



## CHICAGO SUMMER INVITATIONAL

including the Qualifier to the 2016 U.S. Match Racing Championship, the 2016 U.S. Women's Match Racing Championship, the 2016 LMSRF Richardson Trophy, the 2016 Chicago Grand Slam, and the 2016 LMSRF Lake Michigan Match Racing Championship.

JUNE 24-26, 2016

### NOTICE OF RACE

#### **1 ORGANISING AUTHORITY**

The Organising Authority (OA) will be US Sailing in conjunction with the Chicago Match Race Center and Chicago Yacht Club, and for the Richardson Trophy qualifier, the Lake Michigan Sail Racing Federation (LMSRF).

#### **2 VENUE**

The venue will be Chicago Yacht Club Belmont Station in Chicago, IL (USA).

#### **3 EVENT GRADING**

The event has applied for World Sailing Grade 3.

This grading is subject to review by World Sailing. The event may be re-graded when there is clear reason to do so.

#### **4 PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME**

##### **4.1 Schedule**

- (a) Race office will be open for registration and crew weighing from 0800-1800 on June 24 and 0800-0900 on June 25.
- (b) There will be a one-day clinic on June 24. Practice will be scheduled between 1500-1800.
- (c) First briefing will be at 0900 on June 25.
- (d) First meeting with umpires will follow the first briefing.
- (e) Racing days will be June 25 and 26.
- (f) Time of the first race each day will be 1000.
- (g) The latest time for an attention signal on the last day of racing will be approximately 1700.

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

- (a) Initial briefing for skippers.
- (b) Daily briefing, for skippers.

#### **5 SKIPPERS ELIGIBILITY**

##### **5.1 10 skippers will be invited. For the USMRC and USWMRC competition, only skippers invited by the US Match Racing Championships Invitation Committee and OA will be eligible to enter this event.**

The USMRCC Invitation Committee will consider a skipper's experience as demonstrated by World Sailing ranking, match racing results and sailing resume, along with the following additional factors:

- (a) Skippers who have not attempted to qualify at another event
- (b) Skipper preference list

(c) Skipper proximity to event venue (OA may give preference to skippers travelling more than 500 km to assist event grading)

(d) Need to fill available qualifying slots at each event

(e) Gender

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

5.3 To remain eligible a skipper shall confirm acceptance of the invitation in writing, (fax or e-mail is acceptable) to be received by the date specified on the letter of invitation.

5.4 A non-refundable entry bond of \$400 (the full regatta entry fee) shall accompany the acceptance of the invitation for this to be valid.

5.5 All competitors shall meet the eligibility requirements of World Sailing regulation 19.2.

5.6 All competitors shall obtain a World Sailing Sailor ID by registering online at [www.sailing.org/isafsailor](http://www.sailing.org/isafsailor). Skippers shall inform the OA of their World Sailing Sailor ID at registration.

5.7 All competitors shall be members of US SAILING at the time of registration and during the event. International competitors must be members of US Sailing or their MNA.

5.8 For USMRC qualifiers only, all competitors must also be a member of a sailing organization that is also a US Sailing Member. Eligible crews do not have to be members of the organization represented by the eligible skipper; the organization represented is the organization of which the skipper is a member.

5.9 To be eligible to qualify for the U.S. Women's Match Racing Championship, the skipper at this qualifier must be female. The gender of the other crew members of the team does not matter.

5.10 For the LMSRF competition only, each skipper must be a member of LMSRF, as well as a member of a club or organization that is an LMSRF member, and must regularly reside within the Lake Michigan sailing area.

## **6 ENTRIES**

### **6.1 Entering**

The team shall be entered on completion of registration, crew weighing and the payment of all fees and deposits. All payments shall be made by credit card, USD or check.

### **6.2 Entry Fee**

A non-refundable entry fee of \$400 shall be paid by the date specified in the invitation letter. Teams participating in the clinic on June 24 shall pay an additional clinic fee of \$50/team.

### **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 World Sailing. (World Sailing Regulation 27.2)

### **6.4 Damage deposit**

(a) An initial damage deposit of \$2,000 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 10 days after the event.

## **7 RULES**

- 7.1 (a) The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the RRS, including Appendix C, and
- (1) The US Sailing Regulations which govern all US Sailing Championships and Qualifying Events. In particular, Regulations 2.02, 4.02, 10, 13, and 14.04 apply, although other Regulations may be applicable as well. The US Sailing Regulations can be found at:  
<http://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/DARoot/Bylaws/RegsAmended2015-06-22.pdf>
  - (2) US Sailing's current "Championship Conditions" will apply to all the events in the series, and can be found at:  
<http://www.ussailing.org/racing/championships/championship-conditions/>
  - (3) The current U.S. Match Racing Championship Conditions which can be found at:  
<http://www.ussailing.org/racing/championships/adult/matchracing/>
  - (4) The current U.S. Women's Match Racing Championship Conditions which can be found at:  
<http://www.ussailing.org/racing/championships/adult/womensmatchracing/>
- (b) The rules for the handling of boats will apply, and will also apply to any practice sailing, clinics or sponsor races. Class rules will not apply.
- (c) The US Sailing prescriptions to rules 60, 63.2, 63.4, 67 and 76.1 will apply and will be posted on the official notice board.
- (d) Conflicts between the Conditions for the USMRC and the USWMRC and this Notice of Race (NOR) will be resolved in favor of the Conditions. If there is a conflict between the NOR and the Sailing Instructions (SIs), it will be resolved in favor 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 C6.3, C7.4, C8.6, 28.1, 31, 60.1(b), 62.1(a), 63.1, and A5 will be changed in the sailing instructions.
  - (c) Under RRS 86.3 this event will use the package of test rules approved by World Sailing for match racing. See detailed wording for these rule changes in NoR Addendum A.
  - (d) RRS 40 and the preamble to Part 4 will be modified in accordance with US Sailing Regulation 10.04 A 1, so that each competitor shall wear a USCG approved PFD at all times while on the water, except for brief periods while adding or removing clothing.

**Note** that World Sailing 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 The event will be sailed in Sonar type boats.
- 8.2 8 boats will be provided.
- 8.3 The following sails will be provided for each boat: Mainsail, Jib, Spinnaker.
- 8.4 Boats will be allocated by draw, either daily or for each round as decided by the Race Committee.

## **9 CREW (INCLUDING SKIPPER)**

9.1 The total number of crew, including the skipper, shall be 3 or 4, excluding persons placed on board by the RC. 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. The skipper's weight may be recorded at a maximum of 105 kgs.

9.4 When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the event the OA may authorise an original crew member to substitute.

9.5 When a registered crew member is unable to continue in the event the OA may authorise a substitute, a temporary substitute or other adjustment.

## **10 EVENT FORMAT**

10.1 Skippers will be seeded into a round robin based on the World Sailing match racing ranking list 30 days prior to the event.

10.2 The event will consist of the following stages:

- Stage 1 - Round Robin
- Stage 2 - Quarter Finals
- Stage 3 - Semi Finals
- Stage 4 - Finals

10.3 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. A leeward gate may be used instead of a leeward mark.

11.2 The intended course area will be Lake Michigan outside Belmont Harbor.

## **12 SPARE**

## **13 PRIZES**

13.1 The highest finishing eligible skipper will earn invitation(s) to the following events:

- (a) The top placing eligible skipper (per U.S. Match Racing Championship Conditions) not already qualified will earn a qualification spot to the 2016 U.S. Match Racing Championship hosted by San Diego Yacht Club on October 7-9, 2016. Should the qualifying skipper decline his/her spot to the USMRC, the USMRCC Invitation Committee will fill the spot via invitation per the USMRC Conditions.
- (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 2016 U.S. Women's Match Racing Championship hosted by Annapolis Yacht Club on September 9-11, 2016. Should the qualifying skipper decline her spot to the USWMRC, the USMRCC Invitation Committee will fill the spot via invitation per the USWMRC Conditions.

- (c) 2016 Chicago Grand Slam Grade 2
  - (d) 2016 Richardson Trophy Regatta, which will be held 9/30-10/2 2016 at Bayview Yacht Club (1 LMSRF eligible skipper)
  - (e) The top placing LMSRF eligible skipper will be named 2016 Lake Michigan Match Racing Champion by LMSRF.
- 13.2 Drop-down invitations will be at the discretion of the organizing authorities of the subsequent events.
- 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 event is designated as a US Sailing Grade 3 Event for coaching purposes. No private/team coaching nor US Sailing-supplied coaches. Private/team spectator boats only if permitted in the NOR. The OA may arrange for spectator boats. The US Sailing's Coaching and Support Boat Policy is available online at: <http://www.ussailing.org/racing/championships/coaching-and-support-boat-policy/>

## **16 OTHER REQUIREMENTS**

- 16.1 Regulation 10.04 A 1: 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 Competitors will need to bring their own PFD's.

## **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**

Entries will only be accepted from invited skippers. If you wish to be invited, please request an invitation here:  
[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1X50qWgBxf6MWbTNwHUnQbdt\\_YZivTuLbfD28ReSNjoc/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1X50qWgBxf6MWbTNwHUnQbdt_YZivTuLbfD28ReSNjoc/viewform)



**19 DISCIPLINE - PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES (US Sailing Regulation 10.03)**

- A. For adult US Sailing championship events, no competitor shall use or possess, either on or off the water: marijuana or any other substance if possession is illegal under state or federal law.
- B. For Junior and Youth events or for junior or youth competitors in any US Sailing championship, no participant or competitor shall use or possess, either on or off the water:
  - 1. marijuana or any other substance if possession is illegal under state or federal law; or
  - 2. any alcoholic beverages.
- C. An alleged breach of one of these regulations shall not be grounds for a protest. This changes rules 60.1(a), 60.2(a), and 60.3(a). However, when the protest committee believes that a competitor may have breached one of these regulations, it shall follow the process described in the Championships Code of Conduct. If a competitor is found to have breached one of the elements within the Code of Conduct, they 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.

**20 CONTACT**

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## ADDENDUM A - PACKAGE OF TEST MATCH RACING RULES

Below are the details of the changes to the RRS. The rules below in **red** represent changes to the 2015 test rules.

### A. Add new RRS 7 to Part 1:

#### 7 LAST POINT OF CERTAINTY

The umpires will assume that the state of a boat, or her relationship to another boat, has not changed, until they are certain that it has changed.

### B. Delete RRS 18, C2.6 and C2.7 and replace with:

#### 18 MARK ROOM

##### 18.1 When Rule 18 Applies

Rule 18 applies between boats when they are required to leave a *mark* on the same side and at least one of them is in the *zone*. However, it does not apply between a boat approaching a *mark* and one leaving it.

##### 18.2 Giving Mark-Room

- (a) When the first boat reaches the *zone*,
  - (1) if boats are *overlapped*, the outside boat at that moment shall thereafter give the inside boat *mark-room*.
  - (2) if boats are not *overlapped*, the boat that has not reached the *zone* shall thereafter give *mark-room*.
- (b) If the boat entitled to *mark-room* leaves the *zone*, the entitlement to *mark-room* ceases and rule 18.2(a) is applied again if required **based on the relationship of the boats considered at the time rule 18.2(a) is re-applied.**
- (c) If a boat obtained an inside *overlap* and, from the time the *overlap* began, the outside boat is unable to give *mark-room*, she is not required to give it.

##### 18.3 Tacking or Gybing

When an inside *overlapped* right-of-way boat must **change tack** at a *mark* to sail her *proper course*, until she **changes tack** she shall sail no farther from the *mark* than needed to sail that course. Rule 18.3 does not apply at a gate *mark* **or a finishing mark and a boat shall not be penalized for breaking this rule unless the course of another boat was affected by the breach of this rule.**

### C. Change definition of Mark-Room to:

**Mark-Room** Room for a boat to sail her *proper course* to round or pass the *mark* **on the required side. If room includes a change of tack, such tack or gybe shall be done no quicker than a tack or gybe to sail her proper course.**

### D. Add the following new rule:

**C2.14 Rule 17 is deleted.**