



**International 12 Metre Association
2017 North American Championships**

NOTICE OF RACE

12M Americas Fleet
Host

Ida Lewis Yacht Club
Organizing Authority



IDA LEWIS YACHT CLUB

**Newport, Rhode Island, USA.
September 21-25, 2017**

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 March 1, 2016 and any subsequent amendments.
- 1.3** In order to suit local conditions, the Race Committee has received permission from the ITMA Executive Committee to vary the length of the courses from those specified in ITMA By-Law 10.2.2.

2. ELIGIBILITY. The regatta is open to 12 Metre yachts with a valid measurement certificate, which are current with their ITMA/ 12 Metre Class dues, Americas Fleet dues and certificate filing fees.

3. ADVERTISING. Advertising is permitted on the spinnaker and on both sides of the boom at the discretion of the owner. Competitors may be asked to display flags of presenting and supporting companies before and after racing.

4. ENTRIES:

- 4.1** Eligible yachts may enter by sending the completed Official Entry Form with payment of **\$1750.** payable to: 12M Americas Fleet (write "12M NA" on Memo line), and a copy of the cover page of the yacht's valid measurement certificate (unless previously submitted) to;
12 Metre NA's
Attn. Peter Gerard,
66 Eastnor Road Extension,
Newport RI 02840,
by Monday, September 4, 2016.
- 4.2** The registration fee includes dockage at Bannister's Wharf, the opening reception at the 12 Metre YC (9/21, 1900-2000hrs), awards ceremony at Ida Lewis YC and trophies.
- 4.3** Late entries may be accepted upon payment of \$250 late entry fee.

4.4 All competing yachts shall dock at Bannister's Wharf from Thursday afternoon, September 21 through Sunday, September 24.

5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

Sept 21 Thursday	1830	12 Metre Owner's Meeting, 12 Metre YC,CCH
	1900	Skippers' Meeting 12 Metre YC, CCH
	2000	12 Metre YC "Annual Dinner" at the 12MYC, CCH (advance ticket purchase required) *Purchase Tickets at: : 12myc.org/social
Sept 22 Friday	0900	Rendezvous signal announce on VHF Ch 79A
	1055	Course Signals
	1100	First Warning Signal
	1830	Cocktails and Regatta Dinner at Eisenhower House, Ft Adams State Park, Newport, RI. The dinner price which includes dinner wine but not cocktails is \$95 per person if paid by September 4 th , 2017; and \$105 per person if paid after September 4 th , 2017. Reservations Required – preferably by email before registration. With prior reservations the host will attempt to seat teams and their guests together.
Sept. 23, Saturday	0900	Rendezvous signals on VHF Ch 79A
	1055	Course Signals
	1100	First Warning Signal
	Evening	"On your own"
Sept. 24, Sunday	0900	Rendezvous signals on VHF Ch 79A
	1055	Course Signals
	1100	First Warning Signal
	1630	Awards & light fare at Ida Lewis Yacht Club

Eight races are scheduled. ONE completed race shall constitute a series.
No warning signal will be made after 1400, Sunday, September 24.

6. DIVISIONS: Yachts will be divided in to the following classes:

Grand Prix
Modern
Traditional
Vintage

7. COURSES: Courses will be windward – leeward and triangle windward-leeward, as indicated in the Sailing Instructions. Racing will be on Rhode Island Sound or Narragansett Bay.

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 Rule 44.3 (c) is changed to "The scores of other boats shall be changed to reflect the impact of the penalty."

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 A2.

9.2 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 23.

10. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS: Sailing Instructions will be available at registration.

11. PRIZES: 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.

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 but, 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.

13.5 Protests alleging infringement of SI paragraph 14 shall only be initiated by the Organizing Authority. This changes RRS 60.1

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:

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