



**2011 Women's Match Racing
U.S. Olympic Team Qualifying Regatta
Key Biscayne Yacht Club
Miami, FL USA
October 25 - 30, 2011**



1. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

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

2. V E N U E

Biscayne Bay near Key Biscayne, Florida, 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

Date	Event	Time
October 25	Registration	0900-1700
	Crew Weighing prior any practice	0900-1700
	Practice	0900-1700
	Opening Ceremonies	1830
October 26	Daily crew weighing	0800-0845
	First Briefing	0845
	Skipper/Umpire meeting	Immediately following briefing
	First attention signal	1000
	Umpire debrief	30 min after boat hauling
October 27	Daily crew weighing	0800-0830
	First attention signal	1000
	Umpire debrief	30 min after boat hauling
October 28	Daily crew weighing	0800-0830
	First attention signal	1000
	Umpire debrief	30 min after boat hauling
October 29	Daily crew weighing	0800-0830
	First Attention Signal	1000
	Umpire debrief	30 min after boat hauling

October 30	Daily crew weighing	0800-0830
	First Attention Signal	1000
	Awards and closing ceremonies	Immediately after boat hauling

No Attention signal shall be made after 1500 hrs 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. Prize giving for the finals skippers and crews.

5. SKIPPERS ELIGIBILITY

- 5.1. Skippers that meet the eligibility requirements and request an invitation by the deadline (September 8, 2011) will be invited to compete.
- 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 Game see: <http://sailingteams.ussailing.org/Assets/SailingTeams/Olympic+Path/London+2012+Selection+Procedures+-+WMR.pdf>

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. Fees

A non-refundable SOCIAL fee of \$400.00 shall be paid before registration. This fee includes the cost of borrowed boat insurance. Skippers and crews shall register at the link posted on US Sailing Team AlphaGraphics website <http://sailingteams.ussailing.org/Events/2011WMRTrials.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 online before or during event registration at <http://www.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. 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. Class rules of the Elliott 6m Class will not apply.
- 7.3. Add to RRS 41: (e) help recover from the water and return on board a crew member, provided the return on board is at the approximate location of the recovery.

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 the skipper) shall be three (3). All registered crew shall sail in 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. All competitors will be required to wear a PFD while racing.

10. EVENT FORMAT

- 10.1. The intended format of the event will consist of the following stages:
- a. Stage 1 – Two Round Robins where each skipper will race against each other skipper two times.
 - b. Stage 2 - The four skippers with the highest total scores at the end of Stage 1 will advance to this stage. 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 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 or qualifying places if a single round robin cannot be completed in Stage 1. If a non-event, qualification will revert to 2011 team rankings.

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. Teams will qualify for the following events:
- ISAF Worlds, AUS – December 3-18, 2011
 - RMOCR, USA – January 22-28,2012
 - Princess Sofia, ESP – March 31-April 6, 2012
 - Semaine Olympique Francaise, FRA – April 20-27,2012
 - 2012 WMR Worlds, TBD
- (a) The winning team from the 2011 Women’s Match Racing U.S. Olympic Team Qualifying Regatta has the option to sail all five events.
 - (b) If the USA is awarded a second spot at any of the above events the team finishing second at this event will be given an invitation. A possible third invitation will be given to the team finishing third at this event.

(c) The top four teams qualify for the 2012 U.S. Olympic Team Final Qualifying Regatta in Weymouth.

13.2. The top three crews will be awarded trophies.

13.3. 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 September 8, 2011 with the OA by registering at the link posted on US Sailing Team website <http://sailingteams.ussailing.org/Events/2011WMRTrials.htm>

18. PROCEDURES FOR PROTECTED COMPETITIONS

US SAILING Regulation 12.03 Protected Competitions, will be in effect for this event, as follows:

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.

19. CONTACT INFORMATION

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