2017 Blind Fleet Racing

National &

North American Championships

June 15-18, 2017

Hosted by:

Sail Sheboygan

SEAS & the Sheboygan Yacht Club

Sheboygan, WI USA

**NOTICE OF RACE**

**1 RULES**

**1.1** The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017- 2020.*

**1.2** If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

**1.3** Solely for purposes of defining the terms “B1”, “B2” and “B3”, the rules of Para World Sailing Race Management Manual (RMM) **Part 4 – Appendix Blind and Vision Impaired Sailing** will apply.

**1.4** If there is a conflict between this NOR and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions will take precedence.

**2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

**2.1** The regatta is open to national, state and club teams.

**2.2** Eligible teams may enter by completing the entry form on the regatta website [www.sailsheboygan.org/events/2017blind-fleet/](file:///C:\Users\MattWierzbach\OneDrive%20-%20WCC\Documents\Race%20Management\2017%20Blind%20Fleet%20NAs\www.sailsheboygan.org\events\2017blind-fleet\) together with the required fees.

**2.3** There shall be no substitution of team members except in an emergency and only with the written permission of the organizing authority.

**2.4** All Vision Impaired (VIP) competitors in the B1, B2 and B3 categories shall be present at registration, a copy of the attached Blindness Grading Form completed and signed by an accredited ophthalmologist.

**2.6** The organizing authority may accept late entries at its sole discretion.

**2.7** All competitors must be members of US Sailing or their National Governing Body.

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

**3.1** This event will be sailed as one combined fleet.

**3.2** Score will also be kept in three classes: Class B1, Class B2, and Class B3.

(a) Class B1 teams will comprise of:

- a B1 Helmsperson

- a B1 or B2 Mainsheet Trimmer

- a Sighted Tactician who shall not handle any controls at any time while racing

- a Sighted Crew who may handle all controls with the exception of the Helm, the Mainsheet, and the Mainsheet Traveller

(b) Class B2 teams will comprise of:

- a B1 or B2 Helmsperson

- a B1, B2, or B3 Mainsheet Trimmer

- a Sighted Tactician who shall not handle any controls at any time while racing

- a Sighted Crew who may handle all controls with the exception of the Helm, the Mainsheet, and the Mainsheet Traveller

(c) Class B3 teams will comprise of:

- a B1, B2, or B3 Helmsperson

- a B1, B2, or B3 Mainsheet Trimmer

- a Sighted Tactician who shall not handle any controls at any time while racing

- a Sighted Crew who may handle all controls with the exception of the Helm, the Mainsheet, and the Mainsheet Traveller

**4 BOATS**

**4.1** All boats will be supplied by the organizing authority and will be provided with sails.

**4.2** This regatta will be sailed in the Sonar Class boats.

**4.3** (a) Boats shall have a total crew of four.

(b) Spinnakers shall not be used.

(c) Whisker poles shall not be used.

(d) The use of personal electronic instruments other than compass, watches, intra crew communication devices and VHF transceivers will not be permitted. Compasses, watches and VHF transceivers may be provided by competitors themselves.

(e) Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while they are in the harbor.

(f) Keelboats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except by the Organizing Authority.

(g) Sighted guides or crew must helm the boat within the confines of the Sheboygan inner and outer harbor.

(h) Crew shall remain in the cockpit or on the side deck. Crew may not go forward of the mast except temporarily to clear a line or set any equipment or in case of emergency.

**5 FEES**

**5.1** Required fees are as follows:

Recieved on or before June 1st: $500

Recieved after June 1st: $600

**5.2** No refunds will be made after 1800 on June 15 for registration. There will be a $25 cancelation fee.

**5.3** Each participating team shall lodge with the Organizing Authority a damage deposit of $1,000 USD. These funds shall be deposited with the Organizing Authority to reimburse costs for damage that may occur during the regatta. Further, each boat shall maintain a $1,000 USD damage deposit balance for the duration of the regatta. As funds are utilized to repair a boat, the competitor shall replace those funds so that the $1,000 USD balance is maintained.

**6 SCHEDULE**

Thursday, June 15

1000-1600 Registration Sheboygan Yacht Club (SYC)

1200-1700 Practice Sail Sheboygan Trailer

1800 Opening Ceremony SYC

Friday, June 16

0900 Competitors Meeting SYC Pavillion

1055 First Warning

Saturday, June 17

0900 Competitors Meeting SYC Pavillion

1055 First Warning

1800 Lion’s sponsored dinner and social

Sunday, June 18

0900 Compeitotrs Meeting SYC Pavillion

1055 First Warning

1400 No warning after this time

1700 Awards SYC Pavillion

**7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**7.1** Sailing Instructions will be available on the SEAS ([Seasheboygan.org](file:///C:\Users\MattWierzbach\OneDrive%20-%20WCC\Documents\Race%20Management\2017%20Blind%20Fleet%20NAs\seasheboygan.org)) and Sail Sheboygan (http://www.sailsheboygan.org/events/2017blind-fleet/) Websites before the regatta.

**7.2** The Sailing Instructions will be available by June 15th.

**8 VENUE**

The venue will be Sheboygan, WI, USA.

**9 COURSE**

**9.1** The course will be windward/leeward with port rounding.

**9.2** The intended course area, see Addendum A.

9.3 A windward offset mark and/or leward gate may be used at the discreation of the Race Committee

**10 Advertising**

**10.1** As boats and equipment will be supplied by the Organizing Authority, World Sailing regulation 20.4 applies. Each boat will be required to display advertising as supplied by the O.A.

**11 PRIZES**

**11.1** The winning team for Class B1, B2, and B3 will be awarded with the title North American Blind Fleet Racing Champion.

**11.2** The winning American team overall shall be awarded the title National Champion.

**11.3** Additional prizes may be awarded at the discreation of the OA.

**12** **MEDIA, IMAGES AND SOUND**

**12.1** If required by the OA: Television personnel and equipment (or dummies) supplied by the OA shall be carried on board while racing.

**12.2** Competitors shall not interfere with the normal working of the OA supplied media equipment.

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

**13 COACH BOATS**

**13.1** 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.

**13.2** Any interference by a coach boat with the racing or event organization may result in a penalty applied to the appropriate skipper or team, at the discretion of the IJ/Protest Committee.

**14 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.

**15. FURTHER INFORMATION**

Sail Sheboygan (Organizing Authority)

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Website [www.sailsheboygan.org](http://www.sailsheboygan.org/)

Event webpage [www.sailsheboygan.org/events/2017blind-fleet/](file:///C:\Users\MattWierzbach\OneDrive%20-%20WCC\Documents\Race%20Management\2017%20Blind%20Fleet%20NAs\www.sailsheboygan.org\events\2017blind-fleet\)

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