

ANNAPOLIS YACHT CLUB QUALIFYING SERIES EVENT
for the U.S. MATCH RACING CHAMPIONSHIP AND/OR THE U.S. WOMEN'S MATCH
RACING CHAMPIONSHIP - 2015
JUNE 20-21, 2015
NOTICE OF RACE
Posted 4/17/2015

1. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

The Organizing Authority (OA) will be US Sailing in conjunction with Annapolis Yacht Club

2. VENUE

The venue and racing area are described in Attachment 1.

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 open from June 19, 0830-1800.
- (b) Registration June 19, 1030-1830, June 20, 0830-0900.
- (c) Crew weighing June 19, 1030-1830, June 20, 0830-0900.
- (d) Practice from June 19, 1100-1730.
- (e) First briefing on June 20, at 0830.
- (f) First meeting with umpires will be immediately following the first briefing.
- (g) Racing days from June 20-21.
- (h) Time of the first race each day will be 1000.
- (i) The latest time for an attention signal on the last day of racing will be 1700.
- (j) Prize giving will be immediately after racing on the last day.

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 final skippers and crews.

5 SKIPPERS ELIGIBILITY

5.1 Eight skippers will be invited. Only skippers invited by the Invitation Committee of the U.S. Match Racing Championships Committee (USMRCC) will be eligible to enter this event.

(a) Skippers may request invitations to one or more of the Qualifying events. The application period for all Qualifying events opens on February 1, 2015. The USMRC Invitation Committee will consider a skipper's experience as demonstrated by ISAF ranking, match racing results and sailing resume, along with the following additional factors:

- (i) Skippers who have not attempted to qualify at another event
- (ii) Skipper preference list
- (iii) Skipper proximity to event venue (OA may give preference to skippers travelling more than 500 km to assist event grading)
- (iv) Need to fill available qualifying slots at each event
- (v) Gender



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(b) Request invitations to individual qualifying events online by clicking on the link to Qualifiers at: <http://www.ussailing.org/racing/championships/adult/matchracing/>

(c) Skippers may indicate event preferences and will be required to pay a one-time, non-refundable application fee of \$50 regardless of the number of requested events.

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

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

5.4 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.

5.5 MNA membership requirements

(a) All US competitors shall be members of US Sailing and a sailing organization that is also a US Sailing member. Eligible crews do not have to be members of the club represented by the eligible skipper. The yacht club represented is the organization of which the skipper is a member.

(b) If a competitor is not a US citizen or permanent resident, they must be a member of their MNA.

6 ENTRIES

6.1 Entering

(a) Skippers may apply for invite to these events beginning February 1, 2015. The USMRCC Invitation Committee will begin issuing invitations to the events March 1, 2015 and will continue to issue invites until the event is fully subscribed.

(b) Skippers will be given two (2) weeks to accept letters of invite to secure their spot at the event.

(c) The skipper shall be entered in an event upon completion of registration, crew weighing and the payment of all event fees and deposits.

6.2 Entry Fee

Non-refundable entry fee of \$ 300 shall be paid by the date specified in the invite letter.

6.3 Withdrawal

When a skipper accepts an invitation and later withdraws within two months 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 \$1500 shall be paid at registration of the respective event by June 19 at 0930, 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 after the event.

7 RULES

7.1

(a) US Sailing's [Championship Committee Conditions](#) and the Conditions for the U.S. Match Racing Championship and/or U.S. Women's Match Racing Championship will apply to this event.

(b) The events will be governed by the rules as defined in the RRS, including Appendix C.

(c) 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.



(d) US Sailing prescriptions 67 and 76.1 will be posted on the regatta notice board and will apply.

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.

(c) RRS 31 is changed to 'While racing, neither the crew nor any part of a boat's hull shall touch a starting mark before starting, a mark that begins, bounds or ends the leg of the course on which she is sailing, or a finishing mark after finishing. Additionally, while racing, no part of a boat shall touch the signal boat.

7.3 The OA may place an observer on each boat to provide information to the umpires.

Note that ISAF has approved a change to Appendix C from January 1, 2015 as follows: Delete current rule C2.9 and replace with: C2.9 Rule 22.3 is deleted

8 BOATS AND SAILS

8.1 Events will be sailed in the following type boats: J22.

8.2 6-8 boats will be provided.

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

8.4 Boats will be allocated by draw on the first day, and thereafter either daily or for each round as decided by the Race Committee.

9 CREW (INCLUDING SKIPPER)

9.1 The number of crew (including the skipper) shall be 3-4. All registered crew shall sail all races.

9.2 Crew Weighing

The total weight of the crew, including the skipper, dressed in at least shorts and shirts, shall not exceed 262.5 kg, determined at the time of registration or such time as required by the RC.

9.3 When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the event the OA may authorise an original crew member to substitute in accordance with the Championship Committee Conditions.

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10 EVENT FORMAT

10.1 The event format will consist of Round Robin(s), Knock-out Series and Finals racing. The format will be specified in the sailing instructions.

10.2 The RC may change the format, terminate any stage or the event when, in its opinion, it is impractical to attempt to hold the remainder of matches under the existing conditions or in the remaining time scheduled. Early stages may be terminated in favour of later stages.

11 COURSE

11.1 The course will be windward/leeward with starboard roundings, finishing downwind. Leeward gates will be used whenever possible. In the event of cross course current, the Sailing Instructions will specify if offset legs are to be used.

11.2 The intended course area will be described in Attachment 1 .

12 ADVERTISING



Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

13 PRIZES

13.1 Invitations

(a) The top placing eligible skipper (per U.S. Match Racing Championship Conditions) not already qualified will earn a qualification spot to the 2015 U.S. Match Racing Championship hosted by Oakcliff Sailing October 10-12, 2015. Should the qualifying skipper decline their spot to the USMRC, the next highest skipper will be invited until the spot is filled.

(b) The top placing eligible female skipper (per U.S. Women's Match Racing Championship Conditions) not already qualified will earn a qualification spot to the 2015 U.S. Women's Match Racing Championship hosted by Newport Harbor Yacht Club, August 14-16, 2015. Should the qualifying skipper decline their spot to the USWMRC, the next highest skipper will be invited until the spot is filled.

13.2 Additional prizes given by the host will be listed in the Sailing Instructions.

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 COACHING

This event is a Grade 3 Coaching event as outlined in [US Sailing's Coach Policy](#).

16 US SAILING REGULATIONS

16.1 US Sailing Regulation 10

(a) Personal Floatation Devices: 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.

(b) Prohibited Substances

(i) For adult US Sailing championship events, no competitor shall use, either on or off the water: marijuana or any other controlled substance as defined by state or federal law.

(ii) 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 or alcoholic beverages.

(iii) 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. If under 18, a parent or guardian as well as the sailor must submit a signed copy.

16.2 US Sailing Regulations 2.02, 4.02, 10, 13 and 14.04 govern at all US Sailing Championships and Qualifying Events. The regulations can be found at:



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<http://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/DARoot/Bylaws/US%20Sailing%20Regs.pdf>

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.

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19 EVENT CONTACTS

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