



USSTAG 2011 WMR January Qualifier
Key Biscayne Yacht Club
Miami, FL USA
January 7-9, 2011



NOTICE OF RACE

1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Organising Authority (OA) will be the Key Biscayne Yacht Club and US Sailing Association.

2. VENUE

The venue will be Key Biscayne, Biscayne Bay, Florida, USA.

3. EVENT GRADING

The event has applied for International Sailing Federation (ISAF) Grade 4. This grading is subject to review by the ISAF Match Race Rankings Sub Committee. The event may be re-graded when there is clear reason to do so.

4. PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

4.1. Schedule

Date	Event	Time
January 6	Registration	0900-1700
	Crew weighing	0900-1700
	Practice	1200-1700
January 7	First briefing	0830
	Skipper/Umpire meeting	Immediately following briefing
January 7-9	First attention signal	1000
	Umpire debrief	TBD – after racing
January 9	Prize giving	Immediately following racing

- a. No attention signal will be made after 1500 on the last day of racing.
- b. Prize giving will be on January 9, 2011 after racing.

4.2. Unless excused by the OA, attendance at the following is mandatory:

- a. Initial briefing, for skippers.
- b. Daily briefing, for skippers.
- c. Prize giving for the finals skippers and crews.



5. SKIPPERS ELIGIBILITY

- 5.1. Up to 8 skippers that meet the eligibility requirements and request an invitation by the deadline (December 15, 2010) will be invited to compete. If more than 8 requests have been received on December 15, 2010, the most recent ISAF Women's Match Race ranking will be used to determine the top eight teams to be invited.
- 5.2. The registered skipper shall helm the boat at all times while racing, except in an emergency.
- 5.3. To remain eligible a skipper shall confirm acceptance of invitation in writing, (e-mail is acceptable) to be received by the date specified on the letter of invitation.
- 5.4. All competitors shall meet the eligibility requirements of ISAF regulation 19.2.
- 5.5. All competitors shall obtain an ISAF Sailor ID by registering online at www.sailing.org/isafsailor. Skippers shall inform the OA of their ISAF Sailor ID at registration.
- 5.6. All competitors must be eligible to represent USA at the 2012 Olympic Games.

6. ENTRIES

- 6.1. Entry Completion
The skipper shall be entered on completion of registration, crew weighing and payment of all fees and deposits. All payments shall be made by credit card or cash (\$US).
- 6.2. Entry Fee
A non-refundable entry fee of \$US 600 shall be paid before registration. This fee includes the cost of borrowed boat insurance. Invited skippers can register at the link posted on US Sailing Team website <http://sailingteams.ussailing.org/Events/2011WMRQual.htm> . Questions regarding registration should be forwarded to Dave Johnson (davejohnson@ussailing.org) or 401-683-0800.
- 6.3. Damage Deposit
 - a. An initial damage deposit of \$US 1,000 shall be paid during online registration, unless extended by the OA. This deposit is the maximum payable by the skipper as a result of any one incident.
 - b. In the event of a deduction from a skipper's damage deposit, the deposit must be restored to its original amount before the skipper will be permitted to continue in the event.
 - c. Any damage not identifiable to a particular skipper[s] will be assessed proportionately to all skippers at the end of the regatta.
 - d. Any remaining deposit after the event will be refunded to the credit card used from registration within 10 days after the event. Please note that credit card companies may take up to 30 days to refund the damage deposit balance not assessed during the event or by the OA.

7. RULES

- 7.1. The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the RRS, including Appendix C.



- 7.2. The rules for the handling of boats will apply, and will also apply to any practice sailing and sponsor races. Class rules of the Elliott 6m Class will not apply

8. **BOATS AND SAILS**

- 8.1. The event will be sailed in Elliott 6m type boats.
- 8.2. Eight (8) boats will be provided.
- 8.3. The following sails will be provided for each boat:
 - a. Mainsail
 - b. Jib
 - c. Spinnaker
- 8.4. Boats will be allocated by draw, either daily or before each round as decided by the Race Committee.

9. **CREW (INCLUDING SKIPPER)**

- 9.1. The number of crew (including skipper) shall be three (3). All registered crew shall sail all races.
- 9.2. The maximum total crew weight, determined prior to racing shall be 204kg, when wearing at least shorts and shirts.
- 9.3. When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the event the OA may authorize an original crew member to substitute.
- 9.4. When a registered crew is unable to continue in the event the OA may authorize a substitute, a temporary substitute or other adjustment.
- 9.5. Each competitor is responsible for providing their own PFD.

10. **EVENT FORMAT**

- 10.1. The intended format of the event will consist of the following stages:
 - a. Stage 1 – Double Round Robin where each skipper will race against each other skipper twice.
 - b. Stage 2 – Semi Final Knockout Series where the four skippers with the highest total scores at the end of Stage 1 will advance to Stage 2. The winners of each series of Stage 2 will be the first boat to score 3 points.
 - c. Stage 3 – Final/Petit-Final Knockout Series where the winners of Stage 2 will advance to the Final series. The other competitors from Stage 2 will sail in the Petit-Final series. The winner of the Final series will be the first boat to score 3 points. The winner of the Petit-Final series will be the first boat to score 2 points.
- 10.2. The OA may change the format, terminate or eliminate any round, when conditions allow or when they are not expected to permit the completion of the intended format.
- 10.3. The event will be terminated and considered a non-event, without a winner, if a single round-robin cannot be complete in Stage 1. For events listed in NOR 13.2 any qualifying teams will be determined by each team's funding grade (A1, A2, A3) based on 2010 results.



11. COURSE

- 11.1. The Course will be windward/leeward with starboard roundings, finishing downwind.
- 11.2. The intended course area will be on Biscayne Bay.

12. ADVERTISING

- 12.1. As boats and equipment will be supplied by the OA, ISAF regulation 20.4 applies. Each boat will be required to display advertising as supplied by the OA.
- 12.2. Boats shall not be permitted the right to protest for breaches of any rules regarding advertising.

13. PRIZES

- 13.1. The top two skippers will qualify for US SAILING's 2011 Rolex Miami OCR regatta.
- 13.2. This event will serve as the qualifier and create priority order for the following events:
 - a. US SAILING's Rolex Miami OCR
 - b. Princess Sofia
 - c. Semaine Olympique Francaise
 - d. Delta Lloyd
- 13.3. All USA spots at the four ISAF Sailing World Cup events in NOR 13.2 will be granted as follows:
 - a. The winning skipper of the January qualifier has the option to sail all four events.
 - b. The option to take a second spot granted to the USA will rotate back and forth between the second and third place skippers at the January qualifier (E.g. for the second spot at Rolex Miami OCR, the option will be given to the second place skipper, and if there is a second USA spot at Princess Sofia the option will be given to the third place skipper, and if there is a second USA spot at Semaine Olympique Francaise the option will be given to the second place skipper and so on).
- 13.4. The top three crews will be awarded medals provided by US SAILING.
- 13.5. Additional prizes may be awarded.

14. MEDIA, IMAGES AND SOUNDS

The OA shall have the right to use any images, video and sounds recorded during the event free of any charge.

15. COACH BOATS

- 15.1. Coach boats shall conspicuously display identification of the team being coached. A coach boat is any boat that is under the direction or control of a person gathering information or giving material support for the benefit of particular competitors either on the water or off.
- 15.2. The OA will provide berths for coach boats.
- 15.3. Any interference by a coach boat with the racing or event organization may result in a penalty applied at the discretion of the Protest Committee to the appropriate skipper or team.



16. DISCLAIMER

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. Neither the OA nor ISAF will accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

17. INVITATIONS

Entries will only be accepted from invited skippers. If you wish to be invited please register your request for an invitation before December 15, 2010 with the OA by registering at the link posted on US Sailing Team website <http://sailingteams.ussailing.org/Events/2011WMRQual.htm>.

18. CONTACT INFORMATION

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