



NOTICE OF RACE

2026 OLSON 30 NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Barkers Island Yacht Club (BIYC) is the Organizing Authority (OA) for the Olson 30 North American Championship from September 5 to September 7, 2026. The event is hosted by the Barkers Island Yacht Club and Barker's Island Marina.

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event will be governed by the rules as defined in *Racing Rules of Sailing* for 2025-2028 (RRS).
- 1.2. All boats shall adhere to the Olson 30 Class Association Rules.
 - 1.2.1. Exceptions are that boats that have modified cockpits, masts or adapted the elliptical rudder are accepted.
 - 1.2.2. There are no crew or weight limits.
 - 1.2.3. The Race Committee will reserve the right to inspect vessels to ensure adherence to the equipment requirements.
 - 1.2.4. Any further changes to these rules by the OA will be in the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.3. [DP] Any boat emitting foul language, regardless at whom the foul language was directed, may be subject to protest. Any boat may protest another boat from which it heard foul language.
- 1.4. RRS 33 CHANGING THE NEXT LEG OF A COURSE is changed by adding:
"with repetitive announcements of their intentions on VHF Channel 72, where applicable."
- 1.5. RRS 40 PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICE is changed as by adding:
[DP] 40.3. Each crew member on board is required to wear a PFD for the start and finish of each race.
- 1.6. RRS 44 PENALTIES AT THE TIME OF AN INCIDENT is changed as follows:
 - 1.6.1. RRS 44.1 is changed by Appendix V1 to allow One-Turn Penalties for breaking a rule of Part 2.
 - 1.6.2. Appendix V2 POST-RACE PENALTIES are allowed.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. The Sailing Instructions will be available on Yacht Scoring by Aug 1, 2026.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1.** The official notice board is located on the Yacht Scoring website.
- 3.2.** [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communication on channel 72 and 16.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1.** The boats must use the Yacht Scoring website to complete online Race Registration and pay all fees prior to racing.
- 4.2.** [DP] All boat owners or designated representatives must attend the Championship skippers' meeting on August 30 at 9 am at the Barker's Island Marina's big house (boat storage behind the shop).
- 4.3.** Prior to racing, all boats must obtain and provide proof of insurance to the Race Committee showing \$300,000 liability insurance in full force and effect during racing which shall include a general liability policy written by a responsible insurance company insuring the owner and any operators against liability for bodily injury.
- 4.4.** While racing all boats shall carry life-saving equipment conforming to government regulations that apply in the racing area, as well as the equipment specified by subsections 4.5, 4.6 and 4.7. Failure to do so will result in the boat scoring a DSQ
- 4.5.** While racing all boats shall carry, and have stowed in a location which permits rapid deployment, an anchor and associated ground tackle of a type and size capable of holding the boat in place in challenging sea and wind conditions.
- 4.6.** While racing all displacement boats shall carry, and have stowed on deck in a location which permits immediate deployment, a LIFESLING2 or substantially equivalent overboard rescue system. Examples of compliant equipment include the LIFESLING2 Overboard Rescue System, the Lifesling3 Overboard Rescue System, and the Lalizas 20440 Rescue System Life-Link M.O.B Boat Throw Ring.
- 4.7.** All boats shall have a working mechanical propulsion system permitting them to travel to and from the race course and permitting the use of the system for emergencies that might occur during the race.

5. REGISTRATION AND SCORING

- 5.1.** Yacht Scoring will be used for registration and scoring.
- 5.2.** Fees are \$300.

6. CLASSES

- 6.1.** The event is open to all boats of the Olson 30 class.

7. DATES OF RACING

- 7.1.** Racing will be on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, September 5 through September 7. There will be no races starting after 1pm on Monday, September 7.

8. RACING AREA

- 8.1.** The race area will be on Lake Superior, off of the Superior Entry, off of the Duluth Entry and possibly the Duluth-Superior Harbor. A race area map will be available on the Yacht Scoring website and at the skipper meeting.

9. COURSES

- 9.1.** Race courses will consist of two days of buoy races and one day with a single long distance race. The intent is to run the distance race for a duration of roughly 4-6 hours and 20-40 miles.

10. SCORING

- 10.1.** The scoring system will follow RRS Appendix A

11. BERTHING

- 11.1.** Mooring/Dockage will be provided at Barkers' Island Marina prior to, during and after the event.
- 11.2.** Travelift and mast stepping provided for traveling boats before and after the event. Local vessels will receive bottom washing and weighing if requested.

12. PRIZES/EVENTS

- 12.1.** Prizes will be awarded which shall not violate the amateur standards of US Sailing or the U.S. Olympic Committee.
- 12.2.** Dinner events will be on Saturday and Sunday evenings.
- 12.3.** Awards will be given for the buoy races and for the distance races.
- 12.4.** The awards event will be on Monday at 3 pm.

13. RISK STATEMENT AND DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 13.1.** Competitors participate in these races entirely at their own risk, see RRS Rule 3. By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.
- 13.2.** The Organizing Authority and Barker's Island Marina will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the races.



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