



# U.S. MATCH RACING CHAMPIONSHIP

## Group ABC USMRC Group Championship ISAF GRADE 3

### NOTICE OF RACE posted May 4, 2012

#### 1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

1.1. The Organising Authority (OA) will be US Sailing and, Manhasset Bay YC .

#### 2. VENUE

a The venue will be Manhasset Bay Yacht Club, Port Washington, NY

#### 3. EVENT GRADING

3.1. The event has applied for ISAF Grade3. This grading is subject to review by the ISAF Match Race Rankings Sub Committee. The event may be re-graded when there is clear reason to do so.

#### 4. PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

4.1. The following program will apply:

- a. The race office will open at 0800 on Saturday, July 21.
- b. Registration will be from 0800-0900 Saturday, July 21.
- c. Crew weighing will be from 0800-0900 Saturday, July 21.
- d. Skippers' briefings will be at 0900 on each race day of the regatta.
- e. Meetings with umpires will follow the skippers' briefings.
- f. Racing days are 7/21/2012 - 7/22/2012
- g. Time of the first attention signal each day will be 1000.
- h. Debriefs with the umpires will be available after racing.
- i. Prize giving will be on the last day of racing as soon after racing as possible.

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

- a. Initial briefing for skippers.
- a. Daily briefing, for skippers.
- a. Prize giving for the final skippers and crews.

#### 5. SKIPPERS ELIGIBILITY

5.1. The competition is between yacht clubs and not between specifically designated persons. Each member of the crew must be a member of US Sailing and of a sailing organization that is a US Sailing member.

5.2. Eligible crew do not have to be members of the sailing organization represented by the eligible skipper. The sailing organization represented is the Skipper's organization. Membership information can be found at <http://membership.ussailing.org>

5.3. A maximum of nine (9) skippers will be invited to the Semi-finals. Only the skippers invited by the OA will be eligible to enter. The first and second place Skippers from each qualifying event are eligible for the Semi-Finals. Other Skippers interested shall submit a resume to the OA at <mailto:usmatchracechamps@gmail.com> no later than June 15, 2012.

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

5.5. To remain eligible a skipper shall confirm acceptance of invitation included in the letter of invitation by the date indicated

5.6. A non-refundable entry bond of \$ 250.00 shall accompany the acceptance of invitation for this to be valid.

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

5.8. All competitors shall obtain an ISAF Sailor ID by registering online at [www.sailing.org/isafsailor](http://www.sailing.org/isafsailor).  
Skippers shall inform the OA of their ISAF 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.

6.2. A non-refundable entry fee of \$250.00, which includes the entry bond, shall be paid by registration.

### **6.3. DAMAGE DEPOSIT**

- a An initial damage deposit of \$500.00 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. Damage deposit is via credit card provided at registration and no charges will be made unless there is damage.
- b In the event a deduction from the damage deposit is decided by the OA, it will 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 20 days after the event.

## **7. RULES**

### **7.1.**

- a The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the RRS, and including Appendix C and the 2012 USMRC Conditions located at <http://championships.ussailing.org/Adult/USMRC.htm> for this regatta.
- b The rules for the handling of boats will apply, and will also apply to any practice sailing and sponsor races.
- c Class rules will not apply.
- d The US Sailing prescriptions to rules 68 and 76.1 apply and will be posted on the Regatta Notice Board.
- e All competitors in this event shall wear, while on the water, other than for brief periods while changing clothes, a competitor supplied USCG approved PFD. This changes RRS 40 and the preamble to Part 4.
- f Conflicts between the Conditions for this regatta 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.
- g Rule C8.6 will be changed in the SIs.

### **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.

## **8. BOATS AND SAILS**

8.1. The event will be sailed in Sonar type boats.

8.2. Eight boats will be provided.

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

8.4. Each skipper should provide a VHF radio for their team.

8.5. Boats will be allocated by draw, either daily or for each round as decided by the Race Committee.

8.6. Spinnakers will be allocated by to each team and used by that team for the entire regatta. Replacement spinnakers will only be issued when the OA determines there has been unreparable damage.

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

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

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

9.3. The maximum total crew weight, determined prior to racing shall be 262.5 kg (580 lbs), when wearing at least shorts and shirts.

9.4. 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**

10.1. The event will consist of the following stages:

a Stage 1 - a single round robin

b Stage 2-Semi Final/Final/ Petit Final/5-6 / 7-8 /Sail-off

10.2. The OA may change the format, terminate or eliminate any round when conditions do not permit the completion of the intended format.

## **11. COURSE**

11.1. The course will be windward/leeward with starboard roundings, finishing downwind.

11.2. The intended course area will be Manhasset Bay and Western Long Island Sound.

## **12. ADVERTISING**

12.1. As boats and equipment will be supplied by the Organising Authority, ISAF 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 Organising Authority.

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

## **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**

This is a US Sailing Grade 3 Coaching event. 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. See

[http://championships.ussailing.org/Adult/Coaching\\_and\\_Support\\_Vessels.htm](http://championships.ussailing.org/Adult/Coaching_and_Support_Vessels.htm)

## **15. 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.

## **16. INVITATIONS**

16.1. Entries will only be accepted from invited skippers.

16.2. A skipper accepting an invitation but withdrawing within two months of the event may be reported by the organizer to the ISAF. After review by ISAF late withdrawals may receive a "zero" score, which must be counted for the competitor's ranking. Should you accept this invitation and



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later withdraw within two months of the event it is possible for a zero score to be applied to your Ranking points for that event by ISAF.

### 17. DISCIPLINE

US Sailing Regulation 10.01 (C) PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES

- 17.1. For adult US Sailing championship events, no competitor shall use, either on or off the water: marijuana or any other controlled substance (as defined in 21 U.S. Code 802) the possession of which is unlawful under 21 U.S. Code 841.
- 17.2. 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 (as defined in 21 U.S. Code 802) the possession of which is unlawful under 21 U.S. Code 841, or alcoholic beverages (distilled spirits, wine and beer, each as defined in chapter 51 of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code and intended for beverage use).
- 17.3. An alleged breach of one of these regulations shall not be grounds for a protest. However, when the protest committee believes that a competitor may have breached one of these regulations, it shall follow the process described in racing rule 69.1, and a competitor found to have breached one of these regulations 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.

### 18. PRIZES

The top two (2) finishers in each regatta, not already qualified, will receive an invitation to the group championship. The top two finishers in the group championship not already qualified to attend the USMRC will receive invitations to the USMRC. Other prizes may be awarded.

### 19. OA CONTACT INFORMATION

For answers to questions, more information regarding this event, or to request an invitation, please contact:

US Sailing Area Representative: Greg Kiely, Chairman, US Match Racing Championship Committee, Bruce Cook, Area B Representative, Jeff Riedle, Area C Representative

Host: Manhasset Bay YC and USMMA Sailing Foundation

<http://championships.ussailing.org/Adult/USMRC.htm>