



2026 NCASA Annual Championship

Organizing Authority – National Class A Scow Association Thursday,
June 25, 2026 – Sunday, June 28, 2026

Headquarters
Torch Lake Yacht & Country Club
10280 Larson Rd, Bellaire, MI 49615

Notice of Race

(2026-04-01)

Preamble –

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a protest by a boat or request for redress from a boat related to that rule is invalid. This changes RRS 60.4 and 61.3 as stated in NOR 1.4.3 & 1.4.4.

The notation [DP] in a rule means that the penalty for a breach of the rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be more or less than a single disqualification.

1 Rules

1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

1.2 [DP] NCASA Bylaws, Policies, and Support Person Rules, available at <https://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu/50671> after June 1, 2026, shall apply.

1.3 [DP] The Class Rules can be found online at <https://www.ascow.org/documents/>.

1.4 In addition to other rules changed in this document, the following racing rules are changed:

1.4.1 RRS 35 adds: If a finishing window is described in the Sailing Instructions boats not finishing within the finishing window will be scored by the Race Committee as TLE. TLE will be two points more than the points for the last boat that sailed the course and finished prior to the finishing window closing. This changes RRS 35.

1.4.2 RRS 41 adds: "(e) help to recover from the water and return on board a crew member, provided the return on board is at the approximate location of the recovery." This changes RRS 41.

1.4.3 60.4(a)(4) is added: If it alleges a breach of a rule with the notation [NP].

1.4.4 RRS 61.3 adds "or cites as the reason a rule with the notation [NP].

1.5 This Notice of Race may be updated and posted on the event's website. The version date will be updated when changes are made and posted.

1.6 RaceSense

1.6.1 Vakaros RaceSense will be used for this event. This changes RRS 41. Additional rule changes will be in the Sailing Instructions for using RaceSense.

1.6.2 Each boat shall have a Vakaros Atlas 2 or Edge device configured for RaceSense at check-in, mounted on the aft side of the mast at all times while racing. Each boat must

either provide a working Atlas 2 or Edge at check-in for RaceSense configuration or rent one. IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A VAKAROS ATLAS 2 or EDGE, you must contact NCASA Executive Director, Todd Haines (v115@mailbag.com), no later than June 12, 2026, to make arrangements for a rental Atlas 2.

1.6.3 RaceSense information is available to all boats.

1.6.4 All teams must have an active RaceSense Pass. (See NoR 5 - Fees for contact, rental units include a RaceSense Pass)

1.7 The Sailing Instructions may change additional *Rules*.

1.8 US Sailing prescription to RRS 63.1 and 81 will not apply.

2 Sailing Instructions

2.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available after June 12, 2026, at

<https://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu/50671>

3 Communication

3.1 The official notice board is located at <https://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu/50671>

3.2 In addition to official notice board posts, text messages and/or emails may be sent to the phone number and/or email address listed during entry. If such a message is sent to an individual under the age of 18, the communication will be simultaneously sent to the designated adult's information on file. Failure to receive these messages shall not be grounds for redress.

3.3 [DP] All Boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on the US public VHF channels.

3.4 [DP] While Racing, except in an emergency, a boat or support person shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not medically necessary or available to all boats.

3.5 Before racing and while afloat, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on the VHF radio. The race committee will communicate with competitors on VHF 74

3.6 Amendments to This Notice: The Organizing Authority may amend this notice. Amendments will be posted on the Official Notice Board located at <https://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu/50671>

4 Eligibility and Entry

4.1 The event is open to boats of the A Scow Class whose helmsperson (subject to the limitations in NOR 6.2) is a member in good standing of the NCASA.

4.2 The event is open to all Class A Scow boats that comply with NCASA class rules.

4.3 Eligible boats may enter the event by registering online at

<https://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu/50671>

4.4 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements, pay all fees, and complete onsite check-in.

4.5 Late entries will be accepted with payment of all required late fees.

5 Fees

5.1 Entry fees are as follows:

Entry Fee Until June 1, 2026	Entry fee after June 1, 2026 and until onsite registration	Entry fee onsite
\$ 550	\$ 650	\$ 750

5.2 Other fees

5.2.1 [NP] Meals and soft goods will be available for purchase upon online registration—late social tickets may not be available. All Social fees should be paid w/ registration.

5.2.2 For RaceSense Passes please see: www.vakaros.com/pages/passes

5.2.3 IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A VAKAROS ATLAS 2 or EDGE, you must contact NCASA Executive Director, Todd Haines (v115@mailbag.com), no later than June 12, 2025, to make arrangements for a rental Atlas 2.

6 Crew Limitations

6.1 The following crew limitations apply:

6.1.1 [NP] There will be no boats provided by the Organizing Authority or Host for crew changes.

6.2 Except in an emergency or for brief periods, the helmsperson shall be a member in good standing of the NCASA.

7 Advertising

7.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

8 Qualifying Series and Final Series

There will be no qualifying series for this event.

9 Schedule

9.1 Online registration begins with the release of this NOR

9.2 Onsite registration: Thursday, June 25, 2026 1500 - 2000

Check-In and On-site Registration: Torch Lake Yacht Club

9.2 Dates of racing:

Racing Begins	Racing Ends
Friday, June 26, 2026	Sunday, June 28, 2026

9.4 Number of races

Scheduled Number of Races	Maximum Races in a Day
6	3

9.4.1 Two races per day are planned. Per fleet guidance, if conditions are ideal, and in consultation with and permission from the Organizing Authority, three races may be run on a race day.

9.5 [NP] Failure for a race to meet the target time shall not be grounds for a request for redress.

9.6 The competitors' briefing will be:

VHF Channel	Date/Time
74	0930 Friday, June 26, 2026

9.7 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race is

Time	Date
1100	Friday, June 26, 2026

9.8 On subsequent days, the warning signal may be earlier.

9.9 The Sailing Instructions will define the process for the publication of the subsequent race schedule.

9.10 If three (3) races have been completed on the last scheduled day of racing, no warning signal will be made after 1200. If fewer than 3 races have been completed, no warning signal will be made after 1300.

10 Equipment Inspection

10.1 Each boat shall have a valid weight certification sticker representing the boat's current weight, which is in the front of the cockpit under the mast. Any request for re-weighing must be made in advance, in accordance with NCASA policy.

10.2 Boats may be inspected at any time.

11 Clothing and Equipment

This section is not used for this event.

12 Venue

12.1 The venue ashore will be Torch Lake Yacht Club

12.2 The racing venue will be the navigable waters of Torch Lake.

13 Courses

11.1 The courses to be sailed will be a Windward/Leeward with offset and gate as described in the Sailing Instructions.

14 Penalty System

14.1 Appendix T applies as changed below:

14.1.1 RRS T1(b) is changed as follows: "A Post-Race Penalty is a 30% Scoring Penalty or 50% of the points between a boat's finishing position and the number of entries, whichever is less, calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c). However, Rule 44.1(a) applies.

14.2 Appendix V2 applies as changed below:

14.2.1 RRS V2(b) is changed as follows: "A Post-Race Penalty is a 30% Scoring Penalty or 50% of the points between a boat's finishing position and the number of entries, whichever is less, calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c). However, Rule 44.1(a) applies.

15 Scoring

15.1 The following races are required to constitute a series:

Class	Races Required
A Scow	1

15.2 When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race

scores. When six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. This changes RRS A2.1.

16 Support Person Vessels

16.1 [DP][NP] Support boat launching will be permitted but in a restricted fashion—their launch window will be before 2 hrs. in advance of the posted first warning of the day. Competitor launch will take priority, and support boat launching can continue after all competitors.

17 Chartered or Loaned Boats

There will be no charter or loaned boats available from the organizing authority.

18 Berthing

18.1 [DP][NP] Boats shall be kept at a mooring of their choosing (Note- the mooring needs to be w/in 200 ft of the shoreline). Please supply your own anchor, tackle, and buoy.

18.2 While dry-sailing and overnight on-shore parking will be available, please note that space will be very tight and therefore limited. If you have alternative mooring or parking options, it is strongly encouraged that you utilize them to help reduce congestion and accommodate all participants.

19 Haul-Out Restrictions

There are no haul-out restrictions for this event.

20 Diving Equipment and Plastic Pools

This section is not used for this event.

21 Data Protection

This section is not used for this event.

22 Risk Statement

22.1 Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and, therefore, inherently involves an element of risk. Competitors and support persons participate in the event entirely at their own risk. RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or continue racing is hers alone.' By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

22.1.1 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. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia, or other causes.**

22.1.2 They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat, and their other property while afloat or ashore;

22.1.3 They accept responsibility for any injury, damage, or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;

22.1.4 By participating in any race, they are satisfied that their boat is in good order, complies with the class rules, is equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate.

22.1.5 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.

22.1.6 The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

22.1.7 It is their responsibility to familiarize themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this

event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for that venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.

23 Insurance

23.1 [NP][DP]Each participating boat shall be insured with adequate, valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 per incident.

24 Prizes

24.1 Prizes will be given as follows:

24.1.1 The top 5 finishers.

24.1.2 All perpetual trophies will be awarded as directed by the NCASA

25 Further information

25.1 For further information, contact NCASA Executive Director, Todd Haines-414-881-4119 or trhaines115@gmail.com.

Addendum A - Racing Area



(End of Notice of Race)



NCASA Champs 2026 Torch Lake Additional Information

Torch Lake Yacht Club Housing/Accommodations

1) **Shanty Creek Resort** - Hotel and Conference Center; Condos/Homes 15-20 minutes from TLYCC. On site dining. Free shuttles to Bellaire (drop off near Short's Brew Pub)

www.shantycreek.com 1-866-695-5010

2) **Local Motels/Inns/B&Bs:**

- Spillway Lodges (Bellaire-NEW): <https://www.spillwaylodges.com/>
- Stonewaters Inn (Bellaire) www.stonewatersinn.com 231-533-6131
- Grand Victorian B&B (Bellaire) www.grandvictorian.com 231-533-6111
- The Park Street Inn (Bellaire) <https://www.theparkstreetinn.com/> 231-533-6077
- Applesauce Inn B&B: (Bellaire) www.applesauceinn.com 231-533-6448
- Blue Pelican Inn (Central Lake) www.thebluepelican.com 231-544-2583
- TorchLake B&B (North end): www.torchlakebb.com 231-599-3400
- Inn at Torch Lake (Alden) www.inn-at-torchlake.com 231-645-1251

3) **VRBO/AirB&B search suggestion:** Bellaire, Central Lake, Alden

4) **Camping:** Camping is not permitted at the TLYCC. Campgrounds nearby include -
Barnes Park -Eastport -on the shores of Lake Michigan.

First come first serve 231-645-1251

Chain-O-Lakes- Bellaire - 231-533-8432

Questions? Contact Mary Johanson: Email: coachmaryjohanson@gmail.com Phone/text:
734-660-4442



NCASA Champs 2026 Torch Lake Additional Information

Competitor A Scows and Support Boats

Competitor A Scows will be permitted to launch at the Torch Lake Yacht Club Regatta Headquarters site. Please note that the launch area consists of a single ramp with limited turnaround space, so only A Scows will be allowed to launch here.

While dry-sailing and overnight on-shore parking will be available, please note that space will be very tight and therefore limited. If you have alternative mooring or parking options, it is strongly encouraged that you utilize them to help reduce congestion and accommodate all participants.

Support boat launching will be restricted at the Torch Lake Yacht Club Regatta Headquarters site. The launch site is a single ramp, with very little space available other than for turnaround, leaving only room for Competitor A Scows. You will be allowed to launch support boats before and up to 2 hours in advance of the posted race time. Alternatively, it is suggested you launch support boats from one of these public ramps:

- DNR Public Access Ramp at Torch Lake, located off East Torch Lake Drive. This site offers adequate parking and a wider ramp for easier boat launching.
- Clam Lake DNR boat launch: 7989 Hoy Dewey Dr. Bellaire.
- Clam River Public Access, near the intersection of Clam Lake Road and Clam River Road. This location has multiple ramps and is convenient for larger support boats.
- Eastport Ramp: Very top of the lake off M-88 in Eastport.

Please plan accordingly to ensure timely arrival and avoid congestion at the Regatta Headquarters site.

Trailer and overnight boat parking will be provided in a marked field which will be clearly marked and not far from the Regatta Headquarters. This will allow participants convenient access to their equipment throughout the event.

Questions- Contact:

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