

49er and 49erFX

North American Championships

Bristol, RI, USA

The Organising Authority is the North American 49er Class in conjunction with the International 49er Class Association

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 RRS Appendix P, *Special Procedures for Rule 42*, will apply.
- 1.3 The Class Rules will apply except for any that are altered by the Notice of Race. The Class Race Management Guidelines will also apply, but a failure to follow these Guidelines is not on its own grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 1.4 Any previous or penultimate class legal version of equipment may be used. This includes sail numbers and formats.
- 1.5 No National Prescriptions will apply.
- 1.6 This is a World Sailing 100 point ranking event
- 1.7 There will be special Covid-19 rules. At the moment of publishing this NOR it is not clear what rules we have to follow. These special Covid-19 rules will be published three weeks before the start of the event. The rules may include the need for testing competitors on arrival, testing on site, daily temperature measurement and the need to wear masks. Please also see NOR 21.1.

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority.
- 2.2 For 49er and 49erFX - the bottom two panels of the jib area shall be restricted to Class and Event advertising and all competitors shall place class nominated branding on their jibs according to the World Sailing approved 49er Class jib advertising policy.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 Competitors shall comply with World Sailing Eligibility Code (Regulation 19).
- 3.2 For the 49er gender is open. For the FX gender is open.
- 3.3 All competitors shall be fully paid-up members of the International 49er Class Association.
- 3.4 Entry and payment should be received by the Organising Authority no later than 24th June 2021 and will only be accepted after this date at the discretion of the OA
- 3.5 Competitors can enter and pay by visiting;
<https://29erusa.ourclubadmin.com/mini-event.php?event=79>

4. FEES**4.1 Entry Fees**

For 49er and 49erFX: standard entry fee USD \$ 185.00

4.2 Coach boat entry fee: USD \$ 40, plus USD \$ 25 per coach or supporter.**4.3 In the event that the championships are cancelled due to Covid-19 rules, 80% of the fee will be refunded.****5. FORMAT OF RACING.****5.1 The Championships will consist of a single Championship Series.****6. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

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| 6.1 Thursday 24 June | 0900 | Venue opens |
| | 0900 - 1800 | Registration |
| Friday 25 June | 0830 - 1000 | Registration |
| | 1000 | Competitors Briefing |
| | 1200 | First Warning Signal |
| Saturday 26 June | 0900 | Competitors Briefing |
| | 1100 | Championship Series Races |
| Sunday 27 June | 0900 | Competitors Briefing |
| | 1100 | Championship Series Races |
| | 1400 | Last Warning Possible |
| Prize Giving and Closing Ceremony | | as soon as possible after Racing |

7. MEASUREMENT**7.1 Any boat may be inspected for class rules compliance prior to or during racing.****7.2 For 49er and 49erFX, only one set of sails and one forestay shall be used throughout the duration of the Championship.****7.3 Equipment shall only be replaced with permission of the OA.****8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

The Sailing Instructions will be available on the website prior to registration.

9. VENUE

The 2021 49er and 49erFX North American Championships will be held at the Roger Williams University Sailing Center
1 Old Ferry Road, Bristol, Rhode Island.;

The sailing area is Mt. Hope Bay.

49er & 49erFX boats shall be kept in the designated areas of the Roger Williams Sailing Center and adjacent grounds

Trailers and other equipment is/are permitted at Roger Williams for the period 6/24-6/27 in association with this event. To arrange boat storage outside of the event period, Contact the Race Office

10. THE COURSES

Courses will be windward/leeward with a gate at the leeward end of the course.

11. PENALTY SYSTEM

RRS 44.1 and RRS P2.1 are changed so that the Two-Turns penalty is replaced by a One-Turn penalty.

12. SCORING

12.1 The Low Points Scoring System of RRS Appendix A will apply to the Series

12.2 At least 1 race is required to be completed to constitute the Championship.

13. SAFETY

In the event of an emergency the meeting point for safety personnel and the dropping off point for safety boats coming from the racing area will be at the main launch ramp. This meeting point will be where an ambulance will be waiting when required. The location of the Emergency Meeting Point will be designated in the SIs.

14. SUPPORT VESSELS

14.1 Support vessels shall be registered with the Organising Authority and will be required to comply with local legislation and the [Class Support Vessel Regulations](#) which can be viewed on the Class website. Team leaders/coaches shall register at <https://29erusa.ourclubadmin.com/mini-event.php?event=79> and complete on-site registration at the race office at the venue.

14.2 All support vessels shall clearly display the 3 letter national code of their WS Member National Authority at all times while afloat. The minimum height for the letters shall be 200mm.

14.3 If called upon support vessels will be required to act as rescue boats.

15. INTERNATIONAL JURY

An International Jury will be appointed in accordance with RRS 91(b). Its decisions will be final as provided in RRS 70.5. Hearings may be conducted using video links.

16. PRIZES

Prizes for the Championships will be announced and awarded at the end of Racing for the first three places overall.

The winners will receive perpetual trophies:

- 49er – The Trevor Moore Memorial Cup
- 49erFX – The Frank Bethwaite Cup

17. RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency a boat shall neither make nor receive radio transmissions, text messages or cellular phone calls while racing.

18. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall have valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of at least USD \$ 1,000,000 (or equivalent) per incident.

19. RISK STATEMENT

RRS 3 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:

- a) 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;
- b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omission;
- d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
- g) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the event and to attend any competitor briefing held for this event.

20. MEDIA RIGHTS, CAMERAS AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

20.1 Where consent for imagery has been given by a competitor participating in the Championship, competitors grant to the Organising Authority, the International 49er and the Nacra 17 Class Associations and their sponsors, the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time at their discretion, any motion pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of the athlete during the period of competition without compensation.

20.2 Boats may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment or positioning equipment as specified by the Organising Authority.

20.3 Competitors may be required for interviews and press conferences at the Championship.

21. COVID PANDEMIC

21.1 The OA reserves the right to make any such modifications to this notice as it, in its sole discretion, deems necessary to preserve the health of competitors, support personnel, spectators, race officials, and other volunteers at the event, and to comply with current state and local guidelines governing response to the COVID pandemic

22. FURTHER INFORMATION

For more information, please contact Regatta Chairman Richard Feeny at
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ATTACHMENT A - RACING AREA