



June 15-19, 2016  
Organizing Authority: US Sailing  
Host: Sail Sheboygan, SEAS and the Sheboygan Yacht Club



**NOTICE OF RACE**  
**Posted January 15, 2016**  
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**1. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY**

The Organizing Authority (OA) will be US Sailing.

**2. VENUE**

The venue will be Lake Michigan off of Sheboygan, Wisconsin.

**3. EVENT GRADING**

The event 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 PROGRAM**

- 4.1
- (a) Wednesday, June 15, from 1200 until 1400, registration and weigh-in at the Regatta Office
  - (b) Wednesday, June 15, from 1300 until 1700, practice sailing with coaching (must register by 1400)
  - (c) Thursday, June 16, 0830 - 0900, final registration and weigh-in at the Regatta Office
  - (d) Thursday, June 16, 0900 - 1800, North U Advanced Match Racing Clinic
  - (e) Thursday, June 16, 1900, Opening Ceremony
  - (f) Friday, June 17 to Sunday, June 19, Racing
  - (g) Daily briefing on racing days at 0830, including first umpire briefing on Friday, June 17
  - (h) The intended time of the first Attention Signal each racing day will be 1000
  - (i) Sunday, June 19, no Attention Signal will be made after 1300
  - (j) Sunday, June 19, Prize Giving immediately following the racing
- 4.2 Unless excused in writing by the OA, attendance by all competitors at the following is mandatory:
- (a) Opening Ceremony, June 16, 1900 hours
  - (b) Daily briefings on racing days, 0830 hours
  - (c) Prize Giving Sunday, June 19 immediately following the racing





## 5. ELIGIBILITY

- 5.1 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, 1996 and December 31, 2000 inclusive.
- 5.2 Competitors must be current individual or family members of US Sailing.
- 5.3 Up to 10 skippers will be invited. Only skippers invited by the OA will be eligible to enter this event.
- 5.4 The registered skipper shall helm the boat at all times while racing, except in an emergency.
- 5.5 To remain eligible a skipper shall register (see NOR 7) by the date specified on the letter of invitation.
- 5.6 All competitors shall meet the eligibility requirements of ISAF regulation 19.2, Eligibility Code, (which can be found at: <http://rulesdocs.ussailing.org>, under “Additional Resources”).
- 5.7 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 by submitting it online when registering.

## 6. ENTRIES

- 6.1 The entry fee is \$500 per team, which includes boat use, coaching, housing, meals and entertainment.
- 6.2 The entry fee shall be paid by credit card online at <http://www.ussailing.org/racing/championships/youth/usymrc/> by the date listed in the letter of invitation.
- 6.3 No refunds of the entry fee will be made after April 22, 2016, unless an acceptable replacement team is found.
- 6.4 A team shall be entered on completion of registration, crew weighing and payment of all fees and deposits.
- 6.5 Damage deposit
  - (a) An initial damage deposit of \$1000 shall be paid at registration at the Sheboygan Yacht Club, unless extended by the OA. This deposit is the maximum payable by the skipper as a result of any one incident. The damage deposit must be paid via credit card.
  - (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 a reasonable time.
- 6.6 This regatta is eligible for Sailorships (travel grants) for those sailors 18 and under. To apply, visit [www.ussailing.org/racing/championships](http://www.ussailing.org/racing/championships).

## 7. REGISTRATION

- 7.1 Online registration for invited skippers may only be made by completing the online forms at <http://www.ussailing.org/racing/championships/youth/usymrc/>
- 7.2 Online registrations, including registration fees, shall be submitted online **no later than midnight (EDT), April 22, 2016.**
- 7.3 Competitors shall attach a pdf copy of their driver’s license, birth certificate or passport to their online registration.

## 8. RULES

- 8.1 (a) The following will apply: the [US Sailing Regulations](#), and in particular 2.02, 4.02, 10, 13 and 14.04, the [US Sailing Championship Conditions](#) and the [U.S. Youth Match Racing Championship Conditions](#).
- (b) The regatta will be 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 rules 60, 63.2 and 63.4 are deleted.



- (d) The rules for the handling of boats will apply, and will also apply to any practice sailing. Class rules will not apply.

## 8.2 Major Alterations to the RRS

Under RRS 86.3, this event will test a package of test rules proposed for match racing. See detailed wording for these rule changes in NOR Addendum A.

## 8.3 Racing rules (RRS) will be changed as follows:

- (a) RRS 31 will be changed to read: “While *racing*, neither the crew nor any part of a boat's hull shall touch a starting *mark* before *starting*, a *mark* that begins, bounds or ends the leg of the course on which she is sailing, or a finishing *mark* after *finishing*. Additionally, while *racing* a boat shall not touch the signal boat.”
- (b) RRS 40 will be 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. A breach 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.”
- (c) Added to RRS 41 will be: (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.
- (d) RRS 62.1(a) will be changed so that a boat may not request redress under RRS 62.1(a).
- (e) RRS 63.1 will be changed so that when a boat in a match fails to sail the course in accordance with rule 28.1, she will be scored DNF without a hearing.
- (f) RRS C3.1 will be changed so that the Attention Signal is changed from 10 to 7 minutes.
- (g) RRS C6.3 will be deleted and replaced with: A boat intending to request redress because of circumstances that arise before or after she finishes or retires shall clearly display a red flag as soon as possible after she becomes aware of those circumstances, but no later than two minutes after finishing or retiring.
- (h) RRS C 7.4 will be changed so that the second place boat can finish without having to take a penalty.
- (i) RRS C8.6 will be changed in the sailing instructions to reference an appendix regarding points penalties.

**Note** that World Sailing has approved a change to Appendix C from January 1, 2015, as follows:  
Delete current rule C2.9 and replace with: **C2.9** Rule 22.3 is deleted.

## 9. BOATS AND SAILS

- 9.1 The event will be sailed in Elliott 6m type boats.
- 9.2 The following sails will be provided for each boat: Mainsail, Jib and Spinnaker
- 9.3 Boats will be allocated by draw, either daily or for each round as decided by the race committee.

## 10. CREW (INCLUDING SKIPPER)

- 10.1 The number of crew (including the skipper) shall be three (3). All registered crew shall sail all races.
- 10.2 The maximum total crew weight, determined prior to racing, shall be 495 pounds, when wearing at least shorts and a shirt.
- 10.3 When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the event the OA may authorize an original crew member to substitute.



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

## **11. EVENT FORMAT**

11.1 The event will consist of the following stages:

Stage 1 - a round robin

Stage 2 - Quarter Final/Semi Final/Final knockout series and Consolation races

11.2 The OA may change the format, or terminate or eliminate any scheduled stage, when conditions or the remaining time scheduled are not expected to permit the completion of the intended format.

## **12. COURSE**

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

12.2 The intention is to use a gate for the leeward rounding.

## **13. ADVERTISING**

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA. An alleged breach of NOR 1 shall not be grounds for a protest by a boat; this changes rule 60.1.

## **14. PRIZES**

14.1 The Rose Cup is the perpetual trophy presented to the winning team.

14.2 US Sailing medals will be awarded to the competitors who finish first through third.

14.3 The Nick Scandone Sportsmanship Award is the perpetual trophy presented for sportsmanship.

14.4 The two perpetual trophies will remain at the Balboa Yacht Club and will be engraved with the winners' names.

14.5 The top finishing skipper will receive an invitation to the 2016 Governor's Cup, to be held July 18-23, 2016, at the Balboa Yacht Club in Corona del Mar, California.

14.6 The top finishing skipper will qualify for the Oakcliff Halloween Invitational, October 29-30, 2016, in Match 40's.

## **15. MEDIA, IMAGES and SOUND**

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

## **16. PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICES**

Regulation 10: 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 (see NOR 8.4(a)). Competitors will need to bring their own PFD's.

## **17. PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES**

17.1. 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.

17.2. An alleged breach of one of these regulations shall not be grounds for a protest; this changes rule 60.1.

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, he or she shall be excluded from the remaining races of the series and, where practicable, removed from the regatta venue and sent home.

## **18. RISK, DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY & PERSONAL CONDUCT**

- 18.1 Competitors participate in the regatta at their own risk. See rule 4 (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.
- 18.2 The 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.
- 18.3 Competitors must be in their accommodation by 2200 each evening. **NO EXCEPTIONS**
- 18.4 An alleged breach of NOR 18.3 shall not be grounds for a protest; this changes rule 60.1. However, when the protest committee believes that a competitor may have breached NOR 18.3, it shall follow the process described in the Championships Code of Conduct.

## **19. 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). Shoes must be worn at all times on land.

## **20. COACH BOATS & SPECTATING**

- 20.1 This event is a Grade 2 event as defined in the US Sailing Coaching and Support Boat Policy <http://www.ussailing.org/racing/championships/coaching-and-support-boat-policy/>  
There will be US Sailing-supplied coaching, and OA-provided spectator boats. Private coaches and spectator boats are not permitted in the racing area.
- 20.2 Every effort will be made to get spectators on the water when possible; please let us know in advance if you would like to reserve a spectator boat spot.

## **21. INVITATIONS**

- 21.1 Invitations are by resume only. Requests for Invitations must be completed by filling out the online RFI form which is available at the event website at:  
<http://www.ussailing.org/racing/championships/youth/usymrc/>  
Entries will only be accepted from invited skippers.
- 21.2 Requests for invitations received by April 1, 2016, will receive preference, and selected skippers will be notified by April 8, 2016.

## **22. ARRIVAL / DEPARTURE; TRANSPORTATION**

- 22.1. Participants flying in should use the Milwaukee General Mitchell Airport (MKE) or Chicago's O'Hare (ORD) or Midway (MDW) airports. Travel times from Milwaukee to Sheboygan is about 1 hour. Travel time from Chicago O'Hare to Sheboygan is about 2.5 hours.
- 22.2 Limited transportation may be available between Sheboygan Yacht Club and Milwaukee General Mitchell Airport. Shuttle service is available between both Milwaukee and Chicago airports by Go Riteway [www.goriteway.com](http://www.goriteway.com)
- 22.3 Flights should not be scheduled prior to 1730 on Sunday, June 19.



### **23. FURTHER INFORMATION**

For further information, contact:

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## ADDENDUM A – PACKAGE OF TEST MATCH RACING RULES

**These rules will all be in the 2017 - 2020 rulebook!**  
**Marginal markings indicate changes from the 2015 test rules.**

Below are the details of the changes to the RRS:

### A. Add new RRS 8 to Part 1:

#### 8 LAST POINT OF CERTAINTY

The umpires will assume that the state of a boat, or her relationship to another boat, has not changed, until they are certain that it has changed.

### B. Delete RRS 18, C2.6 and C2.7 and replace with:

#### 18 MARK ROOM

##### 18.1 When Rule 18 Applies

Rule 18 applies between boats when they are required to leave a *mark* on the same side and at least one of them is in the *zone*. However, it does not apply between a boat approaching a *mark* and one leaving it.

##### 18.2 Giving Mark-Room

(a) When the first boat reaches the *zone*,

(1) if boats are *overlapped*, the outside boat at that moment shall thereafter give the inside boat *mark-room*.

(2) if boats are not *overlapped*, the boat that has not reached the *zone* shall thereafter give *mark-room*.

(b) If the boat entitled to *mark-room* leaves the *zone*, the entitlement to *mark-room* ceases and rule 18.2(a) is applied again if required based on the relationship of the boats considered at the time rule 18.2(a) is re-applied.

(c) If a boat obtained an inside *overlap* and, from the time the *overlap* began, the outside boat is unable to give *mark-room*, she is not required to give it.

##### 18.3 Tacking or Gybing

When an inside *overlapped* right-of-way boat must tack or gybe at a *mark* to sail her *proper course*, until she tacks or gybes she shall sail no farther from the *mark* than needed to sail that course. Rule 18.3 does not apply at a gate *mark* or a finishing *mark* and a boat shall not be penalized for breaking this rule unless the course of another boat was affected by the breach of this rule.



**C. Change definition of Mark-Room to:**

*Mark-Room* Room for a boat to sail her *proper course* to round or pass the *mark* on the required side. If *room* includes a change of *tack*, such tack or gybe shall be done no quicker than a tack or gybe to sail her *proper course*.

**D. Add the following new rule:**

**C2.14** Rule 17 is deleted.