



Sailing Instructions

International DN Ice Yacht Racing Association

North American Championship Regatta & National Championship Regatta

Racing January 25 - January 31, 2026

Organizing Authority: International DN Ice Yacht Racing Association

Host: Commodore Tim Mower (US-5871) and the North American Western Lakes Region

1. RULES

1.1 All races will be governed by and sailed under these Sailing Instructions, the Constitution, By-laws and Specifications of the International DN Ice Yacht Racing Association and the Racing Rules of the National Iceboat Authority, except as any of these are modified by notice to the competitors.

2. OFFICIAL NOTICE BOARD, NOTICES, MODIFICATIONS TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 There will be an on-line Official Notice Board which may be accessed on the DN North America website located at: idniyra.org.

2.2 All Official Notices, including modifications to the Sailing Instructions or rules of the governing authorities, will be posted on the on-line Official Notice Board

2.3 Information such as a course diagram, official sunset time, a map showing the general location of the racing area and known major ice hazards may be posted on the on-line Official Notice Board.

2.4 Any modifications to the Sailing Instructions or rules of the governing authorities will be posted on the on-line Official Notice Board or announced at a Skipper's meeting.

2.5 When necessary, the Race Committee will make audible announcements which may change the sailing instructions and will take precedence over all other notices.

2.6 The Race Committee may designate an on-ice Official Notice Board.

3. EQUIPMENT

3.1 All yachts, sails and attached equipment used in the regatta shall conform to the official specifications of the International DN Ice Yacht Racing Association.

3.2 Prior to racing all Sailors shall place stickers, issued at registration and which shall include the yacht's number, on the Hull, Runner Plank, Mast, Boom, Sails, and Runners. In addition,

two-piece masts shall have a tape seal placed across the joint.

3.3 Stickers are to be placed on the starboard side of the equipment as follows:

Hull – on the Deck adjacent to the mast step

Mast – near the base

Boom – near the forward end

Sail- adjacent to the tack

Plank – adjacent to the side stay attachment

Runners – on top (please clean runner of wax or oil where sticker is to be place)

3.4 In accordance with the IDNIYRA By-Laws, Racing Rule F, stickered equipment must be used throughout the entire Regatta.

3.5 If stickered equipment is damaged to the extent that it is no longer useable the sailor may request a *Change of Equipment* Form from the Race Committee. After receipt of the completed form, inspection, and verification of the damaged equipment, the Race Committee may authorize the equipment change and issue new stickers for placement on the equipment.

3.6 No sailor may compete in the North American Championship Regatta or the National Championship Regatta using a plank supplied or built prior to December 1, 2023, by Peter Hamrak or Icewise, unless a Technical Committee member has determined the pre-December 1, 2023 Hamrak or Icewise plank complies with the Official Specifications.

4. SCHEDULE AND RACES

4.1 Day 1 of racing is the day following the close of registration.

09:00 AM, local time: Sailors' Meeting at launch site.

10:00 AM, local time: First race of the day (Bronze qualifier).

4.2 On subsequent days the start time and the fleet starting first will be posted on the Official Notice Board. All references to time are local time.

4.3 There are seven races scheduled for each fleet for the North American Championship Regatta and for the National Championship Regatta.

4.4 Each Fleet may sail a maximum of 5 races per day.

4.5 Fleet flags will be flown prior to the start of each race.

5. RACE COURSE

5.1 All courses will be a WINDWARD / LEEWARD Inline course with Darling Marks.

5.2 A diagram of the race course is attached to these Sailing Instructions may be accessed on the DN North America website located at: idniyra.org.

5.3 The race course length will be announced by the Starter prior to each race.

5.4 The lap time limit shall be 6½ minutes per mile. (Example: 1 mile course, one lap equals 2 miles, resulting in a lap time limit of 13 minutes for each lap).

6. COURSE MARKS

6.1 Course Marks will be triangular shaped and may be covered in part with high visibility material.

6.2 Guard cones may be placed in close proximity to the Rounding Marks and are to be considered part of the mark for the purposes of the Racing Rules of the National Iceboat Authority, Part IV, Sailing Rules, C. 5. If a guard cone becomes separated from a mark the cone will no longer be

considered part of the mark.

7. STARTING LINE

- 7.1 There will be a Starting Line with numbered tags representing starting positions.
- 7.2 The aft end of each yacht's leeward runner should be positioned at its starting number.

8. START OF RACE

- 8.1 A Fleet Flag will be posted near the starting line center identifying the next fleet to start.
- 8.2 When a fleet flag is posted, that fleet should proceed to the starting line.
- 8.3 All boats should be prepared to line up during the 3rd lap of the preceding fleet's race and each fleet may be started immediately upon the conclusion of the preceding fleet's race. (Exception: Following a qualifying race, the start time of the next race must not be earlier than 20 minutes after the 12th place boat finish). Yachts late to the starting line shall line up from the leeward side of the starting line.
- 8.4 The starter shall raise a checkered flag to signify the preparatory signal.
- 8.5 The starter shall rapidly lower the checkered flag to signal the start of the race.
- 8.6 After raising the checkered flag, if the start is to be delayed the starter will slowly raise a black flag at which point the Sailors are to stand down.

9. OTHER RACE SIGNALS

- 9.1 A checkered flag shall be displayed at the finish line.
- 9.2 A black flag displayed anywhere on the course shall signal abandonment of the race in progress. When a black flag is displayed all Sailors are to cease racing and shall return to the parking area.
- 9.3 A red flag means the course or starting line is being moved.
- 9.4 While the Red Flag is displayed the Race Committee will have Right-of-Way over all yachts. During this time all Sailors and their equipment must stand down or remain at a sufficient distance to allow the Race Committee to make safe and unobstructed adjustments to the starting line and course.

10. FINISH LINE AND FINISHING

- 10.1 The orientation of the finish line will be in-line with the race course.
- 10.2 The weather end of the finish line shall be the Leeward mark.
- 10.3 Sailors shall cross the finish line leaving the Leeward mark to port.
- 10.4 When the checkered finish flag is displayed all Sailors crossing the finish line shall be scored as finishing the race.
- 10.5 Any yacht not finishing within 20 minutes of the first yacht shall be scored as DNF.
- 10.6 After finishing, all Sailors should make every attempt to approach the parking area by sailing around the odd end side of the starting line.

11. SCORING AND SCORING TEAM LOCATION.

- 11.1 Three (3) races are required to be completed in the Gold Fleet to constitute a regatta.
- 11.2 When fewer than five (5) races are completed a yacht's score shall be total of her race scores.
- 11.3 When from five (5) or more races are completed, a yacht's score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score, except that a DNE (Disqualification Not Excludable) may not be excluded.
- 11.4 DNS (Did Not Start), DNF (Did Not Finish), DSQ (Disqualified) and DNE are scored one worse than the number of yachts in the fleet after the mini-qualification races.
- 11.5 The scorers may locate near, on or forward of the starting line typically in the area of start positions #2 and #4 and may place an ATV or other obstruction in front of their position.

12. PROTESTS

- 12.1 All protests are to proceed and to be processed in accordance the IDNIYRA BY- LAWS and the Racing Rules of the National Iceboat Authority, Part V, Protests, Disqualifications, Appeals, except a protest involving an incident occurring in Mini-Qualification race must only comply with IDNIYRA, By-Laws, North American Championship Regatta, B-7, Mini-Qualification Races.
- 12.2 A party to a protest shall make their intent to protest known to the Race Committee immediately after the race in which the infringement occurred or as soon as an infringement is observed and shall identify the sailor being protested.
- 12.3 Upon notification the Race Committee may post a Notice on the Official Notice Board identifying the intent to protest and the Sailer being protested.
- 12.4 A written protest must be filed within two hours of the close of racing for that day with the Race Committee. After timely receipt of the written protest the Race Committee will post the time and place of the protest hearing on the Official Notice Board.
- 12.5 In accordance with the Racing Rules of the National Iceboat Authority, Part V, and Appendix V, Protest Procedure, where a Race Committee rule infringement has been determined to prejudice a yacht's opportunity to win a prize, the judges may award that yacht scoring points rather than ordering a re-sail of the race.

13. ACTIONS LIABLE TO RACE COMMITTEE PROTEST AND DISQUALIFICATION.

- 13.1 A sailor who attempts to speak to the scorers while a race is in progress, at the finish, or while scorers are preparing the final results may be liable to disqualification (scored DSQ) from a race or from all races in the regatta.
- 13.2 A sailor not racing that is sailing on the race course while a race is in progress may be liable to disqualification (scored DSQ) from a race or from all races in the regatta.
- 13.3 A sailor interfering with the Race Committee while the Red flag is displayed may be liable to disqualification (scored DSQ) from a race or from all races in the regatta.
- 13.4 A sailor that interferes with or blocks a safe start once the pre-race sequence (Fleet and Race Number announcement) has commenced may be liable to disqualification (scored DSQ) from the race.
- 13.5 Disqualification from a race under 13.1 through 13.4 will be applied to the next race in the series, or if there is not one, the previous race in the series.

14. ENFORCEMENT OF IDNIYRA OFFICIAL SPECIFICATIONS OF THE DN ICE YACHT

- 14.1 An Official Measurer may be designated and assigned to the Race Committee.
- 14.2 Any yacht may be subject to inspection and measurement at any time (except while racing) during the regatta.
- 14.3 Any yacht moved to the starting line may be inspected to determine if the required stickers are in place.
- 14.4 The Measurer may measure the First through Fifth finishing yachts of each race. The measuring will take place at a designated Area in the pits. After crossing the finish line, the First through Fifth finishing yachts shall sail directly to the measuring area with no stops in the parking area.
- 14.5 If the measurer confirms a competitor's yacht is in violation of the Official Specifications or if a required yacht fails to appear, the measurer will document the violation and report it to the Race Committee who shall score the yacht DSQ for the race in which the violation occurred. The Sailer may file a protest in accordance with the Racing Rules of the National Iceboat Authority, Part V, Protests, Disqualifications, Appeals.

