



2024 Soling North American Championship May 8-12, 2024

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY:
International Soling Class (ISA)
in conjunction with
Severn Sailing Association

Severn Sailing Association
311 First Street
Annapolis, MD 21403

Notice of Race (NoR)

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 (RRS 64.1).

1 **RULES**

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.

1.2 The following US Sailing prescriptions will apply: RRS 61.4, and the prescriptions to rules 60.3, 67, 76.1.[BV1]

a) 61.4 Fees for Protests and Requests for Redress US Sailing prescribes that no fees shall be charged for protests or requests for redress.

b) US Sailing prescribes that rule 60.3(b) is changed to: (b) request redress for a boat or call a hearing to consider redress;

c) After Rule 67add: (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.

d) 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.

- 1.3 The ISA Championship Rules will apply.
- 1.4 Changes to any of the rules applying to the regatta shall be approved and signed by the ISA Liaison Officer appointed to the event.

2 **[DP] ADVERTISING**

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority. If this rule is broken, World Sailing Regulation 20.9.2 applies.

3 **ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 3.1 The regatta is open to all yachts of the International Soling Class as prescribed in Championship Rule 4 – Eligibility.
- 3.2 ISA Membership is required for all crew members. Membership fees will be collected from any crew member failing to present proof of previously paid membership fee.
- 3.3 All yachts shall display the ISA sticker for the current year.
 - a) Eligible boats may enter online at 2024 Soling North Americans: <https://club.severnsailing.org/event/2544>. Participants must complete registration, including measurement check and payment of all fees prior to racing.

4 **CLASSIFICATION**

Sailor classification does not apply.

5 **FEES**

- 5.1 The entry fee will be \$550 USD. If paid by March 6, 2024 the fee shall be discounted to \$450 USD (no other currencies will be accepted). Young Soling Teams whose joint age is under one hundred years on the first scheduled day of racing will receive a 50% discount on the nominal fee. The fee may be paid by VISA, MC, debit card, money order, bank transfer or bank draft. Registration and payment can be completed at the SSA website (severnsailing.org, select “SSA” then “Calendar” and selecting the Soling North Americans event on May 8, 2024).
- 5.2 Registration is completed after payments are received and registration forms are signed at the registration office before 0900 on Thursday May 9. Late check-in by permission of the organizing authority.

6 **QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES**

There will be no qualifying series or final series.

7 **SCHEDULE**

- 7.1 On-site Registration may be accomplished at the Office at Severn Sailing Association (311 First Street, Annapolis, MD 21403) which will be open for registration from 0900 - 1700 on Wednesday May 8th.
- 7.2 Launch:
All boats shall be in the water by 0900 on Thursday May 9th.
- 7.3 Sail inspection and stamping will take place in the club room of the Severn Sailing Association clubhouse on Wednesday May 8th from 1100 – 1900.
- 7.4 Haul out restrictions – Boats shall not be hauled out during the event except with and according to the terms of the prior written permission of the ISA Liaison.[BV2]

7.5 Dates of Racing[BV3] :

<u>Date</u>	<u>Races</u>	<u>Start Time</u>
Wednesday May 8	Measurement/ Check-in	1100-1900
Thursday May 9	Skippers Mtg	0900
Thursday May 9	1-2	1100
Friday May 10	3-4	1100
Saturday May 11	5-6	1100
Sunday May 12	7-8	1000

7.6 There will be no warning signal on the last racing day (May 12) after 1400.

8 **MEASUREMENT**

Sail stamping, sail measurement and safety inspection will be conducted between 1100 and 1900 on Wednesday May 8. Spot measurements shall be made during the regatta at the discretion of the Regatta Chairman.

9 **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Sailing Instructions will be available at registration or will be available online at 2024 Soling North Americans: <https://club.severnsailing.org/event/2544> & <http://na.soling.com>

10 **COMMUNICATION**

10.1 The Official Notice Board will be located at the ground floor level of the SSA Clubhouse in the snack bar seating area directly opposite the Snack Bar service window.

10.2 The organizing authority will organize a WhatsApp Group managed by the OA and the PRO to provide, as a courtesy, on-going updates and Notices throughout the duration of the regatta. All Official Notices will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

11 **VENUE, COURSE AREA**

Racing will be in the waters of Chesapeake Bay, southeast of Annapolis.

12 **THE COURSES**

Standard ISA Championship courses will be used as illustrated in the sailing instructions.

13 **PENALTY SYSTEM**

13.3 In the first sentence of RRS 44.1, delete "Two-Turns" and replace with "One-Turn."

13.4 An International Jury will be appointed in accordance with RRS Appendix N. Their decisions will final and not subject to appeal in accordance with RRS 70.4.

14 **SCORING**

14.3 The Low Points Scoring System of RRS A4 will apply.

14.4 Five (5) races are required to be completed to constitute a valid championship.

14.5 Excluded Scores

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

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

15 **[DP] RADIO COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS**

15.3 Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data.

15.4 If on-board tracking is adopted by the organizing authority, boats are requested to voluntarily carry an on-board a tracking device/smartphone with a specific tracking system installed and running with devices fully charged.

16 **PRIZES**

- Trophies for the top three teams
- North American Championship Trophy
- Samuel V. Merrick (USA) Trophy
- Jack van Dyke Trophy
- Daily First
- Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organizing Authority

17 **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

17.3 RRS 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing 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 inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

17.3.1 They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;

17.3.2 They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;

17.3.3 They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omission;

17.3.4 Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;

17.3.5 The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organizers does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.

16.2 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.

16.3 The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

18 **INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 US Dollars (or equivalent) for other boats per incident for the duration of the regatta.

19 **PHOTO AND VIDEO DISCLAIMER**

By participating in the event, competitors give absolute right and permission for any photograph and video footage taken of themselves or the boat they are sailing during the event to be published in any media whatsoever, for either editorial or advertising purposes or to be used in press information without compensation.

21 **OTHER ACTIVITIES**

Opening ceremonies will begin at 1700 on Wednesday May 8.

There will be an open cash bar on Friday May 10 beginning at 1700 to followed by a buffet banquet beginning at 1900.

Prize giving will occur after racing on Sunday, May 12.

Other social events and activities may be announced at a later date.

22 **FURTHER INFORMATION**

For further general information and boat loans/charters please contact Henry Thomas at (609) 273-3723 or hthomasjr@gmail.com. For housing information, contact Howard Vickery at (203) 293-3144 or hlvickery@gmail.com.