



NOTICE OF RACE

2023 U.S. Youth Match Racing Championship for the Rose Cup

Organizing Authority: US Sailing
Host: the Sheboygan Yacht Club and Sail Sheboygan

June 21-25, 2023

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

The notation '[DP]' in a rule means the penalty for a breach of the rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

1 RULES

- (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 [USYMRC Conditions](#), the [Championships Code of Conduct](#) and the [US Sailing Safesport Policy Handbook](#).
- (b) The event is 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 63.1 and 63.2 are deleted.
- (d) The rules for the handling of boats and the equipment list, detailed as part of the Sailing Instructions, 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.

1.1 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 scored no points without a hearing (see rule C10.7). However, if both of the boats in the match have sailed the same course, they will be scored as if they had sailed the course in accordance with RRS 28.1. This changes RRS 28, 35 and C10.7.
- (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 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).



- (d) When there is a conflict between the NOR and SI, the SI shall prevail over the NOR. This changes RRS 63.7.
- (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.”

2 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.

3 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The SI's will be available at the USYMRC website approximately one week before the event.

4 ELIGIBILITY

- 4.1 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, 2003 and December 31, 2007 inclusive. Competitors will be asked to show their driver's license or some other proof of birthdate at the event.
- 4.2 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.
- 4.3 Up to 8 skippers will be invited. Only skippers invited by the OA, and who confirm acceptance of the invitation, as detailed in the letter of invitation, will be eligible to enter this event.
- 4.4 The registered skipper shall helm the boat at all times while racing, except in an emergency.
- 4.5 To remain eligible, a skipper shall register (see NoR 6) 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.
- 4.6 All competitors shall meet the eligibility requirements of World Sailing regulation 19.2, Eligibility Code, which can be found at: [World Sailing Regulations](#)
- 4.7 All competitors shall obtain a World Sailing Sailor ID. Skippers shall inform the OA of their World Sailing Sailor ID by submitting it online when registering. Information on how to get a WS Sailor ID will be sent to invited skippers.
- 4.8 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.



5 ENTRIES

- 5.1 The entry fee is \$800 per team, which includes boat use, coaching, housing, most of the meals and entertainment.
- 5.2 The entry fee shall be paid by credit card by the date listed in NoR 6.2.
- 5.3 No refunds of the entry fee will be made after April 24, 2023, unless an acceptable replacement team is found.
- 5.4 A team shall be entered on completion of registration, crew weighing and payment of all fees and deposits.

6 REGISTRATION

- 6.1 Online registration for invited skippers may only be made by filling out the online forms as described in the invitation letter.
- 6.2 Online registrations, including registration fees, shall be submitted online **no later than midnight (EDT), April 24, 2023**, unless the invited skipper has requested and received written permission from the OA for late registration.

7 DAMAGE DEPOSIT

- (a) An initial damage deposit of \$1000 shall be paid at registration, unless extended by the OA.
- (b) Each skipper is responsible for the damage or loss to their boat unless responsibility is otherwise assigned by the umpires or PC. The damage deposit is the limit of liability of each skipper for each incident. In the event that a deduction is made from the deposit, the skipper may be required to restore the deposit to the original value to continue in the event.
- (c) The damage deposit must be paid via hold on a credit card.
- (d) Any remaining deposit after the event will be refunded within 14 days.

8 BOATS AND SAILS

- 8.1 The event will be sailed in Sonar type boats.
- 8.2 The following sails will be provided for each boat: Mainsail, Jib and Spinnaker.
- 8.3 Boats will be allocated by draw, either daily or for each round as decided by the race committee.
- 8.4 While all reasonable steps are taken to equalize the boats, variations will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.



9 CREW (INCLUDING SKIPPER)

- 9.1 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.
- 9.2 The maximum total crew weight, determined prior to racing, shall be 680 pounds, when wearing at least shorts and a shirt.
- 9.3 When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the event, the OA may authorize an original crew member to substitute.
- 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. See the [US Sailing Championships Conditions](#).

10 EVENT FORMAT

- 10.1 The event will consist of the following stages:
 - Stage 1 - A single round robin
 - Stage 2 - Quarter Final/Semi Final/Final knockout series and Consolation races
- 10.2 The US Sailing representative, in consultation with the PRO and Chief Umpire, may change the format, terminate or eliminate any scheduled stage, or terminate the event when, in its opinion, conditions or the remaining time scheduled are not expected to permit the completion of the intended format.
- 10.3 The intended racing area will be Lake Michigan off of Sheboygan, WI.

11 COURSE

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

12 PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

- 12.1
 - (a) Wednesday, June 21, 1000 until 1230, registration and weigh-in
 - (b) Wednesday, June 21, 1300 until 1730, practice sailing with coaching
 - (c) Thursday, June 22, 0830 - 0900, final registration and weigh-in
 - (d) Thursday, June 22, 0900 - 1730, Advanced Match Racing Clinic
 - (e) Thursday, June 22, 1900, Opening Ceremony
 - (f) Friday, June 23 to Sunday, June 25, Racing
 - (g) Daily briefing on racing days at 0830, including first umpire briefing on Friday, June 23
 - (h) The intended time of the first Attention Signal each racing day will be 1000
 - (i) Sunday, June 25, no Attention Signal will be made after approximately 1400
 - (j) Sunday, June 25, Awards Ceremony immediately following the racing
- 12.2 [DP] Unless excused in writing by the OA, attendance by all competitors at the following is mandatory:
 - (a) Opening Ceremony, June 22, 1900
 - (b) Daily briefings on racing days, 0830
 - (c) Award Ceremony Sunday, June 25, immediately following the racing



13 ADVERTISING

[NP] Boats shall display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

14 MEDIA, IMAGES and SOUND

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

15 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.

16 COACH BOATS & SPECTATING

16.1 For the purposes of coach boat rules, this event is a US Sailing Grade 2 event as defined in the [US Sailing Coaching and Support Boat Policy](#).

16.2 There will be US Sailing-supplied coaching. No private/team coaching or support (other than encouragement) is permitted from the time the competitors leave the dock until they have returned to the dock.

16.3 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. Private spectator boats are allowed.

17 RISK, DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY, COVID REGULATIONS & PERSONAL CONDUCT

17.1 Competitors participate in the regatta at their own risk. See RRS 3 (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 Each 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 [NP] 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](#).

17.5 This event will be held in compliance with the local regulations for the Novel Virus COVID SARS2 set forth by the local health department which will be in effect at the time of the event.



18 PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES

- 18.1 [NP] During the event, 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.
- 18.2 An alleged breach of NoR 18.1 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 18.1, 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.

19 PRIZES

- 19.1 The Rose Cup is the perpetual trophy presented to the winning team.
- 19.2 US Sailing medals will be awarded to the competitors who finish first through third.
- 19.3 The Nick Scandone Sportsmanship Award is the perpetual trophy presented for sportsmanship.
- 19.4 The two perpetual trophies will remain at the Balboa Yacht Club and will be engraved with the winners' names.
- 19.5 The top finishing skipper will receive an invitation to the 2023 Governor's Cup, to be held July 24-29, 2023, 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, 2023) (www.govcupracing.com).
- 19.6 The second place skipper will receive an invitation to the 2023 Oakcliff Halloween Invitational, October 27-29, 2023, in Match 40s.

20 ARRIVAL / DEPARTURE; TRANSPORTATION

- 20.1 Participants should fly into the Milwaukee International airport (MKE) if at all possible. Travel time from MKE to the Sheboygan Yacht Club (SYC) is about one hour. The other alternative is the Chicago O'Hare airport (ORD). Travel time from ORD is about two hours. Participants should plan on making their own transportation arrangements from the airport to the SYC. There is a shuttle from ORD to MKE, and [Go Shuttle](#) from MKE to the SYC.
- 20.2 The OA may provide transportation to the airport after the awards ceremony.
- 20.3 Flights should not be scheduled prior to 7:00pm on Sunday, June 25 from MKE, or 8:00pm from ORD.

21 INVITATIONS

- 21.1 Invitations are by resume only. Entries will only be accepted from invited skippers. Requests for Invitation (RFI) must be filled out using the online RFI form which is available as of January 15, 2023 at: <https://www.ussailing.org/competition/championships/2023-u-s-youth-match-racing-championship/>
- 21.2 Requests for invitation received by April 1, 2023 will be given preference, and selected skippers will be notified by April 7, 2023.



22 FURTHER INFORMATION

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