



**Area D&F USMRC Qualifier/Group Championship
Titusville Municipal Marina Titusville, Florida USA
Host Titusville Match Racing Center**

NOTICE OF RACE

**Date of Race Saturday April 6, 2013.
April 7, 2013 will be used if racing is not completed on Saturday.**

1. **ORGANISING AUTHORITY** 1.1. The Organizing Authority (OA) will be US Sailing and Titusville Match Racing Center.
2. **VENUE** 2.1. The venue will be the Titusville Municipal Marina, 541 Marina Road on the Indian River next to the Kennedy Space Center in Titusville, Florida USA
3. **EVENT GRADING** 3.1. The event has applied for ISAF Grade 5. 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. Racing is hoped to be completed on Saturday April 6, 2013, If not racing will continue on Sunday April 7, 2013.
4.2. Unless excused by the OA, attendance at the following is mandatory:
 - a. Initial briefing for skippers.
 - a. Daily briefing, for skippers.
5. **SKIPPERS ELIGIBILITY** 5.1. The competition is between yacht clubs and sailing organizations. Competitors can join Lake Baldwin Florida Community Sailing LLC or the Titusville Match Racing Center to qualify. There is no charge for membership in these two sailing organizations.
5.2. Eligible crew does not have to be members of the same sailing organization represented by the eligible skipper. The sailing organization represented is the Skipper's Club.
5.3. Up to 6 skippers will be invited. Invitation to this event is considered to be granted when registration is completed. Go to www.regattanetwork.com/event/5936 and click on the event registration page to register for the event using the Regatta Networks registration system. Teams can also register in person on the day of the event.
5.4. The registered skipper shall helm the boat at all times while racing, except in an emergency.
5.5. 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. 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 and crew weighing.
 - 6.2. The entry fee and damage deposit have been waived for this 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 an 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 Geary 18 keel boats.

8.2. 4 boats will be provided.

8.3. The following sails will be provided for each boat: Mainsail, Genoa, 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 number of crew (including the skipper) shall be 2 or 3. All registered crew shall sail all races.

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

9.3. The maximum total crew weight, determined prior to racing shall be 262kg (577.5lbs), 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 authorize 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 as shown on the SI

12. MEDIA, IMAGES AND SOUND

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

13. 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.

14. 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.

14.2. 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).

14.3. 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.

15. PRIZES

The top two finishers in the group championship not already qualified to attend the USMRC may receive invitations to the USMRC.

16. OA CONTACT INFORMATION

For answers to questions, more information regarding this event, or to request an invitation, please contact: Larry Landrigan email matchracingtitusville@hotmail.com Cell phone 407-467-8787

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