

2026 Rhodes 19 National Championship

CHICAGO CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB

August 17 to August 21, 2026

Chicago, Illinois

Notice of Race (NOR)

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. The notation '[DP]' in a rule means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. This changes RRS 60.1(a)

1 RULES

1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

1.2 Rhodes 19 Class Association rules apply.

1.3 RRS 60.2.a is changed as follows:

If the protestor is a boat, she shall hail 'Protest' and conspicuously display a red flag, at the first reasonable opportunity for each. She shall display the flag until she is no longer *racing*.

1.4 Rule 60.4(a)(2) is changed as follows:

(2) if it alleges a breach of a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 and is from a boat that was not involved in, and did not see, the incident, or

1.5 The Rhodes 19 Class Rule RE 32.03 is changed as follows:

One U.S.C.G. approved PFD of Type I, II, or III per crewmember and
One U.S.C.G. approved PFD of Type 4 (throwable).

1.6 The Rhodes 19 Class Rule RC 27.00 is changed as follows:

[DP] A boat shall carry an operable VHF radio.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 The sailing instructions will be available at registration in printed form. For the convenience of the competitors, a copy will be available on the regatta website specified in section 15 of this NOR.

3 COMMUNICATION

3.1 The official notice board is located on the north wall of the club's main assembly area.

3.2 On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the Sailing Instructions.

3.3 [DP] From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

3.4 [DP] From the time a boat leaves the dock until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, all mobile device usage is prohibited.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The event is open to Rhodes 19 Class keelboats as defined in the Rhodes 19 Class Association rules.
- 4.2 This event is the 2026 National Championship of the Rhodes 19 Class Association.
- 4.3 Eligible boats may enter the event by registering online at:
<https://racing.corinthian.org/regattas/r19nationals/2026/>
- 4.4 Entries after July 20, 2026 will be subject to a late entry fee.
- 4.5 No entries will be accepted after August 3, 2026.

5 FEES

- 5.1 The entry fee is \$350 per boat.
- 5.2 The entry fee covers all planned regatta activities for the boat.
- 5.3 The entry fee for a boat entered by a competitor under the age of 25 will be reimbursed by the Rhodes 19 Class Association.
- 5.4 The late fee is \$50.

6 SCHEDULE

- 6.1 Registration
 - Monday, August 17 1400–1800
 - Tuesday, August 18 1200–1900
- 6.2 Measurement
 - Monday, August 17 1400–1800
 - Tuesday, August 18 1000–1700
- 6.3 Annual Class Association Meeting
 - Tuesday, August 18 1700
- 6.4 Skipper’s Meeting
 - Wednesday, August 19 0900
- 6.5 Race Schedule
 - Tuesday, August 18 1400 Practice Race
 - Wednesday, August 19 1100 Up to a maximum of four races
 - Thursday, August 20 1030 Up to a maximum of four races
 - Friday, August 21 1030 Up to a maximum of three races
- 6.6 The number of races scheduled is 11.
- 6.7 On the last scheduled day of racing, no warning signal shall be made after 14:00.

7 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

7.1 Each boat shall have a valid measurement certificate on file with the Rhodes 19 Class Association.

7.2 Boats may be inspected at any time.

7.3 Boats shall be weighed prior to launch.

7.4 The following equipment will be inspected:

- RE 32.01 Anchor
- RE 32.02 Anchor line
- PFDs as specified in **1.5**
- RE 32.04 Sound producing device
- RE 32.05 Compass
- RE 32.06 Bucket

7.5 Competitors are asked to present sails for measurement during the times scheduled.

7.6 Sails that have been previously measured will not be measured, however, competitors shall present their sails to the measurer for verification.

8 VENUE

8.1 The races will be sailed upon the open waters of Lake Michigan due east of the Montrose Harbor entrance.

9 PENALTY SYSTEM

9.1 RRS Appendix V1 is in effect.

10 SCORING

10.1 This event will be scored as provided in Appendix A of the RRS using the Low Point Scoring System.

10.2 One score shall be excluded if five or more races are completed.

11 HAULOUT RESTRICTIONS

11.1 [DP] Boats shall be launched by the start of the annual class meeting.

12 RISK STATEMENT

12.1 RRS 3 states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone." By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor

seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of **permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

13 [NP] INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance sufficient to cover liability for loss, damage, personal injury or death.

14 PRIZES

14.1 Prizes will be given as follows:

- Prizes will be awarded to skipper and crew for the top five places in the regatta.
- Perpetual trophies and other prizes will be awarded as applicable.

14.2 The following perpetual trophies will be awarded at this event:

- **National Championship Trophy** – awarded to the overall winner.
- **Cressy Trophy** – awarded to the overall 2nd place finisher.
- **President's Trophy** – awarded each year by the Class President to a class member who has made significant contributions to the Rhodes 19 class.
- **Don Quixote Trophy** – awarded to the highest finishing competitor who has never finished in the top five in any previous National Regatta.
- **Nationbal Regatta Novice Trophy** – awarded to the highest finishing competitor who has never competed in the event previously.
- **Robert Jensen Masters Trophy** – awarded to the highest finishing skipper over sixty years of age.
- **Corinthian Trophy** – awarded to the highest finishing amateur skipper under 25 years of age.
- **Travel Trophy** – awarded to the competitor who has traveled the farthest with the greatest effort to attend the regatta.
- **Wet Bottom Trophy** – awarded to the top finisher who is sailing with bottom paint.
- **Fleet Trophy** – presented to the fleet with the best record for its top finishers.

15 **FURTHER INFORMATION** For general information and directions to the club, view the Chicago Corinthian Yacht Club website at:

<http://www.corinthian.org/>.

For information on Fleet 12, view the Fleet 12 website at:

<https://rhodes19fleet12.racing/>.

For the latest regatta information, view the regatta website at:

<https://racing.corinthian.org/regattas/r19nationals/2026/>

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