



Notice of Race
SLSC MC Scow / Finn Horserace
A regatta open to all MC Scow and Finn sailboats
September 23-24, 2023

COVID 19 Restrictions: COVID restrictions that may be prescribed by the Saratoga Lake Sailing Club (SLSC) Board at the time of racing will be enforced.

Safety: It shall be the responsibility of each competitor to decide whether to start or continue a race. Competitors are encouraged to wear a Coast Guard approved PFD at all times while on the water. Each boat must carry safety equipment prescribed by her class rules and government regulations.

Organizing Authority and Rules: The Saratoga Lake Sailing Club (SLSC) is the organizing authority for this event. All racing events sanctioned by SLSC are governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association, and the rules of the individual classes, except as any of these are altered by the Sailing Instructions. **Notices to Competitors** will be posted on the Official Bulletin Board located on the front porch of the SLSC clubhouse. **For Finn Class only** - [Appendix P5](#) will apply. Finn Class Rule C.1.1 (Flag O @ 10 knots or more to permit downwind pumping/rocking/ooching; flag R to restrict) will be in effect and explained fully at the Competitors' meeting. Flags O and R will be provided by the Finn Class.

Single Use Water Bottle Policy: SLSC will **NOT** provide single use water bottles or cups. Competitors are encouraged to bring their own refillable water bottle. SLSC will provide purified water to fill bottles. Bring your favorite cup for other beverages.

Eligibility: The regatta is open to all members of the MC Scow and Finn Classes. MC Scows and Finns will compete as separate fleets. All competitors must register for the competition. Registrations and payment will be taken online prior to the regatta. Navigate to the SLSC MC Fleet web page at <https://sailsaratoga.org/mc-scow>. Boats that have not been registered may not be scored.

Boat storage, rigging, and launching: SLSC has boat park space and lawn space for storing and rigging your boat. **Tow vehicles are not allowed on the lawn.** A SLSC member will move your trailer to the lawn using the club tractor. SLSC has three options for launching boats. 1) Launching with the crane. 2) Launching from your trailer at the concrete boat ramp. 3) Launching from a dolly at the lawn ramp.

Fee: The entry fee is \$95 for each skipper. The meal plan for non-sailors is \$30. The

fee includes light breakfast, lunch and dinner on Saturday; light breakfast, lunch, and awards on Sunday; and beverages.

Schedule of events:

Friday Sept 22:

- Competitors can arrive, rig boats, and practice sail at SLSC.

Saturday Sept 23:

- 08:00 - 09:30 Breakfast
- 08:30 - 09:15 Registration
- 09:30 Skippers Meeting (decide on sailing and lunch break)
- 10:00 - 16:00 Harbor gun and Racing
- 18:00 Dinner

Sunday Sept 24:

- 08:00 - 09:00 Breakfast
- 09:30 - 13:30 Harbor gun and Racing
- No Races Start after 13:00
- Lunch and Award Presentation to follow Sailing

Race Scoring: One race constitutes a regatta. The Low-Point Scoring System (Appendix A of RRS) is used with one modification: one throw-out is allowed, only if six or more races are completed. Each boat finishing a race and not being disqualified will be scored within their fleet as follows: finishing in First Place scores 1 point, Second scores 2 points, and so on.

A boat disqualified will receive a score of the number of boats finishing plus one for that race. Boats that do not finish a race will receive a score of the number of boats finishing plus one for that race.

Prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each class. Prizes will be awarded after completion of racing.

Accommodations: There are toilet and shower rooms available in the Clubhouse. SLSC has parking space available for motorhomes. There is one electrical hookup available. There is ample space on the lawn for tent camping. There are 5 beds available in the Clubhouse on a first come, first served basis.

Finn Class Measurement: All equipment must be class legal and possess a valid measurement certificate. Competitors must comply with all safety gear as required by law and Class rules. US Federal Law Title 33, Subpart B, Personal Floatation Devices, has been enforced in the past by local or federal law enforcement agencies. It requires that while practicing for or racing in competition, either a US Coast Guard-approved flotation device, or a flotation device that conforms to regulations of their own country. Finn Class Rule C 5.2.1 (a) stipulates a towing rope minimum 8 m long of not less than 8mm diameter, capable of floating.

DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY/RISK: It is the competitor's decision to enter the regatta and to start or continue any race and each competitor is ultimately responsible for the risks of sailing and racing. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The competitor will accept full responsibility for all his/her actions during any activity related to the event. This includes all race preparation activities, racing and post-race activities, and boat & trailer storage. Neither the Organizing Authority, nor the Host Club will accept any liability for material damage, personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.