

International 12 Metre Association
2026 North American Championships
NOTICE OF RACE

12M Americas Fleet
Host

Ida Lewis Yacht Club
Organizing Authority

Newport, Rhode Island, USA
September 18-20, 2026

1. RULES

- 1.1** The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2** ITMA/12 Metre Class By-Laws & Regulations Ratified and Adopted at the Annual Meeting of Members on October 26, 2024 and the International Twelve Metre Class Rules Approved by World Sailing, effective date: March 4, 2024 and any subsequent amendments.
- 1.3** In the event that a crew member falls overboard and is no longer connected to the yacht, she shall:
 - a) immediately retire from the race
 - b) notify the Race Committee on the fleet VHF channel that she has a man overboardAND
 - c) her score for that race shall be equal to the number of starters for that race without a hearing. The scoring abbreviation will be MOB. This changes RRS 63.1, A5 and A10.
- 1.4** In order to suit local conditions, the Race Committee has received permission from the ITMA Executive Committee to vary the length of the courses from those specified in ITMA By-Law 10.2.2.
- 1.5** The penalty for a violation of a rule, other than a rule of Part 2, shall be at the sole discretion of the Protest Committee, and may be other than disqualification. This changes rule 60.5 (c).

2. ELIGIBILITY

The regatta is open to 12 Metre yachts with a valid measurement certificate, which are current with their ITMA/12 Metre Class dues, Fleet dues and measurement and certificate filing fees.

3. ADVERTISING

Advertising is permitted on the spinnaker and on both sides of the boom at the discretion of the owner. Competitors may be asked to display flags of presenting and supporting companies before and after racing.

4. ENTRIES

- 4.1** Eligible yachts may enter by completing Official Entry Form at Ida Lewis YC via this link on <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu/50964> certifying that the yacht has a valid measurement certificate on file with ITMA.

Payment may be sent via check for \$2000 payable to the 12M Americas Fleet c/o Jephtha Tausig, 736 W. 187th St #609, NYC 10033
- 4.2** The registration fee includes the Annual Fleet meeting at the 12 Metre YC (9/17, 1730-1830hrs), 15 tickets per boat to the Annual 12 Metre Fleet Dinner at the Clarke Cooke House (9/17, 1900hrs), and awards ceremony after racing on Sunday, Sept 20, 2026 at Ida Lewis YC.

4.3 Late entries may be accepted upon payment of \$250 late entry fee on or after September 14, 2026.

5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Date	Time	Event
Sept. 17, Thursday	1730	12 Metre Owner's and America's Fleet Annual Meeting in the 12mR YC at Clarke Cooke House ("CCH")
	1830	Skippers' Meeting in the 12mR YC at CCH
	1900	12 Metre YC Annual Dinner in the 12mR YC, at CCH (separate advance ticket purchase required*)
Sept. 18, Friday	0900	Rendezvous signal announced on VHF Ch 79A
	1100	First Warning Signal
	Evening	"On your own"
Sept. 19, Saturday	0900	Rendezvous signals announced on VHF Ch 79A
	1100	First Warning Signal
	Evening	"On your own"
Sept. 20, Sunday	0900	Rendezvous signals announced on VHF Ch 79A
	1100	First Warning Signal
	1630	Awards & light fare at Ida Lewis Yacht Club

*\$130 pp via Paperless Post Invitation

- 5.1** The Race Committee plans to run a maximum of eight (8) races, with no more than three races per day, weather permitting.
- 5.2** One (1) completed race shall constitute a series.
- 5.3** No warning signal will be made after 1400, on Sunday, September 20.

6. DIVISIONS

Yachts will be divided into the following classes:

Modern

Traditional

Classic

Divisions may be combined.

7. COURSES

- 7.1** Racing will be on Rhode Island Sound or Narragansett Bay.
- 7.2** Courses will be windward – leeward courses as described in the Sailing Instructions.

8. ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES

- 8.1** RRS 44.3 – Scoring Penalty will apply. The penalty will be ONE place worse than her finishing place.

9. SCORING

- 9.1** Scoring will be in accordance with RRS Appendix A – Low Point System.
- 9.2** All races will be scored (no throw outs).
- 9.3** Yachts may not be scored if waivers signed by the skipper and all crew members are not turned in to the OA prior to the first warning signal of racing on Friday, September 18.

10. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available at registration.

11. PRIZES

- 11.1** Trophies will be awarded by Division as follows:

If more than 4 yachts compete in a Division	1st, 2nd, and 3rd place trophies awarded
If 3-4 yachts compete in a Division	1st and 2nd place trophies awarded
If 2 yachts compete in a Division	1st place trophy awarded
If 1 yacht competes in a Division	A trophy will be awarded

- 11.2** This regatta counts towards the season long Ted Hood Trophy.

12. LIABILITY

- 12.1** CREW WAIVER FORM - As a condition of entry, each owner, skipper and individual participating crew member shall sign a liability waiver/media release and the fully executed Crew Waiver Form shall be submitted prior to Skippers' Meeting.
- 12.2** Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk (See RRS 3, Decision to Race). ITMA/12 Metre Class, Ida Lewis Yacht Club (the Organizing Authority), sponsors and any affiliated companies will not accept any liability for any material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

13. COMMUNICATIONS

- 13.1** Notices to competitors, including a list of requests for a hearing, will be posted on the online Official Notice Board located on the Yacht Scoring Regatta web site.
- 13.2** Boats shall monitor Ch 79A while competing. However, except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to the use of cell phones.
- 13.3** OUTSIDE HELP, RRS 41(c) is changed to read as follows: Help in the form of information freely available to all boats and any publicly offered internet or broadcast weather information from sources available to all competitors, whether on a subscription or free basis, is allowable. This shall include navigational, weather, tide or current information but shall not include any information gathered or the subject of interpretation by, or any advice received from, any human being not on board the boat and which is specific to the boat and its situation. By way of example and interpretation, downloading charts, weather and/or GRIB files from subscription services, or having such information passed to the boat in its pure form, is permitted, but receiving messages or information which is the result of human interpretation as it applies to the boat is not permitted. Competitors may use any means to retrieve the data. Accessing other information during the race will be considered a violation of RRS 41.

14. MEDIA RELEASE

Competitors and crew members on the competing yachts grant, at no cost, to ITMA, the 12mR Americas Fleet, Ida Lewis Yacht Club, The 12 Metre Yacht Club, Sponsors and affiliated companies the absolute right and permission to use their name, voice, image, likeness, biographical material and representations of the boats in any media World-wide (including but not limited to television, video, print and electronic media), for the sole purposes of advertising, promoting, reporting and disseminating information regarding the 12 Metre North American Championship and all participants therein.

15. FURTHER INFORMATION:

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