



Noroton Yacht Club



2019 JY15 North American Championships

September 21-22, 2019

Hosted by the JYCA, Noroton Yacht Club and JY15 Noroton Fleet

23 Baywater Drive, Darien, CT 06820

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020* (RRS), the prescriptions of US Sailing and the rules of the JY15 class, except as any of these are changed by these sailing instructions.

2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRIES

The person designated as crew in the registration may helm one or more races so long as he or she is specified in the registration or with the permission of the race committee. Competitors may enter the regatta and pay fees through the following link at YachtScoring:

<https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=9598>

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official JY15 Fleet notice board located in the regatta room at Noroton Yacht Club.

4 CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Subject to the next sentence, any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the JY15 Fleet notice board. Changes may also be made verbally on the water.

RRS 44.1 is changed to specify a One Turn Penalty rather than a Two Turn Penalty to exonerate a boat from a Part 2 Rule infraction.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed at the Noroton Flag Pole and/or race committee boat at dock. If a postponement is signaled ashore, the warning signal will be made not less than 30 min after flag AP is lowered.

6 RACING AREA

The racing area will be set up in Long Island Sound south of Noroton Harbor.

7 SCHEDULE OF RACES

Schedule of Events				
Day	Date	Time	Event	
Friday	20-Sep	1200-1900	Optional boat arrival and set up	
Saturday	21-Sep	0800	Check in and waiver signing. Coffee and muffins.	
		0930	Skipper meeting	
		1100	Warning Gun	
		1730	Cocktails, dinner and racing commentary at NYC Clubhouse	
Sunday	22-Sep	1000	Warning Gun	
		1600	Latest start of last race	
		Approx 1700	Awards at BYC Clubhouse	

There is no maximum number of races, although the Race Committee will attempt to run at least 10 races. A minimum of one leg of one race must be completed to constitute a regatta.

8 COURSES and MARKS

The courses will be windward-leeward [WL], triangle [T] and/or triangle-windward-leeward [MO]. The course for any given race will be designated by letters on the Race Committee boat. If the numeral 2 is added the course will be sailed twice around. The windward, reach and leeward marks will be large inflated tetrahedrons. There will be no windward offset mark and no leeward gate. Marks are to be left to port. The starting and finish line will be approximately midway between the leeward and windward marks. The starting/finish line is open during the race.

9 STARTING SYSTEM

Races will be started by using the 3 minute sound sequence under Appendix S of the US Sailing prescriptions to the RRS. The Race Committee may use the "I" flag, "U" flag or "Black" flag. The Race Committee may attempt to hail OCS boats but failure to do so or not hearing said hail is in no way grounds for redress.

Stand off marks may be set adjacent to the committee boat and are considered part of the committee boat.

A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS rules A4 and A5.

10 SCORING

Scoring will be in accordance with the low point system of RRS Appendix A. If six (6) or more races are completed, each boat's worst finish will be discarded. This changes RRS A2.

11 TIME LIMIT

Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat finishes will be scored Did Not Finish. The Race Committee may finish a boat in place at its discretion.

12 CHANGE OF THE COURSE

A change of the course will be signaled in accordance with RRS33. The new mark will be a Tetrahedron of a different color than the original mark. Any mark rounded after rounding the new mark may be relocated to maintain the original course configuration. If a subsequent change of course is required in the same race, the mark will be replaced with the original mark.

13 PROTESTS & REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

Competitors intending to protest shall inform the Race Committee immediately after finishing. Boats should sail to the non-course side of the committee boat to report the protest. Boats unable to finish but wishing to protest should notify the Race Committee via committee representatives either on the water or on shore. Protests and requests for redress shall be delivered in writing using forms available from the Race Committee or the registration desk. Completed protest forms must be submitted to the Race Committee representative stationed at the registration desk within one hour after the race committee boat docks after completion of the day's racing. The time the race committee boat docks, the resulting protest time limit and a list of protests received will be posted on the Official Notice Board. Protests will be heard in the approximate order received as soon as possible after racing each day as directed by the Race Committee.

14 SAFETY & CHECK-IN

Skippers and crew are required to wear personal flotation devices at all times while racing, except temporarily while changing clothes. Failure to do so subjects the competitor to protest by the Race Committee.

A competitor who withdraws from a race or intends to not start a race shall inform the nearest Safety or Race Committee boat as soon as possible. If unable to notify the Race Committee on the water, such competitor must notify a Race Committee representative on shore promptly upon reaching the shore.

All boats must display legible sail numbers.

Competitors are required to check in with the race committee before the warning signal of the first race each day by sailing past the stern of the committee on starboard tack and hailing their number and hearing a response from the committee. Competitors are required to check in again upon returning to the course after going ashore for any reason. ***Failure to check-in will result in disqualification (DSQ) for the first race of the given day.***

15 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee member or class measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection. Each boat must display a sail number in accordance with JYCA rules.

16 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS rule 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.