



**Chicago Grand Slam**  
**Belmont Harbor, Chicago, IL**  
**August 15-18, 2019**  
**August 15 – Practice Day**  
**August 16-18 - Racing Days**

## **NOTICE OF RACE**

### **1 ORGANIZING AUTHORITY**

The Organizing Authority (OA) will be Chicago Yacht Club and Chicago Match Race Center.

### **2 VENUE**

The venue will be the waters outside of Belmont Harbor in Chicago, IL.

### **3 EVENT GRADING**

The event has applied for World Sailing (WS) Grade 2. This grading is subject to review by the WS Match Race Rankings Sub-committee. The event may be re-graded when there is clear reason to do so.

### **4 PROVISIONAL PROGRAM**

#### **4.1 Schedule**

- (a) Race office will open Thursday, August 15 at 1000.
- (b) Registration and crew weighing will be on Thursday, August 15 from 1000 to 1700 and Friday, August 16 from 0730 to 0830.
- (c) Practice Day will be Thursday, August 15 from 1200-1700.
- (d) Racing Days will be August 16-18.
- (e) First meeting with OA, Chief umpire and PRO will be on Friday, August 16 at 0830.
- (f) Daily Competitors' Briefing each day will be at 0830.
- (g) The intended time of the Attention Signal First on each racing day will be at 1000.
- (h) The latest time for an attention signal on the last day of racing will be approximately 1700.
- (j) Prize giving will follow racing on the last day as soon as feasible.

#### **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**

- (a) Up to ten (10) skippers will be invited.
- (b) The top-placing skipper, not already invited, at the Oakcliff June (June 1-June 2) Grade 3 and the Chicago Yacht Club Spring Invitational (June 15-16) Grade 3 will earn a qualifier invitation.
- (c) Only skippers invited by the OA will be eligible to enter this event.

- (d) The registered skipper shall helm the boat at all times while racing, except in an emergency.
- (e) To remain eligible, a skipper shall confirm acceptance of invitation by completing the invitation process at the web address indicated on the invitation email.
- (f) A non-refundable entry bond of USD 475 shall accompany the acceptance of invitation for this to be valid.
- (g) All competitors shall meet the eligibility requirements of World Sailing regulation 19.2.
- (h) All competitors shall obtain a WS Sailor ID by registering on line at <http://www.sailing.org/isafsailor> Skippers shall inform the OA of their WS Sailor ID at registration.

## **6 ENTRIES**

- 6.1 The skipper shall be entered on completion of registration, crew weighing and the payment of all fees and deposits. Payment can be made by credit card or cash in US funds.
- 6.2 A non-refundable entry fee of USD 950, which includes the entry bond, shall be paid by registration.
- 6.3 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 by WS to their Ranking Points for that event. World Sailing Regulation 27.2.
- 6.4 Damage deposit
  - (a) An initial damage deposit of USD 2,500 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. The damage deposit may be paid by credit card or Chicago Yacht Club membership account authorization.
  - (b) In the event a portion of the damage deposit is used during the event, the skipper will be required to restore that to its original amount in order to continue in the event.
  - (c) Any deposit remaining after the event will be refunded within 30 days of event completion.

## **7 RULES**

- 7.1
  - (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, and will also apply to any practice sailing and sponsor races.
  - (c) The US SAILING prescriptions to RRS 67 and 76.1 will be the only US prescriptions that will apply and their text will be posted on the official notice board.
- 7.2 **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) Competitors are responsible for providing their own USCG or Country MNA (for entrants outside the US) approved personal flotation device (PFD). All competitors shall wear a PFD while on the water, other than for brief periods while adding or removing clothing.
  - (c) RRS C6.3, C7.4, C8.6, 28.1, 35, 60.1(b), 62.1(a), 63.1, 90.3 and A5 will be changed in the sailing instructions for this event.

## **8 BOATS AND SAILS**

- 8.1 The event will be sailed in Tom 28 type boats.
- 8.2 At least eight boats will be provided
- 8.3 The following sails will be provided for each boat: Mainsail, Jib and Spinnaker.
- 8.4 Boats will be allocated by draw, either daily or for each round as decided by the Race Committee.
- 8.5 Each skipper should provide a VHF radio for his/her team. Chicago Yacht Club 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 four (4). One additional crew member may be added provided they are opposite gender of the other majority of the crew. All registered crew shall sail all races.
- 9.2 When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the event, the Chief Umpire may authorize a original crew member to substitute.
- 9.3 The maximum total crew weight limit, determined prior to racing, shall be 350 kg for 4 sailors and 411 kg for 5 sailors, when wearing at least shorts.
- 9.4 When a registered crew member is unable to continue in the event, the Chief Umpire may authorize a substitute, a temporary substitute or other adjustment.

## **10 EVENT FORMAT**

- 10.1 The event will consist of the following stages:
  - Stage 1 – Double Round Robin
  - Stage 2 – Quarter Finals
  - Stage 3 – Semi Final
  - Stage 4 – Petit Final
  - Stage 5 – Finals
- 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 favor of later stages.

## **11 COURSE**

- 11.1 The course will be windward/leeward with starboard roundings, finishing downwind.
- 11.2 The intended course area will be Lake Michigan outside Belmont Harbor.

## **12 ADVERTISING**

- 12.1 As boats and equipment will be supplied by the OA, WS 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 will not be permitted the right to protest for breaches of any rules regarding advertising. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

## **13 PRIZES**

- 13.1 Prizes will be awarded to the top three teams.
- 13.2 The OA may reduce a prize in the case of misconduct or refusal to comply with any reasonable request, including attendance at official functions.
- 13.3 The winner of the Grand Slam Series (Chicago Grand Slam, Detroit Cup, Oakcliff International and Thompson Cup) will earn a qualifier spot at the 2020 Congressional Cup hosted by Long Beach Yacht Club.

## **14 MEDIA, IMAGES AND SOUND**

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

## **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 responsibility for any loss, damage or inconvenience incurred, however so caused.

## **17 INVITATIONS**

Entries will only be accepted from invited skippers. If you wish to be invited please complete the Request for Invitation Google form to the OA as soon as possible, and no August 1, 2019.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfgCiTHIN7Lhdv0ffiekSjPwGxZOtBBW9SwtuF-m2pLz>

## **18 OA CONTACT INFORMATION**

For questions and more information regarding this event, please email Sydney Symons: [regattamanager@chicagoyachtclub.org](mailto:regattamanager@chicagoyachtclub.org) or visit [www.chicagoyachtclub.org](http://www.chicagoyachtclub.org).

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