



**BLIND MATCH  
RACING WORLD  
CHAMPIONSHIP**  
SHEBOYGAN USA 2016



2016  
Blind Match Racing  
World Championship  
**SHEBOYGAN, WI, USA**  
September 19-25, 2016

**NOTICE OF RACE**

**1 ORGANISING AUTHORITY**

The Organising Authority (OA) will be Sail Sheboygan in conjunction with World Sailing.

**2 VENUE**

The venue will be SHEBOYGAN, WI, USA.

**3 EVENT GRADING**

3.1 The event has applied for World Sailing Grade W.

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 PROGRAMME**

4.1 Schedule

- (a) Race office open from September 19 at 1000.
- (b) Registration from September 19 at 1000 until 1700.
- (c) Ophthalmological examinations start from September 19 at 1000 until 1800.
- (d) Practice from September 19 at 1200 until 1700 and September 20 at 1000 until 1500
- (e) First briefing at September 20 at 1600.
- (f) First meeting with umpires at following the first briefing.
- (g) Opening Ceremony on September 20 at 1800
- (h) Racing days from September 21 until September 25.
- (i) Time of the first race each day will be 1000.
- (j) Time of the last Attention signal on September 25 is 1500
- (k) Prize giving on September 25 at soon as possible after the last race.

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

- (a) Initial briefing;
- (b) Daily briefing;
- (c) Prize giving.

**5 ELIGIBILITY**

- (a) The regatta is limited to two teams from each nation. The host nation is allowed up to 4 additional teams for a total of 6 teams
- (b) A team shall conform to the requirements of Appendix to RMM 3.4(a). (Updated 01-01-2016).
- (c) All competitors:
  - 1. shall be IBSA classified, provable by Blindness Grading Form completed and signed by an accredited Ophthalmologist issued not before 07-03-2015;
  - 2. shall meet the eligibility requirements of World Sailing regulation 19.2;
  - 3. shall be affiliated to a World Sailing Member National Authority;
  - 4. shall have an World Sailing Sailor ID code;
  - 5. Shall be at least sixteen years old at the date of the first race.
- (d) Any competitor (skipper and crew) must be a national of the Country of the Member National Authority which she/he represents. On application the PWSC Technical Committee, in lieu of World Sailing Executive Committee, may give exemptions to 24.5 as by World Sailing Regulation 24.5.4. The Regulation 24.5 does not apply to crew substitutes.
- (e) The registered skipper shall helm the boat at all times while racing, except in an emergency.
- (f) To remain eligible a team shall confirm acceptance of the invitation in writing, (fax or e-mail is acceptable) to be received by the date specified on the letter of invitation.

## **6 ENTRIES**

### **6.1 Entering**

- (a) The team shall be entered on completion of registration, ophthalmological examination, crew weighing and the payment of all fees and deposits. All payments shall be made by credit card/local currency/cheque.
- (b) A valid ophthalmological certificate for each one competitor shall be produced at the time of registration.

### **6.2 Entry Fee**

A non-refundable entry fee of USD \$1250.00 shall be paid by August 15th A late payment of the entry fee will be accepted by the discretion of the OA and subject to a payment of an additional fee of USD \$200.00.

### **6.4 Damage deposit**

- (a) An initial damage deposit of USD \$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) 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 10 days after the event.

## **7 RULES**

- 7.1 (a) The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the RRS, including Appendix CBS and the World Sailing Race Management Manual for Para-Sailing Events, including the Appendix for Blind and Vision Impaired Sailing (Part 4 of the World Sailing Race Management Manual for Para-Sailing Events and updated as per 01-01-2016).

(b) Class rules will not apply.

- 7.2 An International Jury (IJ) will be appointed, in accordance with RRS Appendix N.

- 7.3 Changes to Appendix CBS:

- (a) Change the third sentence to preamble to: *“Matches shall be umpired, and observer(s) on board of rib(s) shall be provided for safety service and information to umpires while racing.”*

- 7.4 International Blind Sports Federation (IBSA) Medical and Protest Procedures will be adopted for this event with the following changes:

- (a) Classifiers are not required to be accredited IBSA International Classifiers.
- (b) Classifiers may classify a competitor from their own country.
- (c) PWSC shall approve the classifiers and other classification officials.

## **8 BOATS, SAILS AND EQUIPMENT**

- 8.1 The event will be sailed in Sonar Class boats.

- 8.2 Equalized boats will be provided by the OA.

- 8.3 The following sails will be provided for each boat:

- (a) Mainsail,
- (b) Jib.

- 8.4 The following equipment will be provided for each boat:

- (a) A tack sounding device;
- (b) Two radio transceivers, one tuned on the Umpires and RC channel and one tuned on Observer(s) channel.

- 8.5 Boats will be allocated by draw, either daily or for each round as decided by the Race Committee.

- 8.6 Optional personal devices that can be used while racing:

- (a) One or more timing devices, temporarily fixed to the boat or dressed by any crew;

- (b) A compass temporarily fixed to the boat. Any electronic compass used shall only be capable of correlating data relating to the magnetic north and the boat's heading, except that it may also incorporate an electronic timing device.

Any optional personal device shall not broadcast sounds or signals or information that can be heard by another boat or that can create background noise and/or give confusing information.

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

- 9.1 The number of crew (including the skipper) shall be three. All registered crew shall sail all races.
- 9.2 All competitors may be subject to ophthalmological examinations at any time during the event. Competitors shall cooperate with the classification staff as requested.
- 9.3 When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the event the IJ may authorise an original crew member to substitute.
- 9.4 When a registered crew member is unable to continue in the event the IJ may authorise a substitute, a temporary substitute or other adjustment.

## **10 EVENT FORMAT**

- 10.1 The event will consist of the following stages Stage 1 – Preliminary: double round robin  
Stage 2 - Semi Final and Final: a knock out series, first to score 3 points
- 10.2 Only one match per flight will be sailed.
- 10.3 The OA may change the format, terminate or eliminate any round, when conditions or the remaining time scheduled do not 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, see Addendum A.

## **12 ADVERTISING**

- 12.1 As boats and equipment will be supplied by the Organising Authority, World Sailing regulation 20.4 applies. Each boat will be required to display advertising as supplied by the OA.
- 12.2 Boats shall not be permitted the right to protest for breaches of any rules regarding advertising (amends RRS 60.1).

## **13 PRIZES**

- 13.1 The winning team will awarded with the Title of World BMR Champion.
- 13.2 Additional prizes will be awarded at discretion of the OA.

## **14 MEDIA, IMAGES AND SOUND**

- 14.1 If required by the OA:  
Television personnel and equipment (or dummies) supplied by the OA shall be carried on board 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**

- 15.1 Coach boats shall conspicuously display identification of the team being coached. A coach boat is any boat that is under the direction or control of a person gathering information or giving material support for the benefit of particular competitors either on the water or off.
- 15.2 Any interference by a coach boat with the racing or event organisation may result in a penalty applied to the appropriate skipper or team, at the discretion of the IJ/Protest Committee.

## **16 Reserved**

## **17 DISCLAIMER**

All those taking part in the event do so at their own risk. See Rule 4, Decision to Race. The OA, its associates and appointees accept no responsibility for any loss, damage, injury or inconvenience incurred, howsoever caused.

## **FURTHER INFORMATION**

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