

The **Severn Sailing Association** and the **International Soling Association** have the pleasure to invite you to participate in the:

2026 SOLING NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP

Notice of Race

with AMENDMENTS in Red Posted 9/29/2026

October 1 to 4 at Annapolis, Maryland, USA.

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1.

1. RULES

- 1.1. This ISC is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2. The following documents will apply:
 - The Soling Class Rules (SCR) World Sailing Soling Class Rules
 - ISA Championship Manual (ICM) www.soling.com
 - The Notice of Race (NoR) <https://club.severnsailing.org/event/4086>
 - The Sailing Instructions (SI) <https://club.severnsailing.org/event/4086>
 - Changes to the **NoR and SI shall be posted on the** Event website and official noticeboard
- 1.3. The following RRS are changed: 31, 32, 35, 42.3(c.1), 44.1, ~~62~~, 63.5(c), ~~63.7~~, A4, A5.
 - a) RRS 31 is altered to: "While racing, neither the crew nor any part of a boat's hull shall touch a starting mark before starting, a mark that begins, bounds or ends the leg of the course on which she is sailing, or a finishing mark after finishing. In addition, while racing, a boat shall not touch a race committee vessel that is also a Mark."
 - b) RRS 63.5(c) is changed as follows: When there is a conflict between the NoR and the SI the SI will take precedence.
 - c) RRS 42.3(c1) is changed conform SCR C.9.1 as permitted by RRS 86.1(c).
 - d) Other changes will appear in full in the SI. The SI may also change other racing rules.
- 1.4. The following national prescriptions will apply: **See NoR 26.**
~~RRS 61.4, 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 67 add: (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 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.~~

1.5. If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1. The SI will be available after 1500 on September 30 at race office and on the event website <https://club.severnsailing.org/event/4086>

3. COMMUNICATION

3.1. The official notice board is located:

- a) *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.*
- b) 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.

3.2. [DP] From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day:

- a) 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.
- b) Boats may require carrying, above the floor, a tracking device or smartphone with a specific tracking system installed and running with devices fully charged. If a boat has no access to a suitable device, the OA or ISA will supply a device.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1. The ISC is open to all boats of the International Soling Class.

- a) Boats may enter the ISC by registering online at:
<https://club.severnsailing.org/event/4086>

4.2. To be considered an entry in the ISC, a boat must complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.

4.3 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.

4.4 All yachts shall display the ISA sticker for the current year.

4.5 Late entries will be accepted only with the approval of both ISA and the OA.

4.6 No restrictions on the number of boats apply.

5. FEES

5.1. Entry fees, includes:

€75.- ISA fee , the race schedule and it can include an eventual practice race

Inspection , Craning, Mooring or docking, Parking for trailers and at least one vehicle/car per team as space permits, are as follows:

TYPE OF ENTRY	FEE	CONDITION
Nominal Entry	\$ 575 USD	Registered and fully paid after August 14, 2026
Early Entry	\$ 525 USD	Registered and fully paid before and on August 14, 2026
Young Teams	\$ 287 USD	Registered and fully paid before October 1 st for Soling teams whose combined age is under one hundred years and helmsperson 35 or under, on the first scheduled day of racing.

5.2. 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 October 1, 2026.)

6. CREW LIMITATIONS

6.1. No limitations.

7. ADVERTISING

- 7.1. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA.
 7.2. The OA may provide bibs that competitors are required to wear as permitted by the WS Advertising Code.

8. QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES

8.1. The championship will be a single series.

9. SCHEDULE

9.1. Registration:

DATE	FROM	TILL	FROM	TILL
September 30 th	11:00	13:00	14:00	17:00

9.2. Equipment inspection:

DATE	FROM	TILL	FROM	TILL
September 30th	11:00	18:00		

9.3. Dates of racing:

DATE	Scheduled number of races	Scheduled times
October 1 st	2 races	11:00
October 2 nd	2 races	10:00
October 3 rd	2 races	10:00
October 4 th	2 races	10:00

9.4. Social Events:

DATE	Event	Time
Wednesday September 30 th	Opening Ceremony	17:00
Thursday October 1 st	Oysters, snacks and beer	

Friday October 2nd	Open cash bar & followed by a banquet buffet	17:00
Sunday October 4th	Prize giving and crab soup	After racing

9.5. Two (2) races on any given day of racing during the Championship. However, they may sail three races from the second day on to bring the series back to, or towards, the published number of races.

9.6. Launch: All boats shall be in the water by 0900 on October 1st.

9.7. On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 14:00

9.8. Skippers meeting on October 1st at 09:00.

10. INSPECTION AND MEASUREMENT

10.1. Each boat shall have a valid measurement certificate. (International Soling Class Measurement Form).

10.2. [DP] Boats shall be available for inspection from September 30th

10.3. Boats may be inspected at all times.

10.4. Equipment will be inspected according to ICM and SCR.

10.5. [DP] Boats shall also comply with RRS 78.1 when presented for inspection.

11. CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

11.1. Not applicable.

12. VENUE

12.1. Regatta harbor include:

- a) 311 First Street, Annapolis, Maryland, MD
- b) location of Jury room, inspection area, and race office at the second floor level of the SSA Clubhouse
- c) location of parking, in front of the club house following specific club requirements about the car keys- trailers are near the crane.

12.2. Race area(s) - **NoR Addendum 1** shows the location of the racing areas. Races will be sailed in the Chesapeake Bay, Area A illustrated on the SSA Sailing Instructions and in the addendum.

13. COURSES

13.1. The courses to be sailed will be at the SI.

13.2. The marks that will be used are as stated at the SI.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

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

14.2. An IJ will be appointed provided in RRS 70.5.

15. SCORING

15.1. The Low Point System of Appendix A will be used.

15.2. Eight (8) races are scheduled. Four (4) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

15.3 When:

- a) When five (5) or less races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores.

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

16. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

- 16.1. [DP] Support person vessels shall be marked with <marking identification>.

17. CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS

- 17.1. A chartered or loaned boat may carry national letters or a sail number in contravention of her class rules, provided that the race committee has approved her sail identification before the first race.

18. BERTHING

- 18.1. [DP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while in the harbor.

19. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 19.1. [DP] Boats shall not be hauled out during the ISC except with and according to the terms of the prior written permission of the race committee.

20. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

- 20.1. [DP] Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around boats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the ISC.

21. DATA PROTECTION & IMAGE DISCLAIMER

- 21.1. General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), or its equivalent when the ISC is outside a country of the European Union, will apply.
- 21.2 By participating in this event and signing the LGPD privacy statement on the registration form, I authorize the organizer to use the data requested in the registration form, the photos & video taken during the event, for specific purposes of disclosing results and competition news, in accordance with the General Protection Law Data from the US.

22. RISK STATEMENT

- 22.1. 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 this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia, or other causes.
- 22.2 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;
- 22.3 They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- 22.4 They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omission;
- 22.5 Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to

- participate;
- 22.6 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.
- 22.7 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.
- 22.8 The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly.

23. INSURANCE

- 23.1. Each participating Soling or support person vessel 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.

24. PRIZES

- 24.1. Trophies for the top three teams
- 24.2. North American Championship Trophy
- 24.3 Samuel V. Merrick (USA) Trophy
- 24.4 Jack Van Dyke Trophy
- 24.5 Daily First
- 24.6 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Org. Authority

25. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 25.1. For further general information and boat loans/charters and housing, please contact Henry Thomas at (609) 273-3723 or hhthomasjr@gmail.com.
- 25.2 For information on local attractions see the following links:
visitannapolis.org
navalacademytourism.com
visitmaryland.org
washington.org
cbmm.org (Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum)

26. US Sailing Prescriptions

Add to rule 88.2

US Sailing prescribes that the notice of race or sailing instructions may change or delete any prescriptions **except:**

this prescription,

Appendix R,

the prescription to the **preamble to Part 5,** and

the prescriptions to rules **65.1,**

the prescriptions to rules **70.3(b)** and

the prescriptions to rules **76.1.**

Add to the preamble to Part 5:

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Add to rule 65.1:

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- (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 monetary 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 monetary 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

Add to rule 70.3(b):

US Sailing prescribes that its approval is required. Go to ussailing.org/rules and click the 'No Appeal' link for more information or to obtain approval.

Add to rule 76.1

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. However, an organizing authority or race committee may exclude a competitor who is a citizen of, or holds a World Sailing ID as an MNA member of, a country listed on the US Sailing website under 'Exclusion' at ussailing.org/rules.
