



**International Twelve Metre Association
2019 North American Championships
&
The North American Cup**

NOTICE OF RACE

12 Metre Americas' Fleet
Host



Ida Lewis Yacht Club
Organizing Authority



**Newport, Rhode Island, USA.
September 19-22, 2019**

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 as of July 2, 2008, updated November 11, 2011 and the ITMA/12 Metre Class Rule as of November 1, 2019 and any subsequent amendments.
- 1.3 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 certificate filing fees.
- 1.4 ADVERTISING.** Advertising is permitted on the spinnaker and on both sides of the boom at the discretion of the owner. Competitors may be asked by the OA to display signage or flags off presenting and supporting companies.
- 1.5 ENTRIES:**
Eligible yachts may enter by completing Official Entry Form on Yacht Scoring and submitting a payment of **\$1,950** online via Pay Pal or submitting a check made payable to: 12M Americas Fleet (write "12M NA" on Memo line), and mailing it to;
12 Metre NA's
Attn. Peter Gerard,
66 Eastnor Road Extension,
Newport RI 02840,
- 1.6** The registration fee includes:
- 1.6.1** Dockage at Bannister's Wharf from September 19-22, 2019;
- 1.6.2** Owners' Meeting at 12 Metre YC, Thursday, Sept. 19 at 1730;
- 1.6.3** Skipper's Meeting at the 12 Metre YC, Thursday, Sept. 19 at 1830;
- 1.6.4** Cocktail Reception for the teams at Ida Lewis YC, Friday, Sept. 20 at 1800
- 1.6.5** Awards Ceremony at Ida Lewis YC, Sunday, Sept. 22 at 1630.
- 1.7** Late entries (those submitted after September 12th) may be accepted upon payment of \$350 late entry fee.
- 1.8** All competing yachts may dock at Bannister's Wharf from Thursday, September 19 through Sunday, September 22.

2. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

Sept 19 Thursday	1730	12 Metre Owners' Meeting, 12 Metre YC, CCH
	1830	Skippers' Meeting, 12 Metre YC, CCH
	2000	12 Metre YC "Annual Dinner" at the 12MYC, CCH Advance ticket purchase is required *Purchase Tickets at: 12myc.org/social
Sept 20 Friday	0900	Rendezvous signal announced on VHF Ch 79A
	1055	Course Signals
	1100	First Warning Signal
	1830	Team Gathering and Cocktail Reception at Ida Lewis
Sept. 21, Saturday	0900	Rendezvous signals announced on VHF Ch 79A
	1055	Course Signals
	1100	First Warning Signal
		Saturday Evening "On your own"
Sept. 22, Sunday	0900	Rendezvous signals announced on VHF Ch 79A
	1055	Course Signals
	1100	First Warning Signal
	1630	Awards & light fare at Ida Lewis Yacht Club

Eight W/L races plus the "Races of the Harbor" are scheduled. ONE completed W/L race shall constitute a series. No warning signal will be made after 1400, Sunday, September 23.

6. DIVISIONS:

- 6.1** For the North American Championship, yachts will be divided in to the following Divisions:
- Grand Prix
 - Modern
 - Traditional
 - Vintage
- 6.2** For the North American Cup, all yachts will race as a single division and be scored using the CRF Mark II handicap system.

7. COURSES:

- 7.1** Racing will be on Rhode Island Sound or Narragansett Bay.
- 7.2** Courses will be primarily windward – leeward courses as described in the Sailing Instructions.
- 7.3** At the end of each day the RC may run a "race to the harbor". These races will count as part of the North American Cup competition; but not count for the North American Championship.

8. ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES

- 8.1** RRS 44.3 – Scoring Penalty will apply. The penalty will be ONE place worse than her finishing place.
- 8.2** The last sentence of RRS 44.3 (c) is changed to "The scores of other boats shall be changed to reflect the impact of the penalty."
- 8.3** Appendix T, paragraph T1 shall apply. TI (b) is changed As follows: "A Post-Race Penalty is a TWO place worse than her finishing place Scoring Penalty." The change to 44.3 (c) in Paragraph 8.2 (above) shall apply.

9. SCORING:

- 9.1** Scoring will be in accordance with RRS Appendix A – Low Point System, except that all races will be scored (no throw outs). This changes RRS 2.

- 9.2** For the North American Cup competition finishing places in individual races will be based on corrected time using the CRF Mark II handicap system. The results of this second scoring system will not be used in determining the results of the North American Championships.
- 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 20.
- 10. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:** Sailing Instructions will be available at registration.
- 11. PRIZES:**
- 11.1** For the North American Championships: 1st, 2nd and 3rd place trophies will be awarded, by Division, if more than 4 yachts compete in that Division. 1st and 2nd place trophies will be awarded, by Division, if only 3-4 yachts compete in that Division. A 1st place trophy will be awarded, by Division, if only 2 yachts compete in that Division. If only 1 yacht competes in a Division, a trophy will be awarded. This regatta counts towards the season long Ted Hood Trophy and the Road to the Worlds Waypoint Series.
- 11.2** For the North American Cup: 1st, 2nd and 3rd place trophies will be awarded.
- 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 with entry form prior to Skippers' Meeting.
- 12.2** Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk (See RRS 4, 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** 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.
- 13.2** During the race, contestants may not receive weather, current, or navigational information except from a publicized source available at no cost to all competitors.
- 13.3** Subscription, password protected or restricted access web pages are considered private information and may not be used for the transmission or reception of specialized weather information.
- 13.4** General use of the Internet and publicly available web sites to obtain weather including all National Weather Service data is authorized. Weather data developed specifically for the Race may not be received while racing.
- 14. MEDIA RELEASE:** Competitors and crew members on the competing yachts grant, at no cost, to ITMA, The International Twelve Metre Association, The 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:** Peter Gerard—ITMA/VP Americas Fleet
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