



Thursday, July 23 - Sunday, July 26, 2026
Burnham Harbor, Chicago, Illinois
Organizing Authority:
Shirley Ryan AbilityLab's
Judd Goldman Adaptive Sailing Program

NOTICE OF RACE

1 RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.

1.2 Sonar Class Association Appendix B – Alternative Rules will be in effect. In addition, whisker poles are allowed. Spinnaker poles are not permitted.

1.3 International 2.4 mR Class Association Norlin One-Design rules shall apply.

1.4 Racing rules listed below will be changed as indicated.

1.4.1 The preamble to Part 4 will be changed to require Personal Floatation Device use, dock to dock. A U.S. Coast Guard approved personal flotation device, or in the case of overseas competitors, a personal flotation device approved by their Government's corresponding Maritime Authority, shall be worn, properly fastened, at all times, while launching and sailing, except while temporarily adding or removing clothing.

1.4.2 The first two sentences of RRS 44.1 are changed to: 'A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or RRS 31 in an incident while racing.'

1.4.3 The US Sailing Prescriptions to RRS 63.2 will not apply.

1.4.4 Rule 60.4(a)(2) is changed as follows: (2) if it alleges a breach of a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 and is from a boat that was not involved in, and did not see, the incident, or'

1.5 In case of a conflict between the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall govern. This changes RRS 63.7.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available on the regatta website at Yachtscoring.com: and will also be available at registration.

3 COMMUNICATION

3.1 The Official Notice Board is located at the Judd Goldman Sailing Center at Burnham Harbor.

3.2 For safety purposes, VHF radios are recommended for each boat. Radios will not be supplied, but competitors are strongly encouraged to bring VHF radios with them.

3.3 While racing, and except in an emergency or as directed by the race committee, a boat shall neither make nor receive transmissions by radio, mobile telephone, or other electronic devices that are not available to all boats.

3.4 Electronic watches are permitted, including talking watches.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1 The regatta is open to 2.4mR, Independence 20 and Sonar class sailboats.

4.1.1 The helmsman of each boat shall be a member of US Sailing or, if not a U.S. resident, the national sailing authority of their home country. Proof of membership will be required.

4.1.2 Singlehanded Championship - 2.4mR: one person with or without a disability.

4.1.3 Doublehanded Championship - Independence 20: two persons with disabilities.

4.1.4 Triplehanded Championship - Sonar: three persons, with at least one with a disability.

4.2 Doublehanded entries will be provided with an able-bodied (AB) person by the authority organizing and will perform non-tactical duties. AB sailors will rotate throughout the regatta as scheduled by the Organizing Authority (the "OA").

4.3 Eligible competitors may enter by completing the entry form linked to the Yachtscoring.com website.

4.4 Competitors will be required to submit the following documents available via a link on the [Yachtscoring](http://Yachtscoring.com) website.

4.4.1 Waiver of Liability Form.

4.4.2 Medical Emergency Information Form.

4.4.3 Provided Sailboat and Equipment Agreement.

4.4.4 Sailing Resume Form (first-time Independence Cup (IC) competitors).

4.5 It is recommended that all competitors in a team have a World Sailing Sailor ID. Competitors may obtain a World Sailing Sailor ID by registering online at <https://www.sailing.org/sailors/world-sailing-profile/>.

5 BOATS

5.1 2.4mR, Independence 20 and Sonar sailboats with sails and appropriate adaptations are provided by the Judd Goldman Adaptive Sailing Program (JGASP) for competitor use. Competitors may also supply their own boat.

5.2 The organizing authority may require the JGASP provided boats to be rotated and in such case, the rotation will be listed daily.

5.3 All teams using boats provided by the JGASP shall post a damage deposit with the JGASP in the amount of \$1,000.00. This deposit will be in the form of a check only and will be collected by the JGASP at registration.

5.4 Competitors are limited to a single suit of sails throughout the regatta, except in the case of damage to the sail, in which case a sail change may be approved by the Technical Committee.

5.5 Outboard motors on the Independence 20 boats shall remain in the down position from the time the boat leaves the dock until it returns to the dock after racing.

5.6 All Independence 20 contestants must use adaptive seats and waist straps while racing. The use of shoulder straps is recommended, but not required. While racing, adaptive seats shall remain in a single, locked position.

6 ENTRY FEES

Entry fee to participate in the regatta is \$200 per competitor. Hotel registration cannot be completed until entry fee is received. Any entry fee received after July 6, 2026, will be subject to a late fee of \$100.

7 ADVERTISING

7.1 Advertising shall conform to the current World Sailing Regulation 20.

7.2 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20.

8 SCHEDULE

Thursday, July 23, 2026 – Cookie Cup

0900-0945 Continental Breakfast, Registration- Regatta Tent at Burnham Harbor
0945 Boat Prep & Rigging
1100-1500 Lunch & Competitors Cookie Cup
1530 Skipper's Meeting & Coaches Debrief

Friday, July 24 - Racing Day

0900 Continental Breakfast, Competitor's Meeting, Coaches Briefing
1055 First Warning
After Racing Coaches Debrief

Saturday, July 25 - Racing Day

0900 Continental Breakfast, Competitor's Meeting, Coaches Briefing
1055 First Warning
After Racing Coaches Debrief followed by Burnham Park Yacht Club hosted BBQ

Sunday, July 26 - Racing Day

0900 Continental Breakfast, Competitor's Meeting, Coaches Briefing
1055 First Warning
1400 No warning signal after this time
After Racing Coaches Debrief
Dinner and Awards Ceremony – Regatta Tent

9 VENUE

9.1 The regatta will be held at the Regatta Tent adjacent to the Judd Goldman Sailing Center at Burnham Harbor, 1362 S. Linn White Drive, east of the intersection of DuSable Lake Shore Drive and E. McFetridge Drive, Chicago, IL (one block west of the Adler Planetarium).

9.2 Racing will be on Lake Michigan, east of the Burnham Harbor entrance.

10 THE COURSES

The courses will be described in the sailing instructions.

11 SCORING

11.1 One completed race by a class will constitute a regatta for that class.

11.2 When fewer than six races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of their race scores. When six or more races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of their race scores excluding the worst score that can be discarded. This changes rule A2. The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A will apply.

12 BERTHING

All boats shall be kept at the Burnham Harbor docks as directed by regatta officials.

13 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Technical committee.

14. PRIZES

14.1 Awards will be presented to the first, second, and third place teams in each class at the conclusion of racing on Sunday, July 26, 2026.

14.1.1 The winning competitor in the 2.4mR class will receive the Independence Cup Singlehanded Trophy which will be appropriately engraved and will remain on display at the JGASP.

14.1.2 The winning team in the Independence 20 class will receive the Independence Cup Doublehanded Trophy which will be appropriately engraved and will remain on display at the JGASP.

14.1.3 The winning team in the Sonar class will receive the Independence Cup Triplehanded Trophy which will be appropriately engraved and will remain on display at the JGASP.

14.1.4 The Kristi Walker Sportsmanship Trophy will be awarded to the regatta participant who best exemplifies the ideals of good sportsmanship both on and off the water during the regatta, as determined by the regatta competitors. The trophy will be appropriately engraved and will remain on display at the JGASP.

14.1.5 The Pete Paganis/Bill Parks Most Improved Trophy will be awarded to the team or individual who, in the opinion of the regatta committee, comes to the regatta with the least amount of sailing experience and gives the best overall performance. The trophy will be appropriately engraved and will remain on display at the JGASP.

15 RISK, DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY, WAIVERS

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The JGASP and their officers, directors and employees, the event volunteers and officials, the event sponsors, and any other members of the regatta will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta. A waiver shall be signed by all competitors

and shall be considered one of the documents governing the regatta.

16 PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEO RIGHTS

By participating in the Independence Cup, competitors grant a limited, non-exclusive, worldwide, fully-paid, perpetual royalty-free license to the JGASP to use,, publicly display, reproduce and distribute contributor's name, voice, image, likeness, and biographical material, in any media (including photographs, videotape, film, print or other electronic medium) for the sole purposes of advertising, promoting, reporting and disseminating information regarding the event, JGASP and the competitor's participation in the event.

17 SERVICE ANIMALS

Service animals shall not accompany the sailor on board a competing boat. The care and supervision of service animals is the sole responsibility of the sailor or owner of the animal. While the sailor is on the water, the service animal must be cared for away from the regatta site. The OA will not accept liability for material damage or personal injury resulting from the actions of service animals.

18 REGATTA CONTACT

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