



## NOTICE OF RACE

### 2015 Soling North American Championship

August 27 – 30, 2015

1. Organization: The 2015 Soling North American Championship regatta is organized by Sheridan Shore Yacht Club under the authorization of the US Soling Association. The Regatta will be sailed on the waters of Lake Michigan off Wilmette, Illinois.
2. Rules  
The Regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the rules of the International Soling class, except as any of these are changed by the Sailing Instructions.
3. Regatta Classification: The Regatta will be Category “C”
4. Entry Fee: The entry fee is \$350 USD per boat, fee includes U.S. Soling Association fees, craning, mooring, 2 dinners, 4 breakfasts, refreshments for participants, and prizes.
5. Registration: Preregistrations will be accepted online at [www.yachtscoring.com](http://www.yachtscoring.com). Onsite registration will take place at Sheridan Shore Yacht Club, Wilmette Harbor, Wilmette, Illinois on Wednesday, August 26, 2015 between the hours of 4 pm and 8 pm, and Thursday August 27 between the hours of 8 am and 10 am.
6. Condition of Entry: The Regatta is open to all yachts declared eligible by the USSA or other National Soling Associations. Entry requirements include the registration form with signed waiver, proof of international Soling Association (ISA) membership. Boat measurement and boat weigh-ins will not be conducted, but a check of each boat’s required safety equipment will be performed. The sails permitted for use during the Regatta will be governed by ISA rules and will be limited to 1 mainsail, 2 jibs and 2 spinnakers. Sails to be used during the Regatta will be stamped at registration, and the use of properly stamped sails is subject to verification on the water or upon return to the harbor. Replacing or changing damaged sails during the course of the regatta requires approval in writing from the Chief Judge. Sail measurement and safety equipment checks may be conducted at random throughout the Regatta.
7. Insurance: Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance in the amount of at least \$300,000 US while racing.
8. Schedule of Races: Racing will be held on Thursday, August 27, through Sunday, August 30. The first warning signal each day will be made at 11:00 am, except the first warning signal on Thursday August 27 will be at noon. On Sunday August 30<sup>th</sup> no warning signal will be made

later than 2:00 pm. Seven (7) races are scheduled - 2 races on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, and 1 race on Sunday.

9. Race Course: Races will be conducted on the open waters of Lake Michigan off Wilmette, Illinois. The race course will be the ISA championship course configuration which will be diagramed in the Sailing Instructions.
10. Scoring: The low point scoring system. RRS Appendix A2 Scoring System will apply. Race results will be posted as soon as possible following the last race of each day. Three races will constitute a series. Boats will drop their worst finish once five races are completed.
11. Disclaimer of Liability: The Organizing Authority shall require each competitor to sign a waiver at registration concerning any claim for loss, damage or injury to persons or property occurring in conjunction with the Regatta or on the property of Sheridan Shore Yacht Club and Wilmette Harbor Association. The Organizing Authority, its members, employees, officers and/or agents shall not be responsible for any loss, damage or injury that may occur to person or property whether ashore or at sea as a consequence of the participation of any boat in the Regatta
12. Awards: After the second day on which races are completed, the fleet will be divided into a Blue Fleet and a Red Fleet for scoring purposes only. The top three finishers in each fleet will receive prizes. The North American Championship Trophy will be awarded to the first place finisher overall.
13. Sailing Instructions: Sailing Instructions will be available at registration on the dates and times noted above.
14. Competitors' Informational Meeting: An informational meeting for the competitors will be held at 9:00 a.m. Thursday August 27 on the lower deck of Sheridan Shore Yacht Club.
15. Launching: All boats and trailers must be launched and stored from the dry sail area on the south side of Wilmette Harbor. Depending on the number of participants, boats may be required to stay in the water overnight. Specific instructions on launching will be provided at registration.
16. Vehicle Parking: Vehicles may be parked on the streets adjacent to Sheridan Shore Yacht Club with additional information to be provided by regatta organizers.
17. Social Events: Registration fees include social events for participants which will be outlined in

more detail within the registration package and posted on the soling.com website.

**Regatta Chairman:**

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**Housing Coordinator:**

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**Lodging** – The Organizing Authority will attempt to arrange lodging in the homes of local sailors and other members of Sheridan Shore Yacht Club for those competitors requesting it. Please contact the housing coordinator with lodging requests.

In addition, the following hotels and motels are located within an approximate 5 mile radius of Wilmette Harbor:

The Margarita European Inn  
1566 Oak Ave.  
Evanston, IL  
800-230-4134

Residence Inn – Wilmette  
3205 Old Glenview Road,  
Wilmette, IL  
866-599-6674

Extended Stay America  
5211 Old Orchard Road  
Skokie, IL  
800-997-5148

The Homestead  
1625 Hinman Avenue  
Evanston, Illinois  
847-475-3300

Double Tree Inn  
9599 Skokie Blvd  
Skokie, IL  
800-230-4134

Best Western University Plaza  
1501 Sherman Avenue  
Evanston, Illinois  
800-997-5149

Hilton Orrington Hotel  
1710 Orrington Avenue  
Evanston, Illinois  
800-997-5148

Hilton Garden Inn  
1818 Maple  
Evanston, IL  
800-997-5149

Hampton Inn  
5201 Old Orchard Road  
Skokie, Illinois  
800-997-5149