

2009  
United States Match Racing Championship  
Area ABC Quarter Final & Semi Final Championships

**NOTICE OF RACE**

**1 ORGANISING AUTHORITY**

The Organising Authority (OA) is US SAILING.

**2 VENUE**

The venue will be the following for each event:

- a. ABC North Quarter Final: Boston YC, Marblehead, Mass.
- b. ABC Midway 1 Quarter Final: Larchmont YC, Larchmont, New York
- c. ABC Midway 2 Quarter Final: Oak Cliff YC, Oyster Bay, New York
- d. ABC South Quarter Final: TBA
- e. ABC Semi Finals: USMMA, Kings Point, New York

**3 EVENT GRADING**

The quarter final events have applied for ISAF Grade 5. The semi final has applied for ISAF Grade 3. This grading is subject to review by the ISAF Match Race Rankings Sub Committee. The event may be re-graded when there is clear reason to do so.

**4 PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME**

- 4.1
  - a. The race office at each venue will open at 0800 on the first day of each regatta.
  - b. Registration at each venue will be from 0800-0900 on the first day of each regatta.
  - c. Crew weighing at each venue will be from 0800-0900 on the first day of each regatta.
  - d. Skippers' briefings will be at 0900 on each race day of the regatta.
  - e. Meetings with umpires will follow the skippers' briefings.
  - f. Racing days for each event are the following:
    - i. ABC North Quarter Final: June 20-21, 2009
    - ii. ABC Midway 1 Quarter Final: May 16-17, 2009
    - iii. ABC Midway 2 Quarter Final: May 30-31, 2009
    - iv. ABC South Quarter Final: TBA
    - v. ABC Semi Finals: August 8-9, 2009
  - g. Time of the first race each day will be 1000.
  - h. Debriefs with the umpires after racing.
  - i. Prize giving will be on the last day of racing as soon after racing as possible.

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

- a. Briefings for skippers.
- b. Regatta dinner, if any.
- c. Prize giving for the final skippers and crews.

**5 SKIPPERS ELIGIBILITY**

5.1 A maximum of eight (8) skippers will be invited to each event. Only skippers invited by the OA will be eligible to enter. Skippers interested in participating in a Quarter Finals event shall submit a resume to the OA at [matchracing@optonline.net](mailto:matchracing@optonline.net) no later than April 11, 2009, indicating which event venues are of interest, indicating preferences; skippers may sail in more than one quarter final event subject to interest and participation. Resumes received after April 11, 2009 may be accepted in the discretion of the OA. Invitations will be issued after April 11, 2009. The OA will assign skippers to events and will indicate in the invitation the event(s) to which a skipper is assigned. Only skippers invited by the OA will be eligible to enter an event.

5.2 The registered skipper shall helm the boat at all times while racing, except in an emergency.

5.3 To remain eligible a skipper shall confirm acceptance of invitation in writing by email at [matchracing@optonline.net](mailto:matchracing@optonline.net) to be received by the date specified in the letter of invitation.

- 5.4 A non-refundable entry bond of US \$ 250 shall accompany the acceptance of invitation for this to be valid: the skipper shall provide credit card information and authorize the card to be charged by the OA/host club.
- 5.5 All competitors shall meet the eligibility requirements of ISAF regulation 19.2.
- 5.6 All competitors shall obtain an ISAF Sailor ID by registering online at [www.sailing.org/isafsailor](http://www.sailing.org/isafsailor). Skippers shall inform the OA of their ISAF Sailor ID upon acceptance of invitation.

## **6 ENTRIES**

- 6.1 The skipper shall be entered on completion of registration, crew weighing and the payment of all fees and deposits. All payments shall be made by credit card/local currency.
- 6.2 **Entry Fee**  
A non-refundable entry fee of US \$ 250 shall be paid at registration. The entry bond shall be used for the entry fee for those skippers that otherwise complete registration.
- 6.3 **Damage deposit**
- a. An initial damage deposit of US \$ 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.
  - b. In the event of a deduction from the damage deposit as 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.

## **7 RULES**

- 7.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the RRS, including Appendix C, and in the Conditions of the United States Match Racing Championship found at the following address:  
<http://championships.ussailing.org/Adult/USMRC/Conditions.htm>.
- 7.2 The rules for the handling of boats will apply, and will also apply to any practice sailing and sponsor races. Class rules of the Sonar, Ideal 18, and Shields classes will not apply.
- 7.3 US SAILING Regulations 10.01(c):
- C. PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES
1. For adult US SAILING championship events, no competitor shall use, either on or off the water: marijuana or any other controlled substance (as defined in 21 U.S. Code 802) the possession of which is unlawful under 21 U.S. Code 841.
  2. For Junior and Youth events or for junior or youth competitors in any US SAILING championship, no participant or competitor shall use, either on or off the water: marijuana or any other controlled substance (as defined in 21 U.S. Code 802) the possession of which is unlawful under 21 U.S. Code 841, or alcoholic beverages (distilled spirits, wine and beer, each as defined in chapter 51 of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code and intended for beverage use).
  3. An alleged breach of one of these regulations shall not be grounds for a protest. However, when the protest committee believes that a competitor may have breached one of these regulations, it shall follow the process described in racing rule 69.1, and a competitor found to have breached one of these regulations shall be excluded from the remaining races of the series and, where practicable, removed from the regatta venue and sent home. The competitor's boat shall be disqualified from all races of the series.
- 7.4 **USE OF PERSONAL FLOTATION**  
Competitors in US SAILING championships or qualifiers for US SAILING championships shall wear a U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) approved personal floatation device (PFD) while on the water, other than for brief periods while adding or removing clothing. Flag Y will not be flown. All competitors must supply their own PFD. This

modifies RRS 40.1 and the preamble to Part 4.

## **8 BOATS AND SAILS**

- 8.1 The events will be sailed in the following boats:
- a. ABC North: Sonar type boats
  - b. ABC Midway 1: Ideal 18 type boats
  - c. ABC Midway 2: Shields type boats
  - d. ABC South: TBA
  - e. ABC Semi Finals: Sonar type boats
- 8.2 A maximum of eight (8) boats will be provided for each event.
- 8.3 The following sails will be provided for each boat: Mainsail, Jib, Spinnaker.
- 8.4 Boats will be allocated as decided by the Race Committee.

## **9 CREW (INCLUDING SKIPPER)**

- 9.1 The number of crew (including the skipper) shall be a maximum of four. All registered crew shall sail all races.
- 9.2 The maximum total crew weight (excluding owner's representatives), determined prior to racing, shall be 262.5 kg (580 lbs) when wearing at least shorts and shirts.
- 9.3 When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the event, the OA may authorise an original crew member to substitute.
- 9.4 When a registered crew member is unable to continue in the event the OA may authorise a substitute, a temporary substitute or other adjustment.

## **10 EVENT FORMAT**

- 10.1 Skippers will be seeded in each event by the OA in its discretion based upon resumes and other available information.
- 10.2 The intended format for each event will consist of the following stages:
- a. Stage 1 - a double round robin (in groups)
  - b. Stage 2 - a knock out semi final series of the top four finishers from stage 1, first to score 2 points
  - c. Stage 3 - a knock out petit final/final series, first to score 2 points
- 10.3 The OA may change the format, terminate or eliminate any round, when conditions are not expected to permit the completion of the intended format.

## **11 COURSE**

- 11.1 The course will be windward/leeward with starboard rounding, finishing downwind.
- 11.2 The intended course area will be determined by the OA and the RC.

## **12 ADVERTISING**

- 12.1 As boats and equipment will be supplied by the Organising Authority, ISAF, regulation 20.3.2 applies. Each boat will be required to display advertising as supplied by the OA.
- 12.2 The Organising Authority will supply the equipment set forth in a SI appendix. ISAF regulation 20.3.2 will apply and Category C advertising as supplied by the OA is to be displayed on this equipment.
- 12.3 Competitors may be permitted to display advertising ashore at the venue, but this is subject to individual negotiation with the Organising Authority.
- 12.4 Boats shall not be permitted the right to protest for breaches of any rules regarding advertising (amends RRS 60.1).

**13 PRIZES**

- 13.1 Prizes for first, second, and third place at each quarter final event will be awarded. US SAILING medals will be awarded to the skippers and crew placing first, second, and third at the ABC Semi Finals.
- 13.2 The two highest finishing skippers in each quarter final event not already qualified for the ABC Semi Finals or for the United States Match Racing Championship will be invited to participate in the ABC Semi Finals. Available spots in the ABC Semi Finals may otherwise be filled by the OA in its discretion.
- 13.3 The two highest placing skippers in the ABC Semi Finals not already qualified for the United States Match Racing Championship will be invited to the United States Match Racing Championship to be sailed in St. Petersburg, Florida from November 19-22, 2009. To participate in the United States Match Racing Championship, those skippers must accept their invitations and register on line on the US SAILING website in accordance with the instructions in the invitation.

**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 whilst racing.
- 14.2 Competitors shall not interfere with the normal working of the OA supplied media equipment.
- 14.3 The OA shall have the right to use any images and sound recorded during the event free of any charge.

**15 COACH BOATS**

Coach boats will not be permitted at these regattas.

**16 DISCLAIMER**

All those taking 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.

**17 INVITATIONS**

Entries will only be accepted from invited skippers. If you wish to be invited, please register your request for an invitation as soon as possible with the OA in accordance with paragraph 5 above.

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