

The SHYC Black Friday Match Race Invitational

November 23, 2012

NOTICE OF RACE

1 ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

The Organizing Authority (OA) will be the Stonington Harbor Yacht Club (SHYC)

2 VENUE

The venue will be Stonington Harbor, Stonington, CT, USA.

3 EVENT GRADING

The event has not applied for ISAF Grading, but is being run in a manner similar to a Grade 5 event.

4 PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

(a) SHYC office open from November 23rd at 0830; skippers meeting at 0900; first match race as soon as possible after skippers meeting. No race will be started after sunset.

(b) Registration will be restricted to 15 teams, grouped into three flights of five teams per flight.

(c) Each flight will conduct a round-robin series with each team racing every other team within the flight. This guarantees a minimum of four races for each team.

(d) Teams will NOT change boats during the round-robin series. Teams will have opportunities to enter the start from both the yellow and blue sides during the round-robin series.

(e) After the first flight completes all of their round-robin races, the second flight will conduct all of their round-robin races, followed by the third flight.

(f) After all round-robin races have been completed, the top two scored teams from each flight will advance to the knock-out round.

(g) The knock-out round will be either a single-elimination or double-elimination format, as determined by the RC. This decision will be based on the sailing conditions and time remaining until sunset.

(h) The registered skipper shall helm the boat at all times while racing, except in an emergency.

5 ENTRIES

5.1 A team shall be entered upon completion of registration and the payment of all fees. All payments shall be made by credit card or check.

5.2 The entry fee is \$US85 per team.

5.3 There is no Damage Deposit required to register. However, each skipper is liable for the SHYC Insurance Deductible if damage occurs to their vessel, and professional repair is required. The deductible amount is \$250, and the OA will decide if damage is sufficient to require professional repair. This decision by the OA is final and not subject to protest or redress.

6 RULES

6.1 (a) The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the RRS, and including Appendix C.

(b) The rules for the handling of boats will apply.

6.2 Major Alterations to the RRS

(a) RRS 14(b) is omitted.

(b) RRS C6-1 is modified to remove the words "except Rule 14."

(c) RRS C6.2(a) is omitted.

6.3 RRS C8.6 will be changed in the Sailing Instructions.

7 BOATS AND SAILS

(a) The event will be sailed in Ideal18 type boats.

(b) Six boats will be provided.

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- (c) The following sails will be provided for each boat: Mainsail & Jib.
- (d) Each competitor is responsible for providing their own PFD.
- (e) Teams will be assigned to boats by a drawing which is conducted by the Race Committee.

8 CREW (INCLUDING SKIPPER)

- (a) The number of crew (including the skipper) shall be two or three. The skipper may change the number of crew between races if there is time available. The OA will determine if there is sufficient time available to allow crew changes between races.
- (b) When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the event, the OA may authorize an original crew member to substitute.
- (d) When a registered crew member is unable to continue in the event, the OA may authorize a substitute, a temporary substitute or other adjustment.

9 EVENT FORMAT

- (a) The event will consist of the following stages:
Stage 1 – three flights of round-robin matches, five teams per flight
Stage 2 – knock-out round
- (b) The OA may change the format, terminate, or eliminate any round when conditions are not expected to permit the completion of the intended format.

10 COURSE

- (a) The course will be determined by the OA.
- (b) The intended course area will be Stonington Harbor.

11 ADVERTISING

- (a) As boats and equipment will be supplied by the Organizing Authority, ISAF regulation 20.4 applies. Each boat will be required to display advertising if supplied by the OA.
- (b) Competitors may be permitted to display advertising ashore at the venue, but this is subject to individual negotiation with the Organizing Authority.
- (c) Boats shall not be permitted the right to protest for breaches of any rules regarding advertising (amends RRS 60.1).

12 PRIZES

There will be prizes for the top three teams.

13 MEDIA, IMAGES AND SOUND

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

14 Coach Boats

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.

15 (spare)

16 DISCLAIMER

All those taking part in the event do so at their own risk. The OA, its associates and appointees accept no

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responsibility for any loss, damage or inconvenience incurred, however so caused. All competitors shall sign the SHYC Liability Waiver Form before sailing a SHYC Ideal 18.

OA CONTACT INFORMATION

For questions or to register for this event, please contact:

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