



NOTICE OF RACE

2021 U.S. Match Racing Championship for the Prince of Wales Bowl

Long Beach Yacht Club – Long Beach, California

October 1-3, 2021

Registration and Practice September 30, 2021

- 1 **ORGANIZING AUTHORITY** The Organizing Authority (OA) is US Sailing and the Long Beach Yacht Club.
- 2 **VENUE** The venue will be Long Beach, California USA.
- 3 **EVENT GRADING** The event has applied for World Sailing (WS) 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 **SCHEDULE (PROVISIONAL)**
 - 4.1 Schedule
 - (a) Registration open Thursday, September 30, 2021 from 1000 to 1800 and Friday, October 1, 2021 from 800 to 830.
 - (b) Crew weigh-in is available Thursday, September 30 from 1000 to 1800 and Friday, October 1 from 800 to 830.
 - (c) Practice Thursday, September 30 from 1000 to 1800.
 - (d) First skippers' briefing shall be Friday, October 1 at 0900.
 - (e) First meeting with the umpires will be immediately following the first skippers' briefing.
 - (f) Saturday and Sunday briefings will be at 0900.
 - (g) Racing days are October 1, 2 and 3.
 - (h) Time of first attention signal each day will be approximately 1123.
 - (i) The latest time for an attention signal on the last day of racing will be 1700 on Sunday, October 3.
 - (j) The Prize Giving will be held immediately following racing on Sunday, October 3.
 - 4.2 Unless excused by the OA, attendance at the following is mandatory:
 - (a) Initial briefing for skippers
 - (b) Daily briefing for skippers
- 5 **SKIPPER ELIGIBILITY**
 - 5.1 Up to ten (10) skippers will be invited. Only skippers invited by the Invitation Committee of the U.S. Match Racing Championships Committee (USMRCC) will be eligible to enter this event.
 - 5.2 To remain eligible, a skipper shall confirm acceptance of the invitation by registering online through the link provided in the invitation by the date specified.
 - 5.3 All competitors shall meet the eligibility requirements of World Sailing regulation 19.2.
 - 5.4 All competitors shall obtain a [World Sailing Sailor ID by registering online](#). Skippers and crew shall inform the OA of their World Sailing Sailor ID at registration.
 - 5.5 All competitors shall be members of US SAILING at the time of registration and during the event. International competitors must be members of US Sailing or their MNA.
 - 5.6 There is no citizenship or club/association membership requirement for this event.
 - 5.7 A non-refundable entry bond in the amount of \$500 USD shall accompany the acceptance of invitation to be valid.

All payments shall be made in US funds by the date and in the manner specified in the invitation letter.

6 ENTRIES

- 6.1 Only skippers invited by the OA will be eligible to enter this event. Invitations will be issued pursuant to the USMRC Conditions. A maximum of ten (10) skippers will be invited to this event. Automatic Invitations will be issued to:
- (a) The 2019 U.S. Match Racing Champion.
 - (b) The highest placing eligible skipper (per the current US Sailing Match Racing Championship Conditions) at each of the below listed qualifiers who is not already qualified for the USMRC:
 - Qualifier at Oakcliff Sailing for USMRC
 - Qualifier at St. Francis Yacht Club for USMRC
 - Qualifier at Bayview Yacht Club for USMRC
 - Qualifier at Boston Yacht Club for USMRC
 - Qualifier at San Diego Yacht Club for USMRC
 - Qualifier at Rochester Yacht Club for USMRC
 - Qualifier at Chicago Yacht Club for USMRC
 - (c) The highest placing eligible skipper at the US Women's Match Racing Championship on August 19-22, 2021 at San Diego Yacht Club who is not already qualified for the USMRC.
- 6.2 Invitations to the qualifiers will be issued in accordance with the Notices of Races for the series and the current USMRC Conditions at <https://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/Conditions-for-the-USMRC-1.pdf>
- 6.3 Each skipper shall be entered on completion of registration, crew weighing and the payment of all fees and deposits. All payments except the damage deposit shall be made through Regatta Network. The damage deposit shall be paid to the host club at event registration.
- 6.4 Entry Fee
The entry fee is \$1000 USD, including the \$500 entry bond in NOR 5.7.
- 6.5 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)
- 6.6 Damage Deposit
- (a) An initial damage deposit of \$3,500 USD shall be paid at registration, prior to any practice sailing, unless extended by the OA. This deposit is the maximum payable by the skipper for 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

- 7.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined by The Racing Rules of Sailing, including Appendix C and following documents:
- (a) [The US Sailing Regulations which govern all US Sailing Championships and Qualifying Events](#). Attention is drawn to regulations 2.02, 4.02, 10, 13, and 14.04, although other regulations may be applicable as well.
 - (b) US Sailing's current [Championship Conditions](#) and [Championships Code of Conduct](#).
 - (c) [The current U.S. Match Racing Championship Conditions](#).
- 7.2 Class rules will not apply.
- 7.3 US Sailing prescription 63.2 is deleted.
- 7.4 The rules for the handling of boats will apply and will also apply to any clinics, practice sailing and sponsor races.
- 7.5 Major Alterations to the RRS
- (a) Each competitor shall wear a USCG approved PFD while on the water, except for brief periods while adding or removing clothing. This changes RRS 40 and the preamble to Part 4.
 - (b) RRS C8.6 and C6.3 will be changed in the Sailing Instructions.
 - (c) 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 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.
 - (d) Delete RRS C6.3 and replace with: A boat intending to request redress because of circumstances that arise while she is racing or in the finishing area, 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.
 - (e) When the umpires proceed under RRS C8.6 they will follow the guidance in SI Addendum E. 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.'

- (f) Add the following sentence to C10.2: When a competitor withdraws from an event pursuant to the US Sailing Code of Conduct [voluntarily or by reason of being excluded by a protest committee], that competitor's team shall be removed from the final event scores and each team with a worse finishing place in the event shall be moved up one place.
- (g) 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.
- (h) The OA reserves the right to amend this NOR. Any amendments to the NOR shall be posted to the Official Notice Board located in the first floor hallway of the club and at www.lbyc.org.

8 BOATS AND SAILS

- 8.1 The event will be sailed in Catalina 37 type boats.
- 8.2 Up to eleven (11) boats will be provided.
- 8.3 The following sails will be provided for each boat: Mainsail, Jib, Genoa, and Spinnaker.
- 8.4 Boats will be allocated by draw and rotated daily. Boats may also be assigned during any stage by the OA or RC.
- 8.5 The OA or RC may require rotation of sails for any reason. Rotation of sails by the OA or RC shall NOT be grounds for redress by a competitor. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

9 CREW (INCLUDING SKIPPER)

- 9.1 The number of crew (including the skipper) shall be a maximum of seven (7). All registered crew shall sail all races.
- 9.2 The total weight of the crew, including the skipper, dressed in at least shorts and shirts, shall not exceed 525 kg / 1157.625 lbs, determined at the time of registration or such time as required by the RC.
- 9.3 Crew weight shall be checked at registration, and no further weigh-in shall be required, except for substitute crew.
- 9.4 When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the event the OA may authorize an original crew member to substitute.
- 9.5 When a registered crew member is unable to continue in the event the OA may authorize a substitute, a temporary substitute or other adjustment.

10 EVENT FORMAT

- 10.1 Skippers will be seeded into a round robin based on seeding/draw/results in previous competition/World Sailing ranking list 30 days prior to the event.
- 10.2 The event format will consist of Round Robin(s), Knock-out Series and Finals racing. The format will be specified in the Sailing Instructions.
- 10.3 The RC may change the format, or 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 favor of later stages.

11 COURSE

- 11.1 The course will be windward/leeward with starboard roundings at the windward mark, finishing downwind. Leeward mark may be a gate.
- 11.2 The intended course area will be off Belmont Memorial Pier on the Congressional Cup Stadium course.

12 ADVERTISING

- 12.1 As boats and equipment will be supplied by the Organizing 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.
- 12.3 Boats shall not be permitted the right to protest for breaches of any rules regarding advertising (amends RRS 60.1).

13 PRIZES

- 13.1 Only a team that is 100% U.S. citizens or resident aliens throughout the Championship Finals may be declared the U.S. National Champion. U.S. citizen and resident alien status will be determined as described in 12.5 of the current USMRC Conditions.
- 13.2 The Prince of Wales Bowl, a perpetual trophy, will be awarded to the winner of the Championship Finals. The perpetual will be kept on display at US Sailing, while the winner will receive a framed photograph of the Prince of Wales Bowl, with a similar framed photograph to go to the winner's club or association.
- 13.3 The winner of the Prince of Wales Bowl will be offered a qualifier spot for the 2022 USMRC hosted by Oakliff Sailing. Should the qualifying skipper decline his or her spot to the USMRC, or already be invited, the spot will be filled by the USMRCC's Invitation Committee process per the USMRC Conditions.

14 MEDIA, IMAGES and SOUND

By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the organizing authority and the event sponsors the unconditional, perpetual right and authority to publish and broadcast anywhere in the world, for any purpose and in any media, the names, images, and biographical information relating to the crew and photographs, video footage, and audio recordings taken of the boat and its crew prior to, during, and after the race without compensation.

15 COACH BOATS

This event is designated as a US Sailing Grade 3 Event for coaching purposes. [See the US Sailing's Coaching and Support Boat Policy](#). There will be no private/team coaching nor US Sailing-supplied coaches during the regatta.

16 INVITATIONS

- 16.1 Invitations are by resume only. Requests for Invitation (RFI) must be submitted by email to the chair of the invitation committee at foursimon@aol.com.

17 DISCLAIMER

Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this race participate entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The race organizers (OA, race committee, PC, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained because of participation in this event. By participating in this regatta, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

18 DISCIPLINE

PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES (US Sailing Regulation 10.03)

- A. For adult US Sailing championship events, no competitor shall use or possess, either on or off the water, marijuana or any other substance if possession is illegal under state or federal law.
- B. For Junior and Youth events or for junior or youth competitors in any US Sailing championship, 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.
- C. An alleged breach of one of these regulations 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 one of these regulations, 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, they shall be excluded from the remaining races of the series and, where practicable, removed from the regatta venue and sent home.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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