Richardson Trophy
October 3-4, 2020

NOTICE OF RACE

1 ORGANISING AUTHORITY
The Organising Authority (OA) will the Yacht Racing Union of the Great Lakes. The event is being hosted by the Chicago Yacht Club (CYC).

2 VENUE
The venue will be on Lake Michigan outside Belmont Harbor, 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 open from 1200-1700 on Friday, October 2.
(b) Registration and crew weighing from 1000-1700 on Friday, October 2 and 0730-0830 on Saturday, October 3.
(c) Practice for a maximum of 3 hours will be on Friday, October 2 from 1000-1700. Practice must be scheduled with the OA prior to Friday, September 25.
(d) First briefing at 0900 on October 3.
(e) First meeting with umpires will follow the first briefing.
(f) Racing days will be from Saturday, October 3 to Sunday, October 4
(g) Time of the first race each day will be 1000
(h) The latest time for an attention signal on the last day of racing will be approximately 1600
(i) Prize giving on October 4 as soon as feasible after racing.

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 12 skippers will be invited. Only skippers invited by the OA will be eligible to enter this event.
(a) Two skippers and crews will be invited from the participating clubs of the YRUGL as determined by each of the Regional Associations (LYSA, LHYA, LMSRA, DRYA, ILYA and
LYRA). All lake association slots will have a deadline of August 14. Thereafter any open slots may be filled by the OA.

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, (e-mail is acceptable) to be received by the date specified on the letter of invitation.

5.4 If a skipper wishes to be invited, they should contact their YRUGL member lake association for information on any qualification series or event.

5.5 If a skipper did not take part in their qualifying series or event, and there is an open slot for their lake association, the skipper must make an application, with resume, to their lake association who will then decide whether to pass it on to the OA for consideration.

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

5.7 All competitors shall obtain an ISAF Sailor ID by registering online at www.sailing.org/isafsailor. Skippers shall inform the OA of their World Sailing Sailor ID at registration.

6  ENTRIES

6.1 Entering
(a) The skipper/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/local currency/cheque.
(b) A valid class certificate shall be produced at the time of registration

6.2 Entry Fee
A non-refundable entry fee of USD 600 shall be paid at registration.

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 USD 2000 shall be paid at registration, prior to any practice sailing, 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 thirty (30) days after the event.

7  RULES
The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the RRS, including Appendix 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.

The US SAILING prescriptions to RRS 67 and 76.1 will be the only US Prescriptions that will apply will be posted on the official notice board.

Major Alterations to the RRS

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.

RRS C3.1, 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

The event will be sailed in Tom 28 type boats.

At least eight (8) boats will be provided.

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

Boats will be allocated by draw, either daily or for each round as decided by the race committee.

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)

The total number of crew, including the skipper, shall be four (4). One additional crew member may be added provided they are the opposite gender of the other majority of the crew. All registered crew shall sail all races.

Crew Weighing

The total weight of the crew, including the skipper, dressed in at least shorts, shall not exceed 350 kg for 4 sailors, and 411 kg for 5 sailors.

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

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

10 EVENT FORMAT

Skippers will be seeded into a round robin on seeding from the World Sailing ranking list 30 days prior to the event.

The event will consist of the following stages:

Stage 1 – Single or Double Round Robin
Stage 2 – Semi Finals  
Stage 3 – 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.

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 Organising Authority, World Sailing 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.

12.4 Boats shall not be permitted the right to protest for breaches of any rules regarding advertising (amends RRS 60.1).

13 PRIZES

The Winner of the event will be presented with the Richardson Trophy, a perpetual trophy, subject to its deed of gift.

14 MEDIA, IMAGES and SOUND

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

15 COACH BOATS

No coach boats will be permitted.

16 SPARE

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 SPARE

19 EVENT CONTACTS
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