

49er and 49erFX

North American Championships

24 - 27 June, 2021

Bristol, RI, USA

**The Organising Authority is Bristol Yacht Club,
in conjunction with the North American 49er Class and 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 Any previous or penultimate class legal version of equipment may be used. This includes sail numbers and formats.
- 1.3 No National Prescriptions will apply.
- 1.4 This is a World Sailing 100 point ranking event.

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. ENTRY FEES

- 4.1 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 fees will be refunded. All fees will be payable at:
<https://29erusa.ourclubadmin.com/mini-event.php?event=79>

5. FORMAT OF RACING.

- 5.1 The Championships will consist of a single Championship Series.

6. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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, during, or after 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
<https://29erusa.ourclubadmin.com/event.php?event=79>) prior to registration.

9. VENUE

- 9.1 The 2021 49er and 49erFX North American Championships will be held at:
 Roger Williams University Sailing Center
 1 Old Ferry Road, Bristol, Rhode Island.;
- 9.2 The sailing area is Mt. Hope Bay.
- 9.3 49er & 49erFX boats shall be kept in the designated areas of the Roger Williams Sailing Center and adjacent grounds

9.4 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 monitor VHF channel 72 and 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. 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

16. COMMUNICATIONS

16.1 Signals made ashore will be flown from the Roger Williams Sailing Center flagpole.

16.2 When AP is displayed ashore, racing will begin not less than 45 minutes after it is removed. This changes RRS "Race Signals".

16.3 The official notice board for the event is on the event website.

16.4 While *racing*, except in an emergency a boat shall neither make nor receive any voice or data transmission not available to all competitors.

16.5 The race committee may broadcast information to coaches on VHF channel 72.

17. 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.

18. RISK STATEMENT

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves a significant element of risk. Competitors' attention is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 3, which states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue *racing* is hers alone."

19. MEDIA RIGHTS, CAMERAS AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

- 19.1 Competitors grant to the Organising Authority, the International 49er 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.
- 19.2 Boats may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment or positioning equipment as specified by the Organising Authority.
- 19.3 Competitors may be required for interviews and press conferences at the Championship.

20. COVID PANDEMIC

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.

21. FURTHER INFORMATION

For more information, please contact Regatta Chairman Richard Feeny at Richard.feeny@gmail.com.

ATTACHMENT A - RACING AREA

ATTACHMENT B - EMERGENCY MEETING POINT