



U.S. MATCH RACING CHAMPIONSHIP



NOTICE OF RACE

2015 U.S. Match Racing Championship
For the Prince of Wales Bowl
Organizing Authority: US Sailing
Sponsored by Gill North America
Event Host: Oakcliff Sailing
Oyster Bay, NY
October 9 - 12, 2015
Posted February 20, 2015

1 ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Organising Authority (OA) will be US Sailing and the U.S. Match Racing Championships Committee.

2 VENUE

The venue will be the Oyster Bay, NY

3 EVENT GRADING

The event has applied for ISAF Grade 3. This grading is subject to review by the ISAF. The event may be re-graded when there is clear reason to do so.

4 PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

4.1 Schedule

- (a) Race office will be open from 1000 to 1700 on October 9, 2015.
- (b) Registration and crew weigh-in is from 1000 to 1700, on October 9, 2015.
- (c) Practice will be from 1200 to 1700 on October 9, 2015. Teams may practice only after they have completed registration and provided the damage deposit.
- (d) Racing days are October 10-12, 2015.
- (e) Initial competitors' briefing and first meeting with the Umpires is at 0900 on October 10, 2015.
- (f) Daily competitors' briefing will be at 0900 on subsequent days.
- (g) Intended time of the first attention signal each race day will be 1000.
- (h) Daily debriefings for competitors to be held approximately 30 minutes after the last boat returns to the mooring.
- (i) Prize giving to be held as soon as feasible after racing October 12, 2015.

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

- (a) Daily briefing for skippers.
- (b) Daily debriefing for skippers.
- (c) All official event sponsored activities.
- (d) Prize giving for the final skippers and crews.

5 SKIPPERS ELIGIBILITY

- 5.1 The competition is between yacht clubs and not between specifically designated persons. Each member of the crew must be a member of US Sailing and of a sailing organization that is a US Sailing member, except that participants from other countries shall either be members of US Sailing or be members of their ISAF recognized national authority for sailing.
- 5.2 Eligible crew do not have to be members of the sailing organization represented by the skipper. The sailing organization represented is the Skipper's Club. Membership information may be found at <http://www.ussailing.org/membership>
- 5.3 A maximum of 10 skippers will be invited. Only skippers invited by the OA will be eligible to enter this event. All qualified skippers shall register through the US Match Racing Championship website (<http://www.ussailing.org/racing/championships/adult/matchracing/>)
- 5.4 The registered skipper shall helm the boat at all times while racing, except in an emergency.



5.5 To remain eligible, a skipper shall confirm acceptance of the invitation in writing (e-mail is acceptable) and by paying a non-refundable entry bond of \$500 online at the event website <http://www.ussailing.org/racing/championships/adult/matchracing/> **no later than 14 calendar days after issuance of the invitation.**

5.6 All competitors shall meet the eligibility requirements of ISAF regulation 19.2.

5.7 All competitors shall obtain an ISAF Sailor ID by registering online at www.sailing.org/isafsailor

5.8 Skippers shall inform the OA of their ISAF Sailor ID at registration.

6 ENTRIES

6.1 Entering

The skipper shall be entered on completion of registration, crew weighing and the payment of all fees and deposits. All payments except the damage deposit shall be made through the event website <http://www.ussailing.org/racing/championships/adult/matchracing/> . The damage deposit shall be paid to the host club at event registration.

6.2 Entry Fee

The total entry fee is \$950 per skipper (including the \$500 bond). The remaining \$450 is due by September 2, 2015 or the bond is forfeited and the OA may invite another skipper.

6.3 Withdrawal

When a skipper accepts an invitation and later withdraws within 30 days of the event or leaves the event before the end without written approval from the OA, a zero score may be applied to their Ranking points for that event by the ISAF. (ISAF Regulation 27.2)

6.4 Damage deposit

- (a) An initial damage deposit of \$2500 shall be paid at registration, unless extended by the OA. This deposit is the maximum payable by the skipper as a result of any one incident.
- (b) If a deduction from the damage deposit is decided by the OA, it 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 30 days.

7 RULES

7.1

- (a) The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the RRS, including Appendix C, [the US Sailing Championship Conditions](#) and the USMRC Conditions located at <http://www.ussailing.org/racing/championships/adult/matchracing/> for this regatta.
- (b) The rules for the handling of boats will apply, and will also apply to any practice sailing and sponsor races. Class rules will not apply.
- (c) The US Sailing prescriptions to rules 67 and 76.1 will apply and will be posted on the official notice board.
- (d) All competitors in this event shall wear, while on the water, other than for brief periods while changing clothes, a competitor supplied USCG approved PFD. This changes RRS 40 and the preamble to Part 4.
- (e) Conflicts between the Conditions for this regatta and this Notice of Race (NOR) will be resolved in favour of the Conditions. If there is a conflict between the NOR and the Sailing Instructions (SIs), it will be resolved in favour of the SIs. This changes RRS 63.7.

7.2 Major Alterations to the RRS

- (a) 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.
- (b) RRS C8.6, C6.3, 28.1, 31, 60.1(b), 62.1(a), 63.1 and A5 will be changed in the sailing instructions.

8 BOATS AND SAILS

8.1 The event will be sailed in Match 40 type boats.

8.2 Ten boats plus spares will be provided.

8.3 The following sails will be provided for each boat: Mainsail, Genoa, Jib, and Spinnaker.

8.4 Boats will be allocated for each day by the Race Committee based on a random assignment process. The process by which boat assignments are determined shall not be grounds for redress. This changes Rule 62.1.

8.5 Each skipper should provide a VHF radio for his/her team. Oakcliff has some VHF's that can be borrowed (the damage deposit will be charged for non-return).

9 CREW (INCLUDING SKIPPER)

9.1 The number of crew (including the skipper) shall be five or six. All registered crew shall sail all races.

9.2 The maximum total crew weight, determined prior to racing shall be 962.5 LBS., when wearing at least shorts and shirts.

9.3 When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the event the USMRCC representative responsible for the event may authorise an original crew member to substitute.

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10 EVENT FORMAT

10.1 The event will consist of the following stages:

Stage 1 - Preliminary Round Robin Racing

Stage 2 - Quarter Finals

Stage 3 - Semi Final/Final Knock-out Series

10.2 The OA may change the format, terminate, or eliminate any round when conditions are not expected to permit the completion of the intended format.

11 COURSE

11.1 The course will be windward/leeward with starboard roundings and finishing downwind.

11.2 The intended course area will be the Oyster Bay or Cold Spring Harbor.

12 ADVERTISING

12.1 As boats and equipment will be supplied by the Organising Authority, ISAF regulation 20.4 applies. Each boat will be required to display advertising as supplied by the OA.

12.2 Competitors may be permitted to display advertising ashore at the venue, but this is subject to individual negotiation with the OA.

12.3 Boats shall not be permitted the right to protest for breaches of any rules regarding advertising (amends RRS 60.1(a)).

13 PRIZES

13.1 The winner will be named the U.S. Match Racing Champion and will have their name engraved on the Prince of Wales Bowl, a perpetual trophy that will be kept on display at US Sailing.

13.2 US Sailing Medals and Oakcliff prizes will be awarded to teams placing first through third.

13.3 The OA may reduce a prize in the case of misconduct or refusal to comply with any reasonable request, including attendance at official functions.

14 MEDIA, IMAGES and SOUND

14.1 If required by the OA:

(a) Television personnel and equipment (or dummies) supplied by the OA shall be carried on board while racing.

(b) Competitors shall wear microphones supplied by the OA during racing and be available for interviews when advised by the OA or RC.

(c) Registered skippers shall wear communications equipment supplied by the OA that will allow commentators to communicate with them whilst racing.

14.2 Competitors shall not interfere with the normal working of the OA supplied media equipment.

14.3 The OA have the right to use any images and sound recorded during the event free of any charge.

15 COACH BOATS

This is a US Sailing Grade 3 Coaching event. Coach boats are not permitted. 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. See

<http://www.ussailing.org/racing/championships/coaching-and-support-boat-policy/>

16 OTHER REQUIREMENTS

Use of Personal Flotation

16.1. Adult Qualifying and Championship Events

For US Sailing Adult qualifying and championship events in keelboats, each competitor shall wear a USCG approved PFD at all times while on the water, except for brief periods while adding or removing clothing.

16.2 Exceptions

Where the ISAF Offshore Special Regulations (OSR) apply, they replace this requirement. Competitors from outside the U.S. may wear a PFD approved by their nations' certification authority to the extent permitted by international treaty.

17 DISCLAIMER

All those taking any part in the 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 INVITATIONS

Invitations will be issued to the winning skipper at each of the [2015 USMRC Qualifiers](#), the 2014 U.S. Match Racing Champion and the 2015 U.S. Women's Match Racing Champion. Any additional available spots will be filled by the US Match Racing Championships Committee Invitation Committee per the USMRC Conditions.

19 DISCIPLINE

PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES (US Sailing Regulation 10)

For adult US Sailing championship events, no competitor shall use, either on or off the water: marijuana or any other controlled substance (as defined in 21 U.S. Code 802) the possession of which is unlawful under 21 U.S. Code 841.

For Junior and Youth events or for junior or youth competitors in any US Sailing championship, no participant or competitor shall use, either on or off the water: marijuana or any other controlled substance (as defined in 21 U.S. Code 802) the possession of which is unlawful under 21 U.S. Code 841, or alcoholic beverages (distilled spirits, wine and beer, each as defined in chapter 51 of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code and intended for beverage use).

An alleged breach of this requirement shall not be grounds for a protest. However, when the protest committee believes that a competitor may have breached the above requirement, it shall follow the process described in the US Sailing Championships' Code of Conduct.

20 TRAVEL AND HOUSING

20.1 Housing may be available if requested online as part of registration no later than September 1. Housing will not be available after that time.

20.2 US Sailing members receive a discount through the Hilton Honors Portfolio.

<http://www.ussailing.org/membership/benefits/>

20.3 US Sailing members will receive a discount through United Airlines for travel to this event. This fare must be booked directly through US Sailing's website at <http://www.ussailing.org/membership/benefits/>

21 CONTACT INFORMATION

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