

2007
Independence Cup & North American Challenge Cup
Regatta
August 3 - 6, 2007 Chicago, Illinois
Hosted By
Chicago Yacht Club
Notice and Conditions of Regatta

On behalf of the United States Sailing Association (US SAILING, the Chicago Yacht Club presents the US Independence Cup (IC) & North American Challenge Cup (NACC) Regatta.

1.0 ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

The organizing authority for this Regatta is US SAILING. The Chicago Yacht Club is the hosting organization and the Regatta is administered by the IC & NACC Regatta Committee (IC/NACC Committee).

2.0 RULES

- 2.1 The Regatta shall be governed by the rules as defined in the 2005 -2008 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 2.2 In case of conflict between Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall govern.
- 2.3 Mandatory use of PDF's – US SAILING Regulation 5.02 requires that, "All competitors in US SAILING Championships at all levels shall wear, while on the water, other than for brief periods while adding or removing clothing, a U.S. Coast Guard (or Canadian) approved PFD, except where the ORC regulations apply."
- 2.4 Racing Rule(s) 44.1 and 44.2 (Two-Turns Penalty) will be amended so that only 1 tack and 1 gybe will be required. The changes will appear in full in the sailing instructions.
- 2.5 The Sonar class will be racing under the Sonar Class Association Rules, Appendix B.
- 2.6 The 2.4mR class will be racing under the International 2.4mR Class Rules.

3.0 DIVISIONS

- 3.1 Sonar Division: 3 persons with disabilities. Competitors are to supply or arrange for charter of their own boat. This is an open division, no pre-qualification required.
- 3.2 Freedom 20 Division: two persons with disabilities. The IC/NACC Committee will provide a randomly selected able-bodied crew member for each boat as a third person on board for specific duties. IC/NACC will provide all boats in a round-robin format. All Freedom 20 Division competitors will be selected via resume, or will be granted an invitation as immediate past champion. Participation is limited to seven (7) teams for the Freedom 20 Division
- 3.3 2.4mR Division: one person with a disability. Competitors are to supply or arrange charter for their own boat. This is an open division, no pre-qualification required.

4.0 ADVERTISING

This Regatta is classified as a Category C event in accordance with RRS 79. Competitors may be required to carry advertising for event sponsors.

5.0 ELEGIBILITY, ENTRY, INVITATIONS, and SUBSIDIES

- 5.1 Eligibility –

- a. All competitors must be members of US SAILING or, if not U.S. residents, the national sailing authority of their home countries. Proof of membership will be required. Information regarding membership may be obtained online at www.ussailing.org or at US SAILING 800-877-2451 P.O. BOX 1260 401-683-0800 15 Maritime Drive www.ussailing.org Portsmouth, RI 02871
- b. Eligible competitors shall certify that s/he does not use banned substances except under the terms of a validly issued Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) that would otherwise cause the competitor to declare ineligible under the rules and regulations of US Anti-doping Agency. A copy of the TUE Must be provided to US SAILING if one has been issued. 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. An alleged breach of one of these regulations shall not be grounds for a protest. However, when the protest committee believes that a competitor may have breached one of these regulations, it shall follow the process described in racing rule 69.1, and a competitor found to have breached one of these regulations shall be excluded from the remaining races of the series and, where practicable, removed from the regatta venue and sent home. The competitor's boat shall be disqualified from all races of the series.

5.2 Invitations or Standard Entry -

- a. Freedom 20 Division is an invitational selected via resume. All applicants must meet the minimum disability criteria requirements of the U.S. Disabled Sailing Championship Committee. Eligibility Requirements forms "I.D.E.A.S." can be found at <http://www.ussailing.org/championships/adult/usic/>. An IFDS classification card can be substituted for a "I.D.E.A.S." form. Opportunities for IFDS classification are available but prior arrangements must be made by the competitor. Any substitute invitation in this group due to inability to attend the finals due to injury or other reason will be subject to the IC/NACC Committee. Immediate past Freedom 20 champion will receive invitations to the finals in Chicago, provided they meet all eligibility criteria as outlined in 5.1 and 5.2a.
- b. 2.4mR and Sonar Divisions are a standard entry process. All competitors must possess current IFDS classification. Opportunities for IFDS classification are available but prior arrangements must be made by the competitor. Any sailor meeting the eligibility requirements of 5.1 may compete in the finals in Chicago with no further qualifying necessary. Competitors in these classes must supply their own boat, or make arrangements for charter.
- c. Entries fees are \$150/person and are due by May 1, 2007. An entry after May 1, 2007 will be subject to late fee of US\$50/person. Any entry after **April 1, 2007** may make a team ineligible for travel or lodging subsidies provided to other competitors by American Airlines and Hyatt Hotels.
- d. The deadline for receipt by the IC/NACC Committee of an online entry application, I.D.E.A.S. eligibility form (Freedom Sailors), and fees is no later than 1800 hours Central Time on July 15, 2007. No refunds will be issued after this deadline.
- e. Freedom 20 Division – 7 Invitations for this Division will be extended to:
 - 1. The immediate past Division champion team.
 - 2. Six (6) additional teams based on resume review by IC/NACC Committee.
- f. Invitations for Freedom 20 Division will be issued by the IC/NACC Committee on or after May 1, 2007, but prior to June 30, 2007.

- g. Any entrant wishing to withdraw their entry will have \$10.00 of their entry fee retained as an administrative fee. Once an entry is withdrawn, another application may be made in other or same class provided it meets all criteria of 5.1 and 5.2.

5.3 Applications and Eligibility forms may be obtained from the following internet sources:

<http://www.ussailing.org/championships/adult/usic/>
www.chicagoyachtclub.org (click “On the Water/Racing” and then “IC/NACC” links)

5.4 Subsidies –

Chicago Yacht Club and event sponsors American Airlines and Hyatt Hotels are providing a limited number of travel and lodging subsidies. These subsidies will be distributed on a first come, first serve basis as follows:

- a. All teams qualifying for the Freedom 20 Division (excluding any team within 100 miles of Chicago) will receive round-trip transportation for skipper and crew on American Airlines to Chicago from the nearest American Airlines destination.
- b. The first 5 (five) 2.4mR Division sailors to complete registration will receive round-trip transportation for themselves on American Airlines to Chicago from the nearest American Airlines destination.
- c. The first 5 (five) Sonar Division teams to complete registration will receive round-trip transportation for skipper and crew on American Airlines to Chicago from the nearest American Airlines destination.
- d. All teams qualifying for the Freedom 20 Division Finals will receive a US\$400 credit per team towards rooming costs at the Hyatt Regency Chicago. Rooms are discounted to US\$125 per night for up to 4 guests per room.
- e. The first 5 (five) 2.4mR Division sailors to complete registration will receive a US\$250 credit per team towards rooming costs at the Hyatt Regency Chicago. Rooms are discounted to US\$125 per night for up to 4 guests per room. If a 2.4mR sailor would like to share a room with another sailor to lower expenses, the NACC Committee can assist with those arrangements
- f. The first 5 (five) Sonar Division teams to complete registration will receive a US\$500 credit per team towards rooming costs at the Hyatt Regency Chicago. Rooms are discounted to US\$125 per night for up to 4 guests per room.
- g. The IC/NACC Committee reserves the right to use these subsidies in an alternate distribution should entries warrant.

6.0 PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

All sailing related activities will take place at the Belmont Station of Chicago Yacht Club. The preliminary schedule of events is as follows:

Thursday, August 2, 2007

Arrival in Chicago and Hotel Check-in - 1400 – 2300

Regatta Social Mixer – Hyatt Regency Chicago 1930

Friday, August 3, 2007

Registration, Rolex On-Water Racing Clinic – Belmont Harbor 1000 - 1400

Skippers Meeting - Belmont Harbor 1430-1500

Judd Goldman Adaptive Sailing Foundation Benefit Dinner – Location TBD 1830 – 2200

Saturday, August 4, 2007

Continental Breakfast - Belmont Harbor 0800-0900

Daily racing - Belmont Harbor 1000-1600

Sunday, August 5, 2007

Continental Breakfast - Belmont Harbor 0800-0900

Daily racing - Belmont Harbor 1000-1600

Monday, August 6, 2007

Continental Breakfast - Belmont Harbor 0800-0900

Daily racing - Belmont Harbor 1000-1500

Awards Banquet – Chicago Yacht Club Monroe Station 1830-2100

*****This schedule is subject to change*****

7.0 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions and the Final Notice of Race will be available at Registration. A preliminary version of the Sailing Instructions may be available at: <http://www.ussailing.org/championships/adult/usic/> and www.chicagoyachtclub.org before the event.

8.0 COURSES

Diagrams of the courses will be in the Sailing Instructions.

9.0 SCORING

Eight races are planned for each Division. A minimum of three races must be completed by a Division to constitute a Regatta for the Division. The Low Point System as provided for by RRS A4.1 will apply.

10.0 DECISIONS OF THE JURY

The right of appeal will not be denied. Appeals of decisions from a protest committee in the final series of a US SAILING Regatta are to be submitted to the US SAILING Appeals Committee.

11.0 PRIZES

- 11.1 Independence Cup - US SAILING medals for permanent possession will be awarded to the first, second, and third place skippers and crews in each Division.
- a. The winning team in the Freedom 20 Division will receive US SAILING's Chandler Hovey Jr. Trophy, which shall be appropriately engraved.
 - b. The winning individual in the 2.4mR Division will receive US SAILING's Judd Goldman Trophy, which shall be appropriately engraved and shall remain on display at the Chicago Yacht Club.
 - c. The winning team in the Sonar Division will receive a trophy from Chicago Yacht Club.
- 11.2 The North American Challenge Cup - NACC Eagle awards for permanent possession will be presented to the first, second, and third place skippers and crews in each Division. The winning team in the Freedom 20 Division will receive Eagle Trophy, which shall be appropriately engraved and shall remain on display at the Chicago Yacht Club.

- 11.3 The Peter Paganis Sportsmanship Trophy will be awarded to the Regatta participant who best exemplifies the ideals of good sportsmanship both on and off the water during the Regatta, as chosen by the popular vote of all Regatta competitors. The trophy will be appropriately engraved and shall remain on display at the Chicago Yacht Club.
- 11.4 The Marcy Gorov Memorial Trophy will be awarded to the team or individual who, in the opinion of the Regatta Committee, comes to the Regatta with the least amount of sailing experience and gives the best overall performance. The trophy will be appropriately engraved and shall remain on display at the Chicago Yacht Club.

12.0 RISK AND LIABILITY

Notice is hereby given to all participants including spectators, officials, and others that they participate in this event solely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority, the Chicago Yacht Club and its officers, directors and members, the Committee, the Race Committee, the Judges, the event sponsors, and any other Committee of the Club or Regatta shall not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

13.0 WAIVERS

Participants will be required to sign Media Rights Waiver, and Liability Waiver if invited to IC/NACC Finals. Copies of waiver are available at <http://www.ussailing.org/championships/adult/usic/> or www.chicagoyachtclub.org .

14.0 DAMAGE DEPOSIT and INSURANCE

- 14.1 All teams in the Freedom 20 Division finals are required to post a damage deposit with Chicago Yacht Club in the amount of US\$500. This fee will be collected at on-site registration by Chicago Yacht Club.
- 14.2 Each participating boat in the 2.4mR and Sonar Divisions shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of US\$300,000 per occurrence or the equivalent.

15.0 TRAVEL, LODGING and MEALS

- 15.1 As outlined in 5.4, Competitors are eligible to receive subsidies towards travel provided by American Airlines to and from Chicago, and support towards lodging at Hyatt Regency Chicago. These two items are only available to competitors. Guests, aides, and family traveling with a competitor may book travel through American Airlines reservation desk at their own cost. Guests may stay in a room with a competitor(s), but any additional charges beyond those outlined in the hotel subsidy are the responsibility of the competitor.
- 15.2 Cook-Illinois Corp will provide complimentary airport transfers and daily transportation to official IC/NACC events for competitors and guests. The Chicago Yacht Club will provide complimentary breakfast and lunch for competitors and aides/guests each racing day. Benefit dinner, Awards dinner, and any other scheduled evening meals are complimentary for our competitors and 1 aide. An additional ticket for evening functions may be purchased for additional guests. A detailed letter with more information will be sent to each competitor qualifying or selected for participation in the Chicago finals.

16.0 CHARTER

- 16.1 The following sources may be contacted for charter availability for 2.4mR or Sonar classes:
- Judd Goldman Adaptive Sailing, George Bowler, 312-747-7684
Gavia Yachts, John Kruger, 914-260-1277
Shumway Marine, Skip Shumway, 800-433-2518
- An updated list will be kept at www.chicagoyachtclub.org

- 16.2 Chicago Yacht Club implies no suitability nor warranty for the boats offered for charter by the organizations or individuals listed in the NOR or on its website.

17.0 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For additional information, please contact:

NACC Committee Chair

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Racing Location

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Websites

www.chicagoyachtclub.org www.ussailing.org www.juddgoldmansailing.org