



MASSA Keelboat Qualifier

Larchmont Yacht Club
1 Woodbine Ave.
Larchmont, NY 10538

November 1-2, 2025

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing, the ISSA Procedural Rules and the ISSA National Championship General Conditions, this Notice of Race, and the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2. The Organizing Authority (OA) is the MidAtlantic Sailing Association (MASSA) in conjunction with New York Interscholastic Sailing SE Association (NYISA-SE) and Larchmont Yacht Club.
- 1.3. In accordance with rule 70.5(a), decisions of the protest committee are final. US Sailing's permission has been granted.

- 2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:** The sailing instructions will be posted on Tech Score prior to the report time for the regatta.

3. ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1. Competing schools and competitors must be members of ISSA and meet ISSA eligibility rules as prescribed in the Procedural Rules.
- 3.2. Selection of competing schools will be by individual league qualifying rules. The regatta has eight berths. Allocations will be determined by the MASSA Board. Schools should contact their district directors to find out details on district qualifiers.
- 3.3. The event is limited to one berth per school.
- 3.4. Competing schools that are not an all-boys or all-girls school, must have at least one of each gender on board at all times.
- 3.5. The maximum crew weight for each 4 person team shall be 650 pounds. Teams shall weigh in at regatta check-in. Weigh-in will occur with a minimum of a t-shirt and shorts on.

4. ENTRY AND COMMUNICATIONS

- 4.1. Eligible schools and sailors must enter by submitting an official entry email and signed LYC Charter Form (appendix 1) to LYC by 2359 Thursday, October 30, 2025
- 4.2. Qualified teams shall email information below and LYC Charter Form to sailing@larchmontyc.org
- 4.3. Included information should be:
 - 4.3.0. School Name
 - 4.3.1. Responsible Adult Name
 - 4.3.2. Contact Phone Number
 - 4.3.3. Contact Email Address
 - 4.3.4. Completed LYC Charter Form (Appendix 1)
 - 4.3.5. Completed General Waiver (Appendix 2)
- 4.4. Teams unable to compete must notify the regatta chairperson and MASSA Director as soon as possible.
- 4.5. MASSA District Director will reallocate vacant berths. A berth becomes vacant when the qualifying league becomes unable to fill the berth.

4.6. The winner of this regatta shall advance to the ISSA National Keelboat Invitational Regatta December 13-14, 2025, in St. Petersburg, FL. Teams not intending to compete in the invitational should not compete in this qualifier.

4.6.0. The National Keelboat Invitational shall take place in J/70s provided by the St. Petersburg Yacht Club. Crews shall consist of four (4) eligible sailors, with at least one female crew member (unless the school is an all-boys school), with a maximum weight of 650 lbs, individuals weighing in with a minimum of a t-shirt and shorts on without gear.

4.7. There is no backup qualifier for this event. If this qualifier fails to complete the minimum number of races (3), then the team representing MASSA at the National Keelboat competition will be chosen from the registered teams by a game of chance as dictated by the PRO.

5. ENTRY FEE

5.1. There is no entry fee for the regatta.

5.2. No food will be provided.

6. DAMAGE DEPOSIT

6.1. Responsibility for damage is outlined in Appendix 1.

6.2. In the event damage cannot be attributed to a particular team, the repair costs will be divided evenly amongst all the competing teams.

7. BOATS

7.1. The event will be sailed in matching Sonars supplied by Larchmont Yacht Club

7.2. Boats will be sailed as provided, teams should not make any alterations to the standing rigging.

7.3. There will not be a rotation of boats. Boats will be assigned for each day by random drawing (i.e. a boat draw will be done Saturday and Sunday).

7.4. The Race Committee shall, at their discretion, inform the fleet that no spinnakers will be used over the assigned circle VHF channel and by flying code flag "K" from the signal boat. No yacht shall set a spinnaker while Flag K is displayed, even while she is not racing. This adds to Race Signals.

7.4.0. General guidance is that Flag K will be used in sustained 15kts and/or gusts to 22kts, but this decision will be solely at the discretion of the PRO.

8. SCHEDULE

Saturday, November 1, 2025

0830-0900 Regatta check-in and weigh-in LYC Veranda

0900 Competitors' Meeting and Safety Briefing

1100 First Start*

*The delay between the Competitors' meeting and start is intentional to allow teams practice time. The RC may run practices start(s) and/or races at their discretion or the format may be open practice.

Sunday, November 2, 2025

0830 Report time (boat draw on arrival)

1000 First Start

1400 No start after this time

Awards to follow

8.1. Changes to the schedule will be posted on the official notice board located at www.scores.hssailing.org.

9. RACING AREA

All races will be sailed in the vicinity SE of Larchmont Harbor.

10. FORMAT

10.1 The regatta will be scored in accordance with ISSA Procedural Rules.

10.2 A total of eight races is scheduled for the regatta.

10.3 If fewer than 8 teams are registered, the total number of races sailed may be up to 2x the number of registered teams and the maximum number of races will be announced at the Competitors' meeting on 11/1.

11. COACHING

12.1 Due to the distance racing will be from shore, a coach and/or support person may go afloat to observe races and coach between races from the LYC Signal Boat *Satan's Toe* and/or provided RIBs and Whalers. If conditions allow, the preference is that RIBs and Whalers be used.

12.2 Teams are limited to a maximum of 1 coach/support person and 1 extra sailor to go afloat. Coach/support personnel and sailors shall provide a PFD and are required to wear it while afloat.

12.3 Additional sailors(s) and adults are permitted to use LYC throughout the day and guest cards are available at the Front Desk.

12.4 If applicable, coaches/support personnel onboard the signal boat are reminded that they shall not interfere with race management and that they may be sent ashore at the discretion of the OA if repeated interference with race management occurs. This changes ISSA PR 8(a).

12. PRIZES

13.1 Prizes will be awarded to schools placing 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the regatta.

13.2 The top school will receive a berth to the ISSA Keelboat National Invitational.

13.3 Sailors need to confirm their intention to fill their berth at the national regatta by the end of business on November 7, 2025 by contacting MASSA District Director, Dr. Randall Nunn via email at MASSADistrict@gmail.com.

13. RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the Organizing Authority and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.

14. WAIVER OF LIABILITY

14.1. Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race.

14.2. The race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

15. REGATTA CONTACTS

LYC Sailing Office: sailing@larchmontyc.org

Dr. Randall Nunn

MASSA District Director - MASSADistrict@gmail.com

LARCHMONT YACHT CLUB CHARTER AGREEMENT

Name: _____ Cell #: _____

Email: _____

Emergency Contact Name _____

Emergency Contact Cell # _____

1. **AGREEMENT**. LYC agrees to charter the vessel ___LYC SONAR_____, with a set of sails and basic equipment, for the following period: ___November 1 - 2, 2025. _____

2. **CHARTERER OBLIGATIONS**: The Charterer hereby agrees to:

- A. Competently skipper the vessel and, when applicable, supervise the crew;
- B. Protect and preserve the vessel, the vessel's equipment, the LYC grounds and equipment, and other vessels and persons on the water. No sanding, fairing, or alteration of the vessel or its equipment and sails is permitted.
- C. Wear a USCG approved PFD (lifejacket) at all times while aboard the Vessel.
- D. Properly stow the sails at the completion of each usage.
- E. Immediately notify LYC and when applicable, the Owner Club of the vessel listed above, of any damage to or repair needed to the vessel.
- F. Indemnify and hold LYC and when applicable, the Owner Club of the vessel listed above, harmless from any and all claims of third parties, including crew or guests of the Charterer, arising from the Charterer's usage of the vessel, regardless of fault.
- G. Clean the vessel at the end of each usage such that it is in the same condition as at the beginning of that particular usage.
- H. Properly secure the vessel at the end of each usage.

3. **MISCELLANEOUS**:

- A. LYC does not insure or provide insurance for the Charterer or the Charterer's crew.
- B. LYC reserves the right to refuse or rescind the right to use the vessel for any reason, including; safety concerns or for violating the terms of this Agreement.
- C. The vessel is required to be returned to LYC in the same condition in which it was chartered.
- D. The cost of missing or damaged equipment (other than ordinary wear and tear) shall be determined promptly by LYC and assessed to the Charterer, up to the \$1,000.00 per incident maximum outlined below.

Charterer Signature

Date _____

Damage Deposit Info for Skippers only:

Credit Card Number:

Expiration Date:

CCV: Billing Zip Code:

I understand the sport of sailing entails certain risks and dangers and may be physically demanding. I accept and agree that, as a condition to participate in the above-referenced Event hosted by Larchmont Yacht Club ("LYC"), I assume the risks on land and sea of participation in the Event, and I waive any rights or claims against LYC arising from my participation in the Event. Such waiver shall mean that, to the fullest extent permitted by law, I waive the right to make any claim and release LYC and its directors, officers, members, volunteers and employees from liability for any loss, injury or damage I may suffer in participation in the Event. Furthermore, I agree to indemnify LYC and any other person participating in the Event for any loss, injury or damage to person or property, including any sailboat, committee boat or other support boat, which I may cause by negligence or failure to exercise reasonable care or in any sailing or racing incident in which I failed to observe a right of way or racing rule. This is to include any sailboats of support boats loaned by other Clubs or individuals to LYC for the Event. My liability to LYC for damage to its property including the Sonar sailboats used in the Event will be limited to the insurance deductible amount, which is \$1,000 per incident.

Larchmont Yacht Club General Waiver of Liability

Name: _____ Cell #: _____ Date: _____

Email: _____

School or Schools representing (if applicable): _____

Alternate / Emergency Contact Name: _____

Alternate / Emergency Contact Cell #: _____

1. **AGREEMENT.** Subject to compliance with the obligations set forth below, Larchmont Yacht Club ("LYC") agrees to the use by the above named person ("Representative"), and when applicable, their represented sailor(s), of LYC assets, including sailboats; LYC buildings, equipment and grounds, and with the prior written permission of LYC staff, use of powerboats to facilitate management of regattas, coaching, and/or safety.
2. **OBLIGATIONS:** The Representative and, when applicable, the sailor(s) and team(s) they represent hereby agree to:
 - A. Competently operate the vessels.
 - B. Have previously undergone appropriate training and licensing (e.g. NY State Powerboat Safety Certificate or equivalent).
 - C. Wear a U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) approved PFD at all times while operating the vessels.
 - D. Have undergone training in proper capsized recovery techniques for vessels being used, as applicable.
 - E. Have read and understood, and when applicable, have reviewed with represented sailor(s), the LYC Emergency Procedure.
 - F. When applicable, use the provided kill-cord at all times while operating the vessel(s).
 - G. Survey equipment prior to use and ensure that it is in complete and working order.
 - H. Protect and preserve the vessels, the vessels' equipment, the LYC grounds and equipment, and other vessels and persons on the water.
 - I. Immediately notify LYC of any damage to or repair needed to the vessel(s).
 - J. Indemnify and hold LYC harmless from any and all claims of third parties, including crew or guests, arising from usage of the vessels by the Representative, their sailors and teams, regardless of fault.
 - K. Clean the vessels at the end of each usage such that they are in the same condition as at the beginning of that particular usage.
 - L. Properly secure the vessels at the end of each usage.
 - M. Comply with all instructions and requirements by LYC Staff.
 - N. Comply with all LYC rules of conduct by persons on LYC grounds and property.

3. MISCELLANEOUS:

- A. Competitors participate in LYC regattas and practice entirely at their own risk. See *The Racing Rules of Sailing, RRS 3, Decision to Race*. LYC and/or the organizing authority 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 and/or practice.
- B. LYC may require a certificate of insurance to be provided listing LYC as additional insured.
- C. LYC reserves the right to refuse or rescind the right to use the vessel for safety reasons or for violating the terms of this Agreement.
- D. All vessels are required to be returned to LYC in the same condition in which they were received.
- E. The cost of missing or damaged equipment shall be determined by LYC and assessed to the Representative and, when applicable, their sailor(s), up to the full replacement value of the vessel(s).
- F. This Agreement and General Waiver of Liability shall be governed by and construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of New York, excluding those relating to conflicts of law and except to the extent preempted by United States admiralty law, and any claim or dispute that cannot be resolved by the parties will, at the option of either party, be submitted to binding arbitration by a single arbitrator under the rules of the American Arbitration Association. Any such arbitration shall be conducted in the Town of Larchmont or other location mutually agreed by the parties and the arbitrator. The costs of such arbitration shall be split equally by the parties unless the arbitrator directs otherwise.

Signature

Printed Name

Date