



**June 24-28, 2020**

**Organizing Authority: US Sailing**

**Host: Rochester Yacht Club**

## **NOTICE OF RACE**

### **1. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY**

The Organizing Authority (OA) will be US Sailing. The OA will be represented by the USYMRC representative on the U.S. Match Racing Championships Committee.

### **2. VENUE**

The venue will be on Lake Ontario in Rochester, NY.

### **3. EVENT GRADING**

The event has applied for World Sailing Grade 3. This grading is subject to review by the World Sailing Match Race Rankings Sub Committee. The event may be re-graded when there is clear reason to do so.

### **4. PROVISIONAL PROGRAM**

- 4.1 (a) Wednesday, June 24, 1000 until 1300, registration and weigh-in
- (b) Wednesday, June 24, 1300 until 1700, practice sailing with coaching
- (c) Thursday, June 25, 0830 - 0900, final registration and weigh-in
- (d) Thursday, June 25, 0900 - 1730, North U Advanced Match Racing Clinic
- (e) Thursday, June 25, 1900, Opening Ceremony
- (f) Friday, June 26 to Sunday, June 28, Racing
- (g) Daily briefing on racing days at 0900, including first umpire briefing on Friday, June 26
- (h) The intended time of the first Attention Signal each racing day will be 1000
- (i) Sunday, June 28, no Attention Signal will be made after 1330
- (j) Sunday, June 28, Awards Ceremony immediately following the racing



- 4.2 Unless excused in writing by the OA, attendance by all competitors at the following is mandatory:
- (a) Opening Ceremony, June 25, 1900 hours
  - (b) Daily briefings on racing days, 0900 hours
  - (c) Award Ceremony Sunday, June 28, immediately following the racing

## 5. ELIGIBILITY

- 5.1 Competitors must have reached their 16th birthday but not their 21st birthday during the calendar year in which the event is held; i.e., must be born between January 1, 2000 and December 31, 2004 inclusive. Competitors will be asked to show their driver's license or some other proof of birthdate at the event.
- 5.2 Competitors must be current individual or family members, all in good standing, of US Sailing at the time of registration and the duration of the event.
- 5.3 Up to 10 skippers will be invited. Only skippers invited by the OA will be eligible to enter this event.
- 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 register (see NoR 7) by the date specified on the letter of invitation, unless the eligible skipper has requested and received written permission from the OA for late registration.
- 5.6 All competitors shall meet the eligibility requirements of World Sailing regulation 19.2, Eligibility Code, which can be found at: [World Sailing Regulations](#)
- 5.7 All competitors shall obtain a World Sailing Sailor ID by registering online at [www.sailing.org/isafsailor](http://www.sailing.org/isafsailor). Skippers shall inform the OA of their World Sailing Sailor ID by submitting it online when registering.
- 5.8 Competitors must be eligible to compete under the laws, regulations, policies and rules of the US Olympic and Paralympic Committee (USOPC) or its affiliated organizations.

## 6. ENTRIES

- 6.1 The entry fee is \$800 per team, which includes boat use, coaching, housing, most of the meals and entertainment.
- 6.2 The entry fee shall be paid by credit card by the date listed in the letter of invitation.
- 6.3 No refunds of the entry fee will be made after April 19, 2020, unless an acceptable replacement team is found.
- 6.4 A team shall be entered on completion of registration, crew weighing and payment of all fees and deposits.
- 6.5 Damage deposit
  - (a) An initial damage deposit of \$1500 shall be paid at registration at RYC, unless extended by the OA. This deposit is the maximum payable by the skipper as a result of any one incident. The damage deposit must be paid via a hold on a credit card.
  - (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 14 days..
- 6.6 This regatta is eligible for Sailorships (travel grants) for those sailors 18 and under. To apply, visit [US Sailing Sailorships](#)



## 7. REGISTRATION

- 7.1 Online registration for invited skippers may only be made by filling out the online forms as described in the invitation letter.
- 7.2 Online registrations, including registration fees, shall be submitted online **no later than midnight (EDT), April 19, 2019**, unless the invited skipper has requested and received written permission from the OA for late registration.

## 8. RULES

- 8.1 (a) The following will apply: the [US Sailing Regulations](#), and in particular 2, 4.02, 10, 13 and 14.04, the [US Sailing Championships Conditions](#), the [U.S. Youth Match Racing Championship Conditions](#), the [Championships Code of Conduct](#) and the [US Sailing Safesport Handbook](#).
- (b) The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current edition of *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, including Appendix C, and the prescriptions of US Sailing.
- (c) The prescriptions to RRS 63.2 and 63.4 are deleted.
- (d) The rules for the handling of boats (SI Addendum C) will apply, and will also apply to any practice sailing. Class rules will not apply.
- (e) World Sailing Regulation 20, Advertising Code, will apply. Advertising on the supplied equipment is available to the OA in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20.4.1.3.
- 8.2 Racing rules (RRS) are changed as follows:
- (a) When a boat in a match fails to sail the course in accordance with RRS 28.1, she will be disqualified without a hearing and scored zero points unless both of the boats in the match have sailed the same course in which case the boats will be scored as if they had sailed the course in accordance with RRS 28.1. This changes RRS 28, 35, 63.1, and A5.
- (b) RRS 40 is changed to read: "Each competitor shall wear a USCG approved life jacket that is 100% dependent on foam for flotation and the appropriate size for the sailor, at all times while on the water, except for brief periods while adding or removing clothing."
- (c) RRS 41 is changed to add: "(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."
- (d) RRS 62.1(a) is changed to read: "A boat may not request redress under RRS 62.1(a). The protest committee may decide to consider giving redress under that RRS if it believes that a redressable improper action or omission has been made." This changes RRS 60.1(b) and 62.1(a).
- (e) When there is a conflict between the NoR and SI's, the SI's shall prevail over the NoR. This changes RRS 63.7.
- (f) The attention signal will be displayed 7 minutes before the first starting signal in each flight. This changes RRS C3.1.
- (g) RRS C6.3 is deleted and replaced with: "A boat intending to request redress because of circumstances that arise before or after she finishes or retires shall clearly display a red flag as soon as possible after she becomes aware of those circumstances, but no later than two minutes after finishing or retiring."



- (h) If the first boat in a match has finished leaving the second boat in the match owing a penalty, the umpires may signal according to RRS C5.5 that the outstanding penalty is now completed and remove the corresponding penalty flag. Once she finishes, the second boat may then be scored with a loss without the requirement of completing her penalty turn before finishing. This changes RRS C7.4.
- (i) RRS C8.6 is changed to read: "When the match umpires, together with at least one other umpire, decide that a boat has broken RRS 14 and damage resulted, they may impose a points penalty as described in SI Addendum E without a hearing. The competitor shall be informed of the penalty as soon as practicable and, at the time of being so informed, may request a hearing. The protest committee shall then proceed under RRS C6.6. Any penalty decided by the protest committee may be more than the penalty imposed by the umpires. When the umpires decide a penalty greater than that described in SI Addendum E is appropriate, they shall act under RRS C8.4."
- (j) The final two sentences of RRS C11.3 (a) are deleted and replaced with the following sentences: "When the RC decides that a sail-off is not practical, the tie shall be decided in favor of the competitor who has the highest score in the round robin after eliminating the score for the first race for each tied skipper or, should this fail to break the tie, the second race for each tied skipper and so on until the tie is broken. When a tie is partially resolved, RRS C11.1 and/or C11.2 should be re-applied to the remaining ties."

## 9. BOATS AND SAILS

- 9.1 The event will be sailed in Sonar type boats.
- 9.2 The following sails will be provided for each boat: Mainsail, Jib and Spinnaker
- 9.3 Boats will be allocated by draw, either daily or for each round as decided by the race committee.

## 10. CREW (INCLUDING SKIPPER)

- 10.1 The number of crew (including the skipper) shall be four (4). There shall be at least one female and one male in the crew. All registered crew shall sail all races.
- 10.2 The maximum total crew weight, determined prior to racing, shall be 680 pounds, when wearing at least shorts and a shirt.
- 10.3 When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the event, the OA may authorize an original crew member to substitute.
- 10.4 When a registered crew member is unable to continue in the event, the OA may authorize a substitute, a temporary substitute or other adjustment. See the [US Sailing Championships Conditions](#).

## 11. EVENT FORMAT

- 11.1 The event will consist of the following stages:
  - Stage 1 - a round robin
  - Stage 2 - Quarter Final/Semi Final/Final knockout series and Consolation races
- 11.2 The OA may change the format, or terminate or eliminate any scheduled stage, when conditions or the remaining time scheduled are not expected to permit the completion of the intended format.



## 12. COURSE

- 12.1 The course will be windward/leeward with starboard roundings, finishing downwind.
- 12.2 The intention is to use a gate for the leeward rounding.

## 13. ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA. An alleged breach of NoR 13 shall not be grounds for a protest by a boat; this changes RRS 60.1.

## 14. PRIZES

- 14.1 The Rose Cup is the perpetual trophy presented to the winning team.
- 14.2 US Sailing medals will be awarded to the competitors who finish first through third.
- 14.3 The Nick Scandone Sportsmanship Award is the perpetual trophy presented for sportsmanship.
- 14.4 The two perpetual trophies will remain at the Balboa Yacht Club and will be engraved with the winners' names.
- 14.5 The top finishing skipper will receive an invitation to the 2020 Governor's Cup, to be held July 20-25, 2020, at the Balboa Yacht Club in Corona del Mar, California, provided that the skipper has requested an invitation to the Governor's Cup organizing authority within their deadline (April 10, 2020) (<https://www.balboayachtclub.com/govcup>).
- 14.6 The second place skipper will receive an invitation to the 2020 Oakcliff Halloween Invitational, October 31-November 1, 2020, in Match 40's.

## 15. MEDIA, IMAGES and SOUND

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

## 16. PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES

- 16.1. No participant or competitor shall use or possess, either on or off the water:
  - 1. marijuana or any other substance if possession is illegal under state or federal law; or
  - 2. any alcoholic beverages.
- 16.2. An alleged breach of NoR 16.1 shall not be grounds for a protest; this changes RRS 60.1(a), 60.2(a) and 60.3(a). However, when the protest committee believes that a competitor may have breached NoR 16.1, it shall follow the process described in the [Championships Code of Conduct](#). If a competitor is found to have breached one of the elements within the Code of Conduct, he or she shall be excluded from the remaining races of the series and, where practicable, removed from the regatta venue and sent home.

## 17. RISK, DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY & PERSONAL CONDUCT

- 17.1 Competitors participate in the regatta at their own risk. See RRS 4 (Decision to Race). The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.
- 17.2 The competitor will accept full responsibility for all his/her actions during any activity related to the event. This includes on-shore activities before, during, and after the regatta. All competitors are expected to maintain the highest levels of conduct throughout the entire event. Enforcement of discipline and conduct shall be conducted as described in the [Championships Code of Conduct](#).



17.3 Competitors must be in their accommodation by 2200 each evening. NO EXCEPTIONS

17.4 An alleged breach of NoR 17.3 shall not be grounds for a protest; this changes RRS 60.1. However, when the protest committee believes that a competitor may have breached NoR 17.3, it shall follow the process described in the [Championships Code of Conduct](#).

## 18. DRESS CODE

Appropriate attire must be worn at all times. Bring one dress outfit (collared shirt and nice shorts/pants for men and equivalent for women; no coats or ties required). Footwear must be worn at all times on land.

## 19. COACH BOATS & SPECTATING

19.1 This event is a Grade 2 event as defined in the [US Sailing Coaching and Support Boat Policy](#).

There will be US Sailing-supplied coaching and OA-provided spectator boats. No private/team coaching is permitted. Private spectator boats are not permitted in the racing area.

19.2 Every effort will be made to get spectators on the water when possible; please let the OA know in advance if you would like to reserve a place on a spectator boat.

## 20. INVITATIONS

20.1 Invitations are by resume only. Requests for Invitations must be filled out using the online RFI form which is available as of January 15, 2020, at [The USYMRC website](#). Entries will only be accepted from invited skippers.

20.2 Requests for invitations received by April 1, 2020, will receive preference, and selected skippers will be notified by April 7, 2020.

## 21. ARRIVAL / DEPARTURE; TRANSPORTATION

21.1 Participants should fly into the Greater Rochester International Airport (ROC).

21.2 Travel time from the airports to the Rochester Yacht Club is about 30 minutes. App-based transportation is the simplest means of transportation. The OA will provide transportation to the airport after the awards ceremony.

21.3 Flights should not be scheduled prior to 1800 on Sunday, June 28.



## 22. FURTHER INFORMATION

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