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1. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

The Organizing Authority (OA) is the United States Sailing Center – Sheboygan (USSC-S).

2. VENUE

The venue will be Sheboygan, Wisconsin, and adjacent waters of Lake Michigan.

3. EVENT GRADING

The event is an ISAF Grade 1 event. This grading is subject to review by the ISAF Match Race Advisory Board. The event may be re-graded when there is clear reason to do so.

4. PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

4.1. Schedule

Wednesday, September 8, 2010

0900 -- 1700 Registration and crew weighing

1000 – 1700 Practice

1800 First briefing and first meeting with the umpires

1830 Welcome Reception and Press Conference

Thursday, September 9, 2010

0800 Morning briefing

0900 Time of first race

Friday, September 10, 2010

0800 Morning briefing

0900 Time of first race

Saturday, September 11, 2010

0800 Morning briefing

0900 Time of first race

Regatta Banquet

Sunday, September 12, 2010

0800 Morning briefing

0900 Time of the first race

No flight will begin after 1500

Prize giving will follow as soon as possible after the last race

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

- a. Initial briefing, for skippers.
- b. Daily briefings, for skippers.
- c. Daily debriefings, for skippers and crew.
- d. Regatta social events, for skippers and crew.

- e. Prize giving, for skippers and crew.

5. SKIPPERS ELIGIBILITY

- 5.1. As many as sixteen (16) skippers will be invited to this event. Only skippers invited by the OA will be eligible to enter this event.
- 5.2. The winner of the 2010 US Sailing Women's Match Racing Championship will be given one of the sixteen available invitations.
- 5.3. The winner of a yet to be determined regatta will be given one of the sixteen available invitations.
- 5.4. All skippers shall be members of their ISAF Member National Authority (MNA).
- 5.5. The registered skipper shall helm the boat at all times while racing, except in an emergency.
- 5.6. To remain eligible a skipper shall confirm acceptance of an invitation in writing (e-mail is acceptable) to be received by the date specified on the letter of invitation.
- 5.7. A non-refundable entry bond fee of \$450.00 (US) shall accompany the acceptance of invitation for it to be valid. At registration this money will be credited to the required entry fee. This bond shall be made by cash, check, major credit card, or electronic funds transfer, in US dollars, payable to US Sailing Center - Sheboygan.
- 5.8. All competitors shall meet the eligibility requirements of ISAF Regulation 19.2.
- 5.9. All competitors shall obtain an ISAF Sailor ID by registering online at <http://www.sailing.org/isafsailor>.
- 5.10. Skippers shall inform the OA of their Sailor ID at or before registration.

6. ENTRIES

6.1. Registration

The skipper shall be entered on completion of registration, crew weighing, and the payment of the entry fee and damage deposit. The entry fee and deposit shall be paid prior to gaining access to boats for practice. All payments shall be made by cash, check, major credit card, or electronic funds transfer, in US dollars, payable to US Sailing Center - Sheboygan.

6.2. Entry Fee

A non-refundable entry fee of \$1000.00 (US) shall be paid at or before registration.

6.3. Damage Deposit

- a. An initial damage deposit of \$1000.00 (US) shall be paid at registration, unless extended by the OA. This deposit is the maximum insurance deductible payable by the skipper as a result of any one incident.
- b. In the event of a deduction from the damage deposit the OA may require that the deposit be restored to its original amount before the skipper will be permitted to continue in the event.
- c. Any remaining deposit after the event will be refunded within 15 days after the event.

7. RULES

- a. The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the 2009-2012 RRS and Appendix C.

- b. The prescriptions of US SAILING will not apply, except the US SAILING prescriptions to rules 68, 76.1, and 76.3, which are stated in full in paragraph 18 below.
- c. An International Jury (IJ) will be appointed in accordance with RRS Appendix N.
- d. The rules for the handling of boats will apply, and will also apply to any clinic/practice sailing and sponsor races. Class rules will not apply.
- e. A PFD approved by the US Coast or equivalent national authority shall be worn at all times while on the water, other than brief periods while adding or removing clothing. All competitors must supply their own PFD's. The Y flag will not be flown. This modifies RRS 40.

8. BOATS AND SAILS

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

9. CREW (INCLUDING SKIPPER)

- a. The number of crew (including skipper) shall be three (3). All registered crew shall sail all races.
- b. The maximum total crew weight, determined prior to racing shall be 204 kgs when wearing at least shorts and shirts.
- c. When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the event the OA may authorize an original crewmember to substitute.
- d. When a registered crewmember is unable to continue in the event the OA may authorize a substitute, a temporary substitute, or other adjustment.

10. EVENT FORMAT

- a. The event will consist of the following stages:
 - Stage 1: Round Robin
16 skippers will be divided into 2 groups based on the ISAF Match Racing Women ranking list 30 days prior to the event. Each group will sail a round robin with each skipper sailing against each other skipper in their group once. The top 4 teams in each group advance to Stage 2. The remaining teams advance to Stage 3.
 - Stage 2: Quarter Final Round Robin
Each skipper will race against each other skipper once. The top 4 teams will advance to Stage 4.
 - Stage 3: Round Robin
Each skipper will race against each other skipper once to determine places 9 through 16.
 - Stage 4: Semi Final Series
The first skipper to score two (2) points will advance to the Finals. The remaining skippers will advance to the Petit Finals.
 - Stage 5: Petit-Final / Final Series
The winner of the Final Series will be the first skipper to score three (3) points. The winner of the petit final series will be the first skipper to score two (2) points.

- b. The OA may change the format, terminate or eliminate any round when conditions do not permit the completion of the intended format.

11. COURSE

- a. The course will be windward/leeward/windward/leeward with starboard roundings, finishing downwind.
- b. The intended course area will be south of the Sheboygan Harbor break wall.

12. ADVERTISING

- a. As boats and equipment will be supplied by the OA, ISAF Regulation 20.3.2 applies and Category C advertising as supplied by the OA is to be displayed on this equipment.
- b. Competitors may be required to wear clothing or a logo of an event sponsor while racing or at official functions.
- c. Competitors may be permitted to display advertising ashore at the venue, but this is subject to individual negotiation with the OA.
- d. Boats shall not be permitted the right to protest for breaches of any rules regarding advertising (amends RRS 60.1).

13. PRIZES

- 13.1. Prizes will be awarded to the skippers and crews placing first through third.
- 13.2. The names of the winning team will be engraved on the perpetual Buddy Melges trophy.

14. MEDIA, IMAGES, AND SOUND

- 14.1. The OA may require television personnel and equipment (or dummies) to be carried on board while racing and may require competitors to be available for interviews.
- 14.2. Competitors shall not interfere with the normal working of the OA supplied media equipment.
- 14.3. The OA shall have the right to use any images and sound recorded during the event free of any charge.

15. COACH BOATS

- 15.1. Coach boats shall conspicuously display the 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. Teams needing coach boat support should contact the OA as soon as possible to make appropriate arrangements.
- 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 IJ to the appropriate skipper or team.

16. OTHER REQUIREMENTS

- a. Upon request, housing in private homes of Sheboygan area residents will be provided to competitors based on availability.

- b. Continental breakfast, lunches, and water will be provided to all competitors on race days.

17. DISCLAIMER

All those taking part in this event do so at their own risk. The OA, its associates and appointees, accept no responsibility for any loss, damage, injury, or inconvenience incurred, howsoever caused.

18. APPLICABLE US SAILING PRESCRIPTIONS

- 18.1. After RRS 68 add: "US SAILING prescribes that:
 - a. A boat that retires from a race or accepts a penalty does not, by that action alone, admit liability for damages.
 - b. A protest committee shall find facts and make decisions only in compliance with the rules. No protest committee or US SAILING appeal authority shall adjudicate any claim for damages. Such a claim is subject to the jurisdiction of the courts.
 - c. A basic purpose of the rules is to prevent contact between boats. By participating in an event governed by the rules, a boat agrees that responsibility for damages arising from any breach of the rules shall be based on fault as determined by application of the rules, and that she shall not be governed by the legal doctrine of 'assumption of risk' for monetary damages resulting from contact with other boats."
- 18.2. After RRS 76.1 add: "US SAILING prescribes that an organizing authority or race committee shall not reject or cancel the entry of a boat or exclude a competitor eligible under the notice of race and sailing instructions for an arbitrary or capricious reason or for reason of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, or age."
- 18.3. Add RRS 76.3: "US SAILING prescribes that a boat whose entry is rejected or cancelled or a competitor who is excluded from a race or series shall be, upon written request, entitled to a hearing conducted by the protest committee under rules 63.2, 63.3, 63.4 and 63.6."

19. INVITATIONS

Entries will only be accepted from invited skippers. If you wish to be invited please register your request for an invitation as soon as possible with the OA by completing the online form. Requests for an invitation should be submitted by May 8, 2010. Invites will be issued on or before May 10, 2010.

20. CONTACT

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