



IC37 North American Championship

Newport, Rhode Island

October 9–11, 2026

NOTICE OF RACE

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY: The Organizing Authority (OA) is Sail Newport, in co-operation with the IC37 Class Association (IC37CA). The host venue is Sail Newport, Fort Adams, Newport, Rhode Island.

[NP] denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protests by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1. [DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the protest committee. [SP] denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the race committee without a hearing.

1 RULES

- 1.1 This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 The IC37 Class Association (IC37CA) rules shall apply except as changed in this Notice of Race (NOR).
- 1.3 **[DP]** All competing boats shall carry a handheld VHF radio for safety purposes and race committee communication.
- 1.4 RRS 60.4(a)(2) is amended to state: “if it alleges a breach of a rule of Part 2 or RRS 31 and is from a boat that was not involved in and did not see the incident, or”
- 1.5 In accordance with IC37CA Rule H3.2, this event is classified as an “A” Regatta.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The sailing instructions will be available no later than the start of registration and will be posted on the online Official Notice Board on the regatta website.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The online Official Notice Board is located at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu/50934> .
- 3.2 While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions nor receive radio or wireless communications not available to all boats.
- 3.3 The race committee intends to use VHF marine radio frequencies to broadcast courtesy information to competitors. The race committee’s VHF channel will be provided at the competitors’ briefing and posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 3.4 **Competitors' WhatsApp Group.** A WhatsApp group will be used for competitor communication, including on-the-water updates, schedule changes, and social information. All competitors are encouraged to join before the event at: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/GvyBkp8hvc32S3IPVjL9yC> . Posting to the group does not replace the Official Notice Board, which remains the authoritative source for all official notices.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the IC37 class.
- 4.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing online registration at https://yachtscoring.com/event_registration_email/50934 no later than October 7. Entries may be accepted after this date only with the approval of the OA on a case-by-case basis.

- 4.3 Only boats that have completed all registration requirements will be allowed to compete. Completed registration includes payment of the entry fee.

5 ADVERTISING

- 5.1 **[NP][SP]** Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20, Advertising Code.

6 FEES

- 6.1 The entry fee is **\$1,510** per boat. A late fee of **\$50** per boat applies to entries paid after **Friday, September 25, 2026** (total **\$1,560**).
- 6.2 The entry fee includes a **\$300 per-boat coaching fee**

Cancellation Policy

Cancellation Date	Entry Fee Refund
Through September 4, 2026	85% of entry fee refunded (15% cancellation fee)
September 5 – October 2, 2026	75% of entry fee refunded (25% cancellation fee)
After October 2, 2026	No refund

7 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Date	Time	Event
Wednesday, October 7	0800–1200	Measurement (scheduled individually with the class measurer)
Thursday, October 8	0800–1200	Measurement (scheduled individually with the class measurer)
	TBD	Crew Weigh-ins (Sail Newport)
	1600–1900	Registration (Sail Newport)
	TBD	IC37 Class Association Annual General Meeting (Location TBD)
Friday, October 9	0800–0900	Late Registration and Crew Weigh-ins (Sail Newport)
	1100	First Warning Signal
Saturday, October 10	0800–0900	Crew Weigh-ins (crew changes only) Sail Newport
	1100	First Warning Signal
	Evening	Regatta Dinner (Location TBD)
Sunday, October 11	0800–0900	Crew Weigh-ins (crew changes only) Sail Newport
	1100	First Warning Signal
	After Racing	Prize Giving and Awards Presentation (Sail Newport)

- 7.1 On the final day of the regatta, no warning signal will be made after 1500.

8 MEASUREMENT AND CREW WEIGH-INS

- 8.1 Measurement will be scheduled individually with the class measurer in accordance with the IC37CA rules. A boat or her equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, the NOR, and the sailing instructions.
- 8.2 **[DP]** Crew weigh-ins shall be conducted in accordance with the IC37CA rules at the times shown in the Schedule of Events. After the initial weigh-in, only crew changes need be re-weighed.

9 VENUE AND RACING AREA

- 9.1 Racing will be held in the waters of Rhode Island Sound and/or Narragansett Bay.
- 9.2 Regatta headquarters will be at Sail Newport, 72 Fort Adams Drive, Newport, RI 02840.

10 PENALTIES

- 10.1 The first sentence of RRS 44.1 is changed to read: “A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 in an incident while *racing*.”

11 SCORING

- 11.1 Scoring will be in accordance with IC37CA Rule H3.1. This changes RRS A2.

12 TEAM AND SPECTATOR VESSELS

- 12.1 The following limitations and restrictions apply to team and other spectator vessels:
 - a) These vessels shall not approach closer than 100 meters to any vessel that is racing. In addition, these vessels shall stay at least 100 meters away from laylines and marks of the course.
 - b) If in the starting area, these vessels shall leave the racing and starting areas prior to the warning signal and may station themselves outside of the starboard end of the starting line, but no closer than 150 meters to the race committee signal vessel.

13 PRIZES

- 13.1 Prizes for the top three finishing teams will be awarded.
- 13.2 Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the OA.

14 MEDIA, DATA PROTECTION AND RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

- 14.1 As a condition of entry, each owner, skipper and individual participating crew member shall submit an online Waiver and Release of Liability Form. The fully executed form shall be submitted prior to racing. The link to the waiver will be available on the regatta website.
- 14.2 By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to Sail Newport, the IC37 Class Association, the Organizing Authority and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recording, and other reproductions of them and of their boats made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue until their final departure, for the purposes of advertising, promoting and reporting on the event, without compensation.

15 RISK STATEMENT

- 15.1 Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The OA 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.
- 15.2 Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:
 - a) 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;
 - b) they are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
 - c) they accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
 - d) their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;

- e) the provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- f) the provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

16 INSURANCE

- 16.1 Each participating boat shall be adequately insured with current, valid third-party liability insurance that is appropriate taking into account the value of the boats racing and the type of racing.

17 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 17.1 For further information please contact:

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Regatta Website: <https://sailnewport.org/events/ic-37-north-americans/>

SUSTAINABILITY

Sail Newport is committed to maximizing our sustainability practices and limiting our environmental impact. We work closely with sailors, regatta competitors, sponsors and partners to keep our ocean clean.

