



NOTICE OF RACE

August 21, 2008

Hugh Fletcher Memorial/ Noroton Fall Invitational Regatta

Noroton Yacht Club

Darien, CT

September 13 – September 14, 2008

1. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

The US 2.4mR Class in conjunction with the Noroton Yacht Club.

2. RULES

- 2.1. The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 2.2. Class Rule C 9.1(a) is in effect. A sail damaged beyond repair (or lost) may be replaced with approval of the jury or principle race officer, however no sail changes are permitted on the water between races, except in the case of an approved replacement.

3. ADVERTISING

Advertising will be restricted to Category C.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. The regatta is open to all boats of the International 2.4mR Class. All participants shall be current members of their National Class Association or a temporary member of the U.S. NCA for this event only, or a member of the International 2.4 mR Class. All US competitors must be current members of US Sailing.
- 4.2. Eligible boats may enter by completing the attached form and sending it, together with the required fee to: Britt Hall, 27 Highview Road, Darien, CT 06820 - by September 10, 2008
- 4.3. Late entries will be accepted until 0900 hours on September 13, 2008 with *no* additional fee.
- 4.4. A boat is not registered until its regatta fee is paid and proof of required NCA and MNA memberships and third party insurance is confirmed.

5. REQUIRED FEES

- 5.1. Entry Fees: \$50.00 USD
- 5.2. Payment of all fees shall be in U.S. Dollars, in cash, Travelers Checks, or Checks drawn on a U.S. bank. Make checks payable to “Britt Hall/ 2.4 Noroton Invitational”. Those without a US bank may pay on Paypal.

6. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 6.1. a. Registration - On-site registration required:

Friday, September 12	1600 to 1830 hours
Saturday, September 13	0800 to 0900 hours
- b. Competitors Meeting:

Saturday, September 13	0900 hours
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- 6.2. Scheduled time of warning signal and planned number of races:
Saturday, September 13 1030 hours 5 races
Sunday, September 14 0930 hours 3 races
No first warning signal after 1200 hours Sunday October 1

- 6.3. Social schedule:
Saturday, September 14: Dutch treat dinner (location TBA)
Sunday 1600 hours (approximate) – Awards Ceremony

7. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 7.1. Measurement checks and inspections may be made at any time at the discretion and direction of the Race Committee.
7.2. All boats are advised to carry a floating towline at least 30 feet long that can be secured to the mast, and strong enough to tow at least four boats behind on a five boat tow.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 8.1. Preliminary sailing instructions will be available on line at www.norotonyc.org and www.US24meter.org by September 11, 2008. Final sailing instructions will be available at registration.

9. VENUE

The racing area will be Long Island Sound, south of Noroton Yacht Club.

10. SCORING

- 10.1. The Low-Point Scoring System of Appendix A will apply.
10.2. There will be up to 10 races sailed, of which 3 are required to be completed to constitute the series.
10.3. When more than 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

11. COMMUNICATION AND SUPPORT BOATS

- 11.1. VHF radios are required as the Race Committee will broadcast information on courses and anticipated starting times. The Race Committee will also broadcast information on safety instructions and will endeavor to broadcast premature starters.
11.2. Support boats must register with the OA to receive safety and rescue assignments and shall be marked with a white flag on a staff.

12. BERTHING AND HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

Boats shall be kept in a designated area in either the dry-sail area or tied to Noroton Yacht Club floats. There are no haul out restrictions.

13. PRIZES

Prizes will be given to the top three finishers. In addition, a Sportsmanship Award in Memory of Hugh Fletcher, granted by vote of all competitors, will be given.

DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to or during, or after the regatta.

14. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of US\$500,000 per occurrence or the equivalent.



REGATTA ENTRY FORM

Noroton Fall Invitational United States 2.4mR Class

Noroton Yacht Club
Darien, CT USA
September 13 – September 14, 2008

Send completed form and payment to:

Britt Hall
27 Highview Road
Darien, CT 06820

Sail # _____ (Required) Model: _____ (Required)

Skipper's Name: _____

US Sailing # (or other National Authority): _____ (Required)

Insurance Co. Name _____ Policy # _____ (Required)

Skipper's Address _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Country: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

Fee paid: \$50.00 Payment: _____ Cash _____ Check (payable to: Britt Hall, Noroton Invitational)

WAIVER

To the fullest extent permitted by law, I hereby waive any rights I may have to sue the race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) involved with the event with respect to personal injury or property damage suffered by myself or my crew as a result of our participation in this event and hereby release the race organizers from any liability for such injury or damage.

Skipper Signature: _____ Date _____