



USSTAG 2011 WMR May Qualifier Sail Sheboygan
Sheboygan, WI USA
May 11-15, 2011
NOTICE OF RACE



1. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

The Organizing Authority (OA) will be Sail Sheboygan and US SAILING.

2. VENUE

The venue will be Sheboygan, Wisconsin USA.

3. EVENT GRADING

The event has applied for International Sailing Federation (ISAF) Grade 3. 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 PROGRAM

4.1. Schedule

DATE	EVENT	TIME
May 11, 2011	Registration	0900-1700
	Crew weighing	0900-1700
	Practice	1200-1700
May 12	First briefing	0830
	Skipper/Umpire meeting	Immediately following briefing
	First attention signal	1000
	Umpire debrief	30 minutes after docking
May 13	Morning briefing	0830
	First attention signal	1000
	Umpire debrief	30 minutes after docking
May 14	Morning briefing	0830
	First attention signal	1000
	Umpire debrief	30 minutes after docking
May 15	Morning briefing	0830
	First attention signal	1000
	Prize giving	30 minutes after docking

a. No attention signal will be made after 1500 on the last day of 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. Umpire debriefings, for skippers, and
- d. Prize giving for the finals skippers and crews.

4.3. Prize giving will be on the last day of racing as soon after racing as possible.

5. SKIPPER'S ELIGIBILITY

- 5.1. Up to 8 skippers that meet the eligibility requirements and request an invitation by the deadline (April 3, 2011) will be invited to compete. If more than 8 requests have been received by April 3, 2011, the ISAF Women's Match Race ranking of March 30, 2011, 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
- 5.6. Skippers shall inform the OA of their ISAF Sailor ID at registration.
- 5.7. All competitors must be eligible to represent the USA at the 2012 Olympic Games.

6. INVITATIONS

Entries will only be accepted from invited skippers. If you wish to be invited please register your request for an invitation by April 3, 2011 with the OA at the link posted on the US Sailing Team website <http://sailingteams.ussailing.org/Events/2011WMRQual2.htm>

7. ENTRIES

7.1. *Registration*

Invited skippers must register at the link posted on the US Sailing Team website <http://sailingteams.ussailing.org/Events/2011WMRQual2.htm> Questions regarding registration should be forwarded to Dave Johnson (davejohnson@ussailing.org) or call 401-683-0800.

7.2. *Entry Fee*

A non-refundable entry fee of US \$750 shall be payable to "Sail Sheboygan Ltd" during online registration. This fee includes the cost of borrowed boat insurance.

7.3. *Damage Deposit*

- a. An initial damage deposit of US \$1,000 shall be paid during online registration to Sail Sheboygan via their secure site at <http://sailsheboygan.org/n-charter.php> 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.

7.4. *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 check (US \$).

8. RULES

- 8.1. The event will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), including Appendix C.
- 8.2. 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.
- 8.3. Add to RRS 41: (e) help to recover from the water and return on board a crew member, provided the return on board is at the approximate location of the recovery.

9. BOATS AND SAILS

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

10. CREW (including Skipper)

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

11. EVENT FORMAT

- 11.1. The intended format for each 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 at least 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 at least 3 points. The winner of the Petit-Final series will be the first boat to score at least 2 points.
- 11.2. 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.
- 11.3. 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 14.1, any qualifying teams will be determined by results from the previous event (January 2011 WMR USSTAG Qualifier).

12. COURSE

- 12.1. The course will be windward/leeward with starboard roundings, finishing downwind.
- 12.2. The intended course area will be on Lake Michigan.

13. ADVERTISING

- 13.1. 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.
- 13.2. Boats shall not be permitted the right to protest for breaches of any rules regarding advertising. This changes RRS 60.1.

14. PRIZES

- 14.1. All prizes are specified under the “Rules for WMR qualification for 2011-2012” web page at <http://sailingteams.ussailing.org/Events/2011WMRQual/Rules.htm>

15. 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.

16. COACH BOATS

- 16.1. 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.
- 16.2. The OA will provide berths for coach boats.
- 16.3. 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.

17. DISCLAIMER

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The OA or ISAF will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

18. PROCEDURES FOR PROTECTED COMPETITIONS

- 18.1. US SAILING shall ensure that the Organizing Authority includes the following rules and procedures in the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions for a Protected Competition:
 - a. The US SAILING prescriptions to rules 60, 63.2, and 63.4 shall apply to a Protected Competition, except that the words "when practicable" in the first sentence of the prescription to rule 63.4 are deleted.
 - b. Protest committees shall include 20% "sailor-athlete" representation. "Sailor-athlete" has the meaning of "athlete" set forth in USOC Bylaw, Section 8.8.2 (the 10-year rule) or Level A or B Sailor-Athlete as defined by US SAILING Sailor Athlete Council (SAC) Bylaws 3.3.1 and 3.3.2 (except that the US SAILING member class referred to in SAC Bylaw 3.3.2.3 shall be an international class recognized by ISAF at the time of the sailor-athlete's qualification).
 - c. The right of appeal will not be denied under rule 70.5 (a), (b), or (c), but an expedited appeal process may be used that balances the needs of the competitor for certainty with respect to berths in future competitions and sufficient time to prepare the arguments and evidence for the appeal.
 - d. Any boat that is a party to a redress hearing may be represented by up to two individuals.
 - e. If a hearing is scheduled after the event is concluded and after the sailors and officials have left the venue, it will be scheduled as soon as possible, and in a place and manner chosen with deference to the competitor's preferences or circumstances; and parties to the hearing have the right to be present telephonically or via video feed as appropriate, provided all participants can hear and speak to each other.

19. CONTACT INFORMATION

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