



2021 U.S. Women's Match Racing Championship
For the Allegra Knapp Mertz Trophy and the Mrs. C.F. Adams Memorial Trophy
San Diego Yacht Club – San Diego, California
August 20-22, 2021
Practice August 19, 2021

NOTICE OF RACE

1. **ORGANIZING AUTHORITY** The Organizing Authority (OA) will be US Sailing in conjunction with San Diego Yacht Club.
2. **VENUE** The venue will be San Diego Bay, San Diego, 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, August 19, 2021 from 1200 to 1700.
 - (b) Crew weigh-in is available Thursday, August 19, 2021 from 1200 to 1700.
 - (c) Practice Thursday, August 19, 2021 from 1200 to 1830.
 - (d) First skippers' briefing shall be Friday, August 20, 2021 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 August 20, 21, and 22, 2021.
 - (h) Time of first attention signal each day will be 1100.
 - (i) The latest time for an attention signal on the last day of racing will be 1600 on Sunday, August 22, 2021.
 - (j) Daily debriefs will be after racing each day.
 - (k) The Awards Ceremony will be held approximately 30 minutes after the last boat reaches the dock on Sunday, August 22, 2021.
 - 4.2. Unless excused by the OA, attendance at the following is mandatory:
 - (a) Daily briefing for skippers
 - (b) Awards Ceremony
5. **SKIPPER ELIGIBILITY**
 - 5.1. Up to ten (10) female 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. See **NoR 16 "Invitations."**
 - 5.2. To remain eligible a skipper shall confirm acceptance of the invitation in writing by registering and paying the entry fee directly to San Diego Yacht Club in the manner and by the date specified in the letter of invitation.
 - 5.3. There is no citizenship or club/association membership required for this event.
 - 5.4. 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.
 - 5.5. All competitors shall meet the eligibility requirements of World Sailing regulation 19.2.

5.6. All competitors shall obtain a [World Sailing Sailor ID](#) by registering online. Skippers shall inform the OA of their World Sailing Sailor ID at registration.

5.7. The registered skippers shall helm the boat at all times while racing except in an emergency or when excused by the OA.

6. ENTRIES

6.1. Entering

- (a) Entries will only be accepted from invited skippers, see **NoR 16 “Invitations.”**
- (b) The skipper shall be entered on completion of registration, crew weighing and the payment of all fees and deposits. The damage deposit shall be paid to SDYC at event registration.
- (c) Both the entry fee and damage deposit must be paid before a team can sail in any practice session, or the regatta.
- (d) The Selection Committee will commence issuing invitations on **March 15, 2021**, and will continue to issue invitations until the event is fully subscribed.

6.2. Entry Fee

An entry fee of **\$900.00** shall be paid directly to San Diego Yacht Club by the date and in the manner specified in the invitation letter. **\$300.00** of the entry fee shall be non-refundable. After **June 30, 2021**, all of the entry fee shall be non-refundable.

6.3. Damage Deposit

- (a) In addition to the entry fee in **NoR 6.2** above there is an initial damage deposit of **\$1,000 USD** that 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.
- (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 30 days after the event.

6.4. 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)

7. RULES

7.1. The event will be governed by the rules as defined by The Racing Rules of Sailing, including Appendix C and the following documents:

- (a) The current US Sailing Regulations which govern all US Sailing Championships and Qualifying Events. In particular, Regulations 2.02, 4.02, 10, 13, and 14.04 apply, although other Regulations may be applicable as well. The Regulations can be located at <https://cdn.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/US-Sailing-Regulations-2021-01-25.pdf>
- (b) [US Sailing’s current Championship Conditions](#)
- (c) US Sailing’s current Championships Code of Conduct which can be located at https://cdn.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/FinalChampionships_CodeofConduct3-21-17-1.pdf
- (d) The current [U.S. Women’s Match Racing Championship Conditions](#).

7.2. **[DP]** Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from an event official. Failure to comply may be misconduct. Reasonable actions by event officials to implement COVID-19 guidance, protocols or legislation even if they later prove to have been unnecessary, are not improper actions or omissions.

7.3. Class rules will not apply.

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) Per US Sailing Regulations **10.04, A., 1.** “each competitor shall wear a USCG approved PFD at all times while on the water, except for brief periods while adding or removing clothing.” (Changes RRS 40 and the preamble to Part 4). In addition, per US Sailing Regulations **10.04 D** the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions shall include the following words “A violation of this Instruction may be protested by race officials or a competitor; however, an inadvertent

and momentary breach of this instruction may receive a penalty less than disqualification at the discretion of the protest committee. This changes **rule 64.1**”

(b) RRS 28.1, 35, 60.1, 62.1(a), 63.1, A5, C7.4, and C8.6 will also be changed in the Sailing Instructions.

7.6 The OA reserves the right to amend this NOR. Any amendments to the NOR shall be posted on the official regatta notice board at SDYC located at <https://sdyc.org/calendar/event/us-womens-match-race-championship>

As a courtesy, duplicate amendments may be posted on the US Sailing website at

<https://www.ussailing.org/competition/championships/2021-u-s-womens-match-racing-championship/>

8. BOATS AND SAILS

8.1. The event will be sailed in J/22 type boats.

8.2. Ten (10) boats plus a spare will be provided.

8.3. The following sails will be provided for each boat: Mainsail, Jib, 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 three (3), four (4) or five (5) females. 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 272 kg or 599.7 lbs.

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 USMRCC representative responsible for the event may authorize an original crew member to substitute. **(USWMRC Conditions Sec. 7)**

9.5. When a registered crew member is unable to continue in the event, the USMRCC representative (OA representative) responsible for the event may authorize a substitute, a temporary substitute or other adjustment. Per the US Sailing Championship Conditions the substituted sailor shall meet all eligibility requirements and shall be very close in weight to the substituted sailor. The USMRCC representative (OA representative) will have sole authority for determining whether the reason for substitution and the proposed sailor are acceptable. **(USWMRC Conditions Sec. 7)**

10. EVENT FORMAT

10.1. The event format will consist of Round Robin(s), Knock-out Series and Finals racing. The format will be specified in the sailing instructions.

10.2. Per **USWMRC Conditions 9.2** “Should wind, weather or other conditions make it unlikely to complete the scheduled number of races within the time schedule, the event format may be terminated, shortened or altered in order to declare a Champion. A one race knockout series will be avoided if at all possible. The Organizing Authority in conjunction with the Race Committee shall determine actions and decisions to be taken regarding results when not resolved by RRS Appendix C.”

11. COURSE

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

11.2. The intended race area will be along the San Diego city front in San Diego Bay near the Grape Street pier.

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. The **Allegra Knapp Mertz Perpetual Trophy** will be presented to the first-place team and the **Mrs. C.F. Adams Memorial Perpetual Trophy** will be presented to the second-place team.
- 13.2. Only a team that is 100% US citizens or resident aliens throughout the Championship Finals may be declared U.S. National Champion. A "US citizen" is a person who has, or is eligible to have, a US passport. A "resident alien" is a person who does not have a US passport but who has a Permanent Resident Card ("Green Card").
- 13.3. US Sailing Medals will be awarded to the competitors finishing in first through third places.
- 13.4. Invitations: The top placing eligible skipper (per U.S. Match Racing Championship Conditions) will be invited to the **2021 U.S. Match Racing Championship** hosted by Long Beach Yacht Club on October 1-3, 2021. Should the qualifying skipper decline her spot to the 2021 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 at <https://www.ussailing.org/competition/resources/coaching-and-support-boat-policy>
There will be no private/team coaching nor US Sailing-supplied coaches during the regatta.

16. INVITATIONS

- 16.1. The winning skipper from the most recent USWMRC Championship Finals will receive an automatic invitation to the current Championship Finals.
- 16.2. All other invitations are by resume only. Requests for Invitation (RFI) must be filled out using the online RFI form available at: <https://form.jotform.com/210606895480157>

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 as a result of participation in this race. By participating in this regatta, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and 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 rules 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. When a competitor withdraws from part of an event pursuant to the Code, the scores of all completed races shall stand for the purposes of determining seeding of subsequent rounds or stages in the event. However, that competitor's boat/team will not



longer be eligible to compete in the event, shall be removed from the final event scores, and each boat/team with a worse finishing place in the event shall be moved up one place.

19. FURTHER INFORMATION

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