONTAINS AN ASSUMPTION OF RISK, RELEASE, WAIVER FROM LIABILITY, AND INDEMNIFICATION.

By signing below, I (as the participant or as the Parent/Legal Guardian of the minor identified below) hereby accept and agree to the terms and conditions of this Agreement in connection with my (or the minor's) participation in any Activity.

Participant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Name of Participant: _____

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature (required if participant is under the age of 18): _____

Parent/Legal Guardian Printed Name: _____ Date: _____