

2026 IOM AMYA Region 3 Championship Regatta

NOTICE OF RACE

April 11-12, 2026

Columbia Sailing Club

1. RULES AND GOVERNANCE:

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028 (RRS) as changed by Appendix , the current applicable Heat Management System (HMS)
- 1.2 No US Sailing Prescriptions apply except Appendix R and prescriptions to rules 60.3, 61.3, 67, 70.5(a), 76.1.

2. CHANGE TO RULE:

- 2.1 90.3(e) Replace "24 hours" with "5 minutes".

3. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION:

- 3.1 All boats may be checked by the technical committee prior to racing in this event.
- 3.2 All Equipment may be inspected by technical committee before racing this event.
- 3.3 The Race Committee may extend the time for registration and inspection if there is a valid reason to do so.
- 3.4 No boat shall be eligible to race until it has been registered.
- 3.5 At the discretion of the PRO, checks of randomly selected boats to ensure that they comply with class rules may be conducted during the event.

4. FREQUENCIES:

- 4.1 No frequency conflicts will be allowed.
- 4.2 Permitted frequency bands are FCC-approved surface bands. Transmitters on 75 MHz must be narrow band certified. Radio frequencies will be allocated on a "first come first served" basis. Each competitor is required to have a minimum of three (3) additional frequencies available.
- 4.3 2.4 GHZ radios are permitted and are exempt from rule E2.4 in the RRS.

5. RISK STATEMENT:

- 5.0 RRS 3 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 involves an element of risk. By taking part in any of the events covered by this NOR, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:
 - 5.1 They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event whether afloat or ashore.

- 5.2 They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions.
- 5.3 Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate.
- 5.4 The provision of a race management team, patrol boats, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.
- 5.5 The provision of rescue boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

6. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY:

- 6.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the IOM class with valid certificate.
- 6.2 Competitors must be in good standing with their NCA. For USA NCA members, AMYA membership is required for this event.
- 6.3 Each competitor shall show proof of current AMYA or their National Authority membership or pay the AMYA annual fee of \$50.00 at our regatta check in.
- 6.4 If any of the above are not available at the event, but a competitor claims that they exist, the competitor shall sign a declaration to that effect and send a copy of the missing document to the Race Committee within seven days of the end of the event.

7. REGISTRATION AND FEES:

- 7.1 The event fee is \$95.00 per boat. Guests are welcome at \$30.00 per guest.
- 7.2 The fee includes beverages (FRIDAY-Sunday), Lunches (SAT/SUN) Hot Breakfast (Sat/Sun) Meet and greet/dinner Saturday night
- 7.3 Entry form, fees and 2026 pond waiver must be submitted no later than April 11,2026.
- 7.4 PayPal Registration via (friends and family) is preferred: TBD

8. VENUE: Columbia Sailing Club 292 Shuler Rd Columbia, SC 29212

9. SCHEDULE:

April 10 Friday

- 1200-1700: Check-in, Equipment inspection, AMYA Certification Check, Open Water
- 1800: Dinner get together at local restaurant. TBD.

April 11 Saturday

- 0800-0900 Late check in/open water
- 0915 Skippers meeting
- 0930 First Warning Signal
- 1700 Final Warning Signal
- 1730-2000 Meet and greet with junior sailors and CSC Members/Dinner

April 12 Sunday

- 0900-0930 Open Water
- 0930 First Warning Signal
- 1500 Final Warning Signal

10. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS: The Sailing Instructions will be available for download at www.iomusa.org.

11. SCORING AND RACING SYSTEM:

11.1 The Regatta shall be raced and scored under the current Heat Management System (HMS).

11.2 Five races are required to be completed to constitute the Regatta.

11.3 Boats finishing in an incorrect heat will not be allowed to sail in their assigned heat for that race and will be scored DNS for their correct heat.

12. RACE STAFF:

- Regatta Chairman: Will Van Cleef
- Principal Race Officer: TBD
- Technical Chairman: Steve Landeau
- Protest Chairman: TBD
- Scoring: TBD
- Registration: TBD

13. PERSONAL SAIL NUMBERS:

Personal Sail Numbers will take precedence if numbering conflicts arise until 30 days prior to the skipper's meeting.

14. AWARDS:

Top 5 finishers

15. ACCOMODATIONS:

Hotels and Airbnb's have many choices. Please search Irmo and Lexington as well as Columbia. Please keep in mind this is the same weekend as the Masters in August. Lots of people stay in Columbia and commute to Augusta.

16. CONDUCT: The PRO, all race officials and observers have been directed to record any incidents which will be dealt with to the full extent available to the Protest Committee. Penalties available to the Protest Committee include exclusion from the race in question or subsequent races, exclusion from the regatta, or other action within the Committee's jurisdiction.

17. MEDIA RIGHTS: Competitors, owners of the boats and their guests are giving all rights for using pictures and videos of persons and boats during the regatta in medias, including commercials, press materials and all other promoting activities and press releases, unless it is notified by writing before submitting entry.

18. RIGHTS to APPEAL: Denial of the right of appeal, subject to rule 70

19. COMPETITORS WITH DISABILITY:

Competitors that require any form of help or special requirements should, prior to entry, get in touch with the Regatta Chairman to check if the club is able to help with the provision of any such special requirements. The onus is on the competitor to establish whether the available facilities are adequate before deciding to enter the event.

20. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY:

All those entering or taking part in this regatta do so at their own risk and responsibility. AMYA, USA IOM NCA, US Sailing Federation, Regatta Staff and any other parties involved in the organization of this event disclaim any and all responsibility whatsoever for loss, damage, injury or inconvenience that might occur to persons and goods, both ashore and on the water because of entering or participating in the event covered by this Notice of Race. At all times the responsibility for the safety of their boat and themselves including the decision to participate or continue shall rest with the competitors. By entering this event, it is deemed that you accept these conditions. Competitors are advised to ensure that they have adequate insurance that provides coverage for public liability and their possible injury in the Country and County of this event.