



2013 U.S. Disabled Sailing Championship Frequently Asked Questions



1. Host:

The regatta will be held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The races will be held on Lake Michigan east of the Milwaukee Harbor. Actual courses will be included in the sailing instructions.

The Milwaukee Community Sailing Center (MCSC) is the event host. MCSC has recently opened a beautiful, new facility. They have a long tradition of sailing and education. For more about the Milwaukee Community Sailing Center, see www.sailingcenter.org.

2. Classes:

There are three (3) classes:

- 2.4 meter (singlehanded)
- Ideal 18 (doublehanded)
- Sonar (triplehanded)

3. Will other classes be allowed to race?

MCSC may agree to provide a race committee for other 1-design classes that choose to attend with at least three (3) boats. They would not be eligible for the championship.

4. Boat Availability:

- 2.4 meter boats must be provided by the competitors.
- Competitors are encouraged to provide their own Ideal 18s. A limited number of Ideal 18 boats will be available for charter.
- Competitors are encouraged to provide their own Sonars. A limited number of Sonars may be available for charter.
- Contact Peter Rieck at MCSC, Peter@sailingcenter.org, for more charter information.

5. Is Competitor Classification Required?

Yes. There will be an official classifier(s) available on Wednesday, September 4 for anyone who needs to be classified. You must complete and submit at least three (3) weeks in advance the document at <http://raceadmin.ussailing.org/Assets/Race+Admin/Classifiers>

6. Must I be a US Sailing member?

All competitors must be US Sailing members or members of their NGB if they are not US citizens or permanent residents.

7. What's the weather like in September in Milwaukee?

Milwaukee's weather in early September can be variable. You need to be prepared for a variety of conditions. The average temperature in early September ranges from 59 to 76 degrees. The record low was in the mid 40's and the record high in the mid 90's. Average winds are Southwest at 11 mph and the average Lake Michigan temperature is 70. While these are averages, the conditions vary greatly. For more historic weather information visit the web and enter Milwaukee, WI Local Weather:



<http://www.intellicast.com/Local/History.aspx?month=9>. Please check MCSC's site for updated information as the event approaches.

8. What's the best gear to wear when sailing in Milwaukee in September?

Please be prepared for a variety of weather conditions in Milwaukee and on Lake Michigan. Dressing in layers is best, with the closest to your skin a wicking fabric such as polypropylene long underwear, then a warm layer such as synthetic or wool sweater and a top waterproof layer such as a windbreaker. Hats are suggested for both sun glare and warmth. Foul weather gear is recommended at times on Lake Michigan. Locker space is available for rent over the weekend. Facilities at MCSC include ADA restrooms with accessible showers and changing areas.

9. Will there be discounted hotels and/or airfare?

Yes, MCSC has arranged for several local hotels. See the welcome letter for details.

10. Can competitors bring their own sails?

Yes, per class rules.

11. Will the Ideal 18's and Sonars use spinnakers?

No

12. Will competitors be allowed to move (tack) in the cockpit on the Sonar's?

Yes.

13. Can crews have an AB aboard?

Only for blind crews.

14. Will boats be available prior to the regatta?

There may be, but please contact Peter Rieck at Peter@sailingcenter.org for more details.

15. Will there be spectator boats for families, friends and support?

Yes, MCSC is arranging for a number of spectator boats.

16. What about photos and updates?

A daily update including results and photos will be posted daily at <http://championships.ussailing.org/Adult/USDisabledChampionship.htm>

17. What about the schedule of events, meals, etc.?

See the welcome letter and web site for further details.

18. Who do we contact for more information?

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