



NACRA 15 MIDWINTER'S WEST AND YOUTH WORLD QUALIFIER REGATTA



March 29-31, 2018

Alamitos Bay Yacht Club
Long Beach, California, USA

NOTICE OF RACE

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the NoR means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2. This is a protected competition for the Nacra 15 class (per US Sailing Regulation 12.03). The expedited appeal process is available for this class (see Appendix R, Procedures for Appeals and Requests, rule R8, Expedited Appeals).

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority. World Sailing Regulation 20.9.2 applies. [DP]

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1. The regatta is open to all boats of the Nacra 15 Class sailed by competitors who are individual or family members of the Nacra 15 class at the time of the event.
- 3.2. The regatta is the 2nd regatta in the qualifier series for the World Sailing Youth World Championship 2018.
 - 3.2.1. Competitors (helm & crew) wishing to be selected for Youth Sailing World Championship 2018 must meet the US Sailing and World Sailing eligibility criteria. For more information on how competitors qualify for the US Youth World Team see <http://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/12/YWQ-2018-Selection-Criteria-and-Code-of-Conduct-Dec-7-2017-v2.pdf>
- 3.3. Eligible boats may enter through the event website www.abyc.org
- 3.4. Parent/Guardian Declarations: All helms and crews under 18 years of age during the event shall complete a signed Parent/Guardian Declarations which can be downloaded from the event site. Declaration forms, which must be signed by a Parent/ Guardian, can be handed in at registration or emailed to ABYC.

4. FEES

- 4.1. Entry fee: \$275 USD if paid on or before February 28, 2018, \$375 USD thereafter.
- 4.2. No entries will be accepted after March 28th at 1500
- 4.3. Extra Friday dinners will be available at \$15.00 per person.
- 4.4. If an entry is cancelled by the competitor before March 28th, the entry fee will be refunded, except for an administrative fee of \$10.
- 4.5. Entry fee includes a regatta dinner and refreshments after racing each race day.



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5. SCHEDULE

5.1.

| Registration and Race Office Schedule | |
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| Wednesday 28 th March | From 12:00 to 17:00 |
| Thursday 29 th March | From 09:00 to 12:00, and 15:00-17:00 |
| Friday 30 th March | From 09:00 to 12:00, and 15:00-17:00 |
| Saturday 31 st March | From 09:00 to 12:00, and 15:00-17:00 |

5.2.

| Racing Schedule | |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Thursday 29 th March | Championship series races |
| Friday 30 th March | Championship series races |
| Saturday 31 st March | Championship series races |

5.3. Eleven races are scheduled.

5.4. The scheduled time of the Warning Signal for the first race each day will be 1155.

5.5. On Saturday, March 31st, the first Warning Signal for a race will not be made after 1600.

6. MEASUREMENTS

6.1. Boats may be inspected for compliance at any time during the regatta at the discretion of the Protest Committee, Technical Committee or the Organizing Authority.

6.2. At the discretion of the Organizing Authority, if Nacra 15 Class hardware is not available to replace broken equipment or repair a boat, equivalent substitute equipment may be used as permitted by Nacra 15 Class Rule C1.2(b).

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

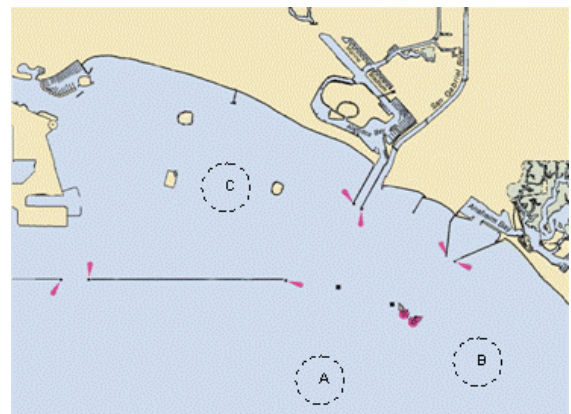
The Sailing Instructions will be available electronically on the regatta website. Printed copies will be posted on the official notice board.

8. VENUE

8.1. The 2018 Nacra 15 Championship will be held at Alamitos Bay Yacht Club, Long Beach, CA 90803 USA

8.2. Racing will take place on the Pacific Ocean off Long Beach

8.3. The approximate location of the racing areas are shown opposite.



9. COURSES

The courses to be sailed will be windward-leeward. The race target time will be 30 minutes.

10. PENALTY SYSTEM

10.1. RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.



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11. SCORING

11.1. Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

11.2. Series Scores:

- a) When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- b) When 5 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst scores.

12. SAFETY

12.1. Each competitor shall wear an USCG approved life jacket that is 100% dependent on foam for flotation and the appropriate size for the sailor, at all times while on the water, except for brief periods while adding or removing clothing. PFDs will be checked at registration and during the event. [DP]

13. SUPPORT BOATS [DP]

- 13.1. All support persons and spectators intending to operate boats on or near the racing area must register with the OA, at which time they shall provide boat registration/documentation and proof of insurance for the boat(s) they plan to use.
- 13.2. Support boats shall display a flag supplied by the organizing authority. A \$20 refundable deposit is to be paid for the flag, which will be refunded upon its return.
- 13.3. All support persons and spectator boats shall provide their own VHF radio and monitor a VHF channel designated by the OA to receive instructions from the OA while and near the racing venue. All boats shall additionally function as Safety Boats and follow instructions of the OA.
- 13.4. Failure to register, failure to monitor the designated VHF channel, or failure to abide by instructions may result in operating restrictions being placed upon the support person, spectator and or use of the boats during the regatta.
- 13.5. Communication between competitors and coaches is not permitted while the competitors are racing. Racing is defined as the display of the Prep Flag until the finish signal of each race.

14. PRIZES

14.1. Prizes will be awarded to the top 5 teams.

15. PROCEDURES FOR PROTECTED COMPETITIONS

15.1. US Sailing Regulation 12.03, Protected Competitions, will be in effect for this event. The following rules and procedures will apply:

- a) The US Sailing prescriptions to rules 60, 63.2, and 63.4 shall apply to a Protected Competition, except that the words "when practicable" in the first sentence of the prescription to rule 63.4 are deleted.
- b) Protest committees shall include 20% "sailor-athlete" representation. "Sailor-athlete" has the meaning of "athlete" set forth in USOC Bylaw, Section 8.8.2 (the 10year rule) or Level A or B Sailor-Athlete as defined by US Sailing Sailor Athlete Council (SAC) Bylaws 3.3.1 and 3.3.2 (except that the US Sailing member class referred to in SAC Bylaw 3.3.2.3 shall be an international class recognized by World Sailing at the time of the sailor-athlete's qualification).
- c) The right of appeal will not be denied under rule 70.5 (a), (b), or (c), but an expedited appeal process may be used that balances the needs of the competitor for certainty with



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respect to berths in future competitions and sufficient time to prepare the arguments and evidence for the appeal.

- d) Any boat that is a party to a redress hearing may be represented by up to two individuals. This changes rule 63.3(a).
- e) If a hearing is scheduled after the event is concluded and after the sailors and officials have left the venue, it will be scheduled as soon as possible, and in a place and manner chosen with deference to the competitor's preferences or circumstances; and parties to the hearing have the right to be present telephonically or via video feed as appropriate, provided all participants can hear and speak to each other.

15.2. The following rule changes shall be made:

- a) Rule 65.2 is changed as follows: "seven days" is changed to "24 hours"; and "promptly" is changed to ", within 24 hours,".
- b) Rule 66 is deleted and replaced by:

Rule 66 REOPENING A HEARING

- i. The protest committee may reopen a hearing when it decides that it may have made a significant error, or when significant new evidence becomes available within a reasonable time. However, if an appeal of its decision has been sent to the national authority, the hearing shall not be reopened unless the national authority requires reopening under rule R5.4 or decides the appeal cannot be considered.
 - ii. A party to the hearing may ask for a reopening no later than 24 hours after being informed of the decision. On the last scheduled day of racing the request shall be delivered (a) within the protest time limit if the requesting *party* was informed of the decision on the previous day; and (b) no later than 30 minutes after the *party* was informed of the decision on that day iii. When a hearing is reopened, a majority of the members of the protest committee shall, if possible, be members of the original protest committee.
- c) Rule 70.2 is deleted.

20.3 EXPEDITED APPEALS PROCEDURE

The expedited appeals system in rule R8, Expedited Appeals, will be used:
<http://www.ussailing.org/race-officials/rules-and-appeals/expedited-appeals/>

16. BERTHING

- 16.1. All competitors shall store their boats on the beach immediately adjacent to the ABYC facility for the duration of the event.
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- 16.2. After each day of racing, all personal belongings shall either be secured within a boat or removed from the beach area; security patrols will be provided for the beach area however the OA assumes no responsibility for any lost or missing items.
[DP]





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17. PARKING AND STORAGE

- 17.1. Due to space limitations, vehicle parking on ABYC grounds is restricted. Off-street parking is available across the street in municipal lots. Participants should obtain vehicle parking passes from the ABYC office. [DP]
- 17.2. The Regatta fee includes launching, recovery, and storage for visiting competing boats from the day prior to the pre-event clinic until the day following the event. If the event ends on a Sunday, this period is extended to the next day the club is open, as ABYC is closed on Monday and Tuesday. [DP]
- 17.3. Visiting competing boats may request extended storage IN ADVANCE by contacting the ABYC office. The cost is \$10.00 per day paid in advance. [DP]
- 17.4. Any boat or trailer found on ABYC property without prior written authorization from ABYC is subject to impound and associated fees.[DP]

18. RIGHTS TO USE NAMES & LIKENESSES

- 18.1. By participating in the Nacra 15 US National Championship a competitor automatically grants to the Organizing Authority and its sponsors and agents the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of him or her relating to the event without compensation.
- 18.2. A drone may be flown to record video and still imagery primarily for the event advertising and promotion.

19. PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES (US Sailing Regulation 10)

10.03 Prohibited Substances

- A. *No participant or competitor shall use or possess, either on or off the water:*
 1. *marijuana or any other substance if possession is illegal under state or federal law; or*
 2. *any alcoholic beverages.*
- B. *An alleged breach of one of these regulations shall not be grounds for a protest. However, when the protest committee believes that a competitor may have breached one of these regulations, it shall follow the process described in the US Sailing Code of Conduct. If a competitor found to have breached one of the elements within the Code of Conduct, they shall be excluded from the remaining races of the series and, where practicable, removed from the regatta venue and sent home. The competitor's boat shall be disqualified from all races of the series.*

20. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

21. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$500,000 per incident or the equivalent.



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22. FURTHER INFORMATION

Additional useful information regarding accommodations, travel, equipment services and area recreation are available at www.abyc.org or contact the ABYC office abyc@abyc.org or +1 562 434 9955.