

**US SAILING**  
**ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES**  
**WORLD SAILING 2026 WOMEN'S MATCH RACING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP**

**September 30 – October 4, 2026**  
**California, USA**

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For any person meeting all the Athlete Eligibility requirements specified herein who wishes to compete for the U.S. at the World Sailing Women's Match Racing World Championship ("the Event") to be held September 30 – October 4, 2026, in San Francisco, California, USA.

**1. ELIGIBILITY**

- Athletes must be US Citizens, or eligible permanent residents with written authorization from World Sailing for an exemption under World Sailing Regulation 24.5.4
- Athletes must hold a valid U.S. passport that will not expire for six months after the conclusion of the Event.
- All athletes shall obtain a World Sailing Sailor ID by registering online at [World Sailing - Sailor Dashboard](#)
- Athletes must attend for the entire duration of the Event.
- Athletes must be a member in good standing with US Sailing.

**2. SELECTION**

- 2.1. The following is the procedure to be used by the International Selection Committee (ISC) to select the skipper or skippers to represent the U.S. at the World Sailing Women's Match Racing World Championship. The International Selection Committee (ISC) has asked Pearson Potts, as Chair of the US Sailing Match Racing Committee, to form an evaluation group comprised of members with integrity and match racing expertise to rank the applicants and make a selection recommendation to the ISC based on the criteria below:
- Recent results at domestic and international graded match racing events such as those listed at: <https://www.ussailing.org/competition/small-boat-racing/match-racing/>, recognizing that not all applicants may be able to participate in all these events.
- 2.2. Applications must be submitted online by midnight Eastern Time on April 15, 2026 by 11:59 PM. The application is available [here](#).
- 2.3. The skipper nominated to represent the U.S. shall select their crew, all of whom must be eligible under Section 1, Eligibility.

### **3. REMOVAL OR WITHDRAWAL OF ATHLETES**

3.1. Athletes (skipper and crew) who will be representing the USA at the Event may be removed by US Sailing for any of the following reasons:

3.1.1. Voluntary withdrawal. Athlete must submit a written letter to Betsy Alison via email at [championships@ussailing.org](mailto:championships@ussailing.org)

3.1.2 Violation of the Code of Conduct, which could result in disciplinary review and potential disqualification.

### **4. REPLACEMENT OF ATHLETES**

As permitted by World Sailing, a replacement skipper will be nominated from the pool of eligible athletes based on the criteria outlined in section 2 above and approved by the ISC.

### **5. DEVELOPMENT OF SELECTION PROCEDURES**

The International Selection Committee (ISC) was responsible for creating these Selection Procedures. The selection criteria are based on the latest information available to US Sailing.

5.1. Any member of the ISC or the evaluation group that has a possible conflict of interest must disclose it. If such conflict exists, the person must recuse him/herself from discussions and voting. Further, the person should not otherwise influence other members of the selection process. However, a person who has recused him/herself, but who has relevant and necessary information with respect to athlete performance (for example a national team coach) may, if requested by the committee, provide such information to the committee so long as such information is provided in a fair and unbiased manner and the committee member who declared the conflict of interest does not vote toward the final decision.

### **6. ATHLETE OMBUDSMAN**

Athletes who have questions regarding their opportunity to compete that are not answered by US Sailing may contact either of the following:

US Sailing Athlete Ombudsman, Bob Lane at [rlane@hmallc.com](mailto:rlane@hmallc.com)

USOPC Athlete Ombudsman, Kacie Wallace at [kacie@usathlete.org](mailto:kacie@usathlete.org) Telephone | (719) 866-2299 Toll-free telephone | 1-(888) ATHLETE (1-888-284-5383) <https://www.teamusa.org/Athlete-Ombuds>

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