



U.S. Match Racing Championship
Organized by US Sailing and Oakcliff Sailing
Hosted by Oakcliff Sailing
Oyster Bay, New York

NOTICE OF RACE

October 12-15, 2017
Practice Day October 12
Race Days October 13-15, 2017

NOTE REGARDING THE 2018 WORLD SAILING NATIONS CUP

World Sailing intends to hold the next Nations Cup (an international Match Racing Championship) in 2018. The Regional Qualifiers for the Open and Women's divisions will be held in late 2017 or in 2018. The U.S. can send up to two skippers to the Regional Qualifiers depending on whether World Sailing allows two skippers. The U.S. representative in the Open division will be based on the results at the 2017 U.S. Match Racing Championship (see the USMRC Conditions for more information). The Women's division representative will be selected by resume. More information on the Women's selection system will be available by April 1, 2017. Selected skippers can choose whomever they want to crew for them at the Nations Cup Regional Qualifiers (i.e., they do not need to sail with their crew from the USMRC, nor does their USMRC crew need to be eligible to sail in the Regional Qualifiers). All sailors (skippers and crew) representing the U.S. in the Nations Cup Regional Qualifiers are required to hold current U.S. passports, must not be currently representing another MNA, and must be members of US Sailing.

1 ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

The Organizing Authority (OA) will be US Sailing in conjunction with Oakcliff Sailing.

2 VENUE

The venue will be Oyster Bay, NY USA

3 EVENT GRADING

The event has applied for World Sailing 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 PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

4.1 Schedule

- (a) Race office open from Thursday, October 12, 2017
- (b) Registration: Thursday, October 12, 2017, 1200 to 1700 & Friday, October 13, 2017, 0830 to 0900.
- (c) Crew weighing is on Thursday October 12, 2017, 1200 to 1700 & Friday, October 13, 2017, 0830 to 0900.
- (d) Practice is on Thursday, October 12, 2017, from 1200 to 1700.
- (e) First briefing at 0900 on Friday, October 13, 2017.
- (f) First meeting with umpires is on Friday, October 13, 2017, immediately following first briefing.
- (g) Racing days from Friday, October 13, 2017 to Sunday, October 15, 2017.
- (h) Time of the first attention signal each day will be 1000.





- (i) The latest time for an attention signal on the last day of racing will be 1600 on Sunday, October 15, 2017.
- (j) Additional briefings will be at 0900 on race days.
- (k) Daily debriefs approximately one (1) hour after the last boat reaches the mooring each day.
- (l) Prize giving will be on Sunday, October 15, 2017, following debrief.

4.2 Unless excused by the OA, attendance at the following is mandatory:

- (a) Initial briefing, for skippers.
- (b) Daily briefing, for skippers.
- (c) Prize giving for the skippers and crews in the Finals racing.

5 SKIPPERS ELIGIBILITY

- 5.1 At the time of registration and during the event, all crew members that are US citizens shall be members of US Sailing, and all non-citizen crew members shall either be members of US Sailing or members of their World Sailing recognized MNA.
- 5.2 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 eleven (11) skippers will be invited to this event. Automatic Invitations will be issued to:
 - (a) The 2016 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.
 - 1) Qualifier at Oakcliff Sailing for USMRC (April 22-23, 2017)
 - 2) Qualifier at Texas Corinthian Yacht Club for USMRC (May 6-7, 2017)
 - 3) Qualifier at St. Francis Yacht Club for USMRC (May 20-21, 2017)
 - 4) Qualifier at Chicago Yacht Club for USMRC (June 3-4, 2017)
 - 5) Qualifier at San Diego Yacht Club for USMRC (June 10-11, 2017)
 - 6) Qualifier at Buffalo Yacht Club for USMRC (June 10-11, 2017)
 - 7) Qualifier at Annapolis Yacht Club for USMRC (June 24-25, 2017)
 - 8) Qualifier at Long Beach Yacht Club for USMRC (August 12-13, 2017)
 - (c) The top female skipper, as determined by the most current World Sailing Ranking Lists, match racing results and sailing resume, requesting an invitation. Requests for an invitation must be received no later than August 15, 2017, and may be submitted by email to BSimon@Oakcliffsailing.org.
- 5.3 Invitations to the qualifiers will be issued in accordance with the Notices of Races for the series and the current USMRC Conditions at <http://www.ussailing.org/racing/championships/adult/matchracing/>
- 5.4 To remain eligible, a skipper shall confirm acceptance of the invitation in writing and by paying a **non-refundable entry bond of \$500.00 USD** in the manner set forth in the invitation **no later than 14 calendar days after issuance of the invitation, unless otherwise specified in the invitation.**
- 5.5 Should there be any open slots in the USMRC not filled through the process set forth in NOR 5.2 through 5.4 above, the Invitation Committee of the USMRCC will fill such open slots as they become available via invitation pursuant to paragraph 6 "Invitations to the Championship Finals" of the current USMRC Conditions. Requests for such invitations may be submitted by email to either BSimon@Oakcliffsailing.org.
- 5.6 The registered skipper shall helm the boat at all times while racing, except in an emergency.
- 5.7 All competitors shall meet the eligibility requirements of World Sailing Regulation 19.2.
- 5.8 All competitors shall obtain a World Sailing Sailor ID by registering online at www.sailing.org/isafsailor
- 5.9 Skippers shall inform the OA of their World Sailing Sailor ID at registration.

6 ENTRIES



6.1 Entering

The skipper shall be entered on completion of registration, signing the US Sailing Championships Code of Conduct, crew weighing and the payment of all fees and deposits. All payments except the damage deposit shall be made through the event website which will be included in the invitation letter. The damage deposit shall be paid to the host club at event registration

6.2 Each competitor, being each skipper and crew member, shall sign the US Sailing Championships Code of Conduct prior to completing registration, and pledges that he or she agrees to uphold the spirit of the US Sailing Championships Code of Conduct.

6.3 Entry Fee

The total entry fee is **\$950** per skipper (including the \$500 bond). The remaining **\$450** is due by **September 15, 2017**, or the bond is forfeited and the OA may invite another skipper.

6.4 Withdrawal

When a skipper accepts an invitation and later withdraws within 30 days 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)

6.5 Damage deposit

- An initial damage deposit of **\$2,500** 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.
- 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.
- Any remaining deposit after the event will be refunded within 30 days after the event.

6.6 The entire Entry Fee and Damage Deposit must be paid before a team can sail in any clinic, the practice session, or the regatta.

7 RULES

7.1 (a) The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the RRS, including Appendix C, and

- The 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 US Sailing Regulations can be found at:

<http://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/DARoot/Bylaws/RegsAmended2015-06-22.pdf>

- US Sailing's current "Championship Conditions" will apply to all the events in the series, and can be found at:

<http://www.ussailing.org/racing/championships/championship-conditions/>

- The current U.S. Match Racing Championship Conditions which can be found at:

<http://www.ussailing.org/racing/championships/adult/matchracing/>

- The rules for the handling of boats will apply, and will also apply to any practice sailing, clinics or sponsor races. Class rules will not apply.
- Any conflicts between the Conditions for the USMRC, this Notice of Race (NoR), the Sailing Instructions (SIs), and any other documents will be resolved by the Protest Committee in accordance with the provisions of RRS 63.7.

7.2 Major Alterations to the RRS



- (a) RRS 40 and the preamble to Part 4 is changed as follows: Each competitor shall wear a USCG approved PFD at all times while on the water, except for brief periods while adding or removing clothing. (See US Sailing Regulation 10.04 A 1. Note: Oakcliff Sailing may have PFD's that teams can borrow.)
- (b) 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.
- (c) RRS C3.1, C6.3, C7.4, C8.6, 28.1, and A5 will be changed in the sailing instructions for this event.
- (d) Add the following sentence to C10.2: When a competitor withdraws from part of an event pursuant to the US Sailing Code of Conduct [voluntarily or by reason of being excluded by a protest committee], the scores of all completed races shall stand for the purposes of determining the seeding of subsequent rounds or stages in the event. However, that competitor's boat/team will no 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. The same scoring applies if a boat is disqualified from the remaining races in an event.

8 BOATS AND SAILS

- 8.1 The event will be sailed in Match 40 type boats.
- 8.2 Ten or eleven boats will be provided.
- 8.3 The following sails will be provided for each boat: Mainsail, Genoa, Jib and 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 five or six. 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 962.5 lbs, determined at the time of registration or such time as required by the RC.
- 9.3 When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the event the OA may authorize an original crew member to substitute in accordance with the Championship Committee Conditions.
- 9.4 When a registered crew member is unable to continue in the event the OA may authorize a substitute, a temporary substitute or other adjustment. The substituted sailor must be eligible to compete and must be very close to the approximate weight of the substituted sailor.

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 The RC in consultation with the OA 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, finishing downwind.
- 11.2 A leeward gate may be used.
- 11.3 The intended course area will be Oyster Bay or Cold Spring Harbor, NY.

12 ADVERTISING

- 12.1 As boats and equipment will be supplied by the Organizing Authority, World Sailing Regulation 20.4 applies. Each boat may 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 Final event may be declared the U.S. National Champion. U.S. citizen and resident alien 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 trophy will be kept on display at US Sailing. 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 U.S. representative to the Nations Cup or Regional Qualifiers in the Open division will be based on the results at the 2017 U.S. Match Racing Championship (see the USMRC Conditions for more information).
- 13.4 The winner of the Prince of Wales Bowl will be offered an invitation to the 2018 USMRC.
- 13.5 US Sailing Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals will be awarded to the skippers and crews placing first through third.

14 MEDIA, IMAGES and SOUND

- 14.1 If required by the OA:
 - (a) Television personnel and equipment (or dummies) supplied by the OA shall be carried on board while racing.
 - (b) Competitors shall wear microphones supplied by the OA during racing and be available for interviews when advised by the OA or RC.
 - (c) Registered skippers shall wear communications equipment supplied by the OA that will allow commentators to communicate with them while racing.
- 14.2 Competitors shall not interfere with the normal working of the OA supplied media equipment.
- 14.3 The OA have the right to use any images and sound recorded during the event free of any charge.

15 COACH BOATS

This event is designated as a US Sailing Grade 3 Event for coaching purposes. No private/team coaching nor US Sailing-supplied coaches. Private/team spectator boats will be allowed. Oakcliff Sailing intends to have a limited amount of public spectator boats. US Sailing's Coaching and Support Boat Policy is available online at:

<http://www.ussailing.org/racing/championships/coaching-and-support-boat-policy/>.

16 SPARE



17 DISCLAIMER

All those taking any part in the event do so at their own risk. The OA, its associates and appointees accept no responsibility for any loss, damage, injury or inconvenience incurred, howsoever caused.

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.

19 EVENT CONTACTS

Event Chair: Bill Simon, BSimon@OakcliffSailing.org, 516-662-4926

U.S. Match Racing Championship representative: Greg Kiely, grkiely@gmail.com

USMRC Homepage: www.ussailing.org/racing/championships/adult/matchracing