



U.S. Match Racing Championship Qualifier  
Organized by US Sailing and Rochester Yacht Club  
Hosted by Rochester Yacht Club  
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Rochester, New York  
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## NOTICE OF RACE

June 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>, 2021

### 1 RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the *Rules* as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) Appendix C Match Race *rules* will apply.

1.2 The US Sailing Regulations which govern all US Sailing Championships and Qualifying Events. In particular, Regulations 2.02, 4.02, 10, 13, and 14.04 apply, although other Regulations may be applicable as well. The US Sailing Regulations can be found at: <https://cdn.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/US-Sailing-Regulations-2020-11-06.pdf>

1.3 US Sailing's current "Championship Conditions" will apply to all the events in the series found at: <https://cdn.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/Championship-Conditions-for-the-USMRC-April-2020.pdf>

1.4 The current US Sailing Code of conduct shall apply and can be found at: [https://cdn.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/FinalChampionships\\_CodeofConduct3-21-17.pdf](https://cdn.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/FinalChampionships_CodeofConduct3-21-17.pdf)

1.5 The rules for the handling of boats will apply, and will also apply to any practice sailing, clinics or sponsor races. Class rules will not apply.

1.6 [DP] Competitors shall wear a personal flotation device at all times when on the water except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment per RRR 40.1.

1.7 [DP] No Competitor shall use, either on or off the water any controlled substances (marijuana, cocaine etc) the possession of which is unlawful. Penalties for a violation of the prohibition may range from a reprimand to dismissal from the event.

1.8 [DP] All competitors, Officials and support staff will be required to follow all local, county and state regulations regarding health and safety.

1.9 Sailing Instructions will be made available to all competitors on June 4<sup>th</sup> at 1200 on the event website and during onsite check-in.

1.10 Changes to the Rules

1. RRS 40.1 shall apply at all times whole afloat. This changes the preamble to part 4.
2. RRS C6.3, C7.4, C8.6, 28.1, 60.1(b), 62.1(a), 63.1, and A5 will be changed in the sailing instructions for this event.

## **2 REGISTRATION AND ENTRY**

2.1 Registration and entry will be available by invitation only. In order to request an invitation follow the following link: <https://forms.gle/41AZ4qhjJVpqCSfg7>

### **2.2 Entry Fee**

A non-refundable entry fee of \$450 USD shall be paid by the date and in the manner specified in the invitation letter.

- (a) Skippers may begin applying online for invitations to the qualifiers on January 1, 2021. The USMRCC Invitation Committee will begin issuing invitations to the qualifiers on February 1, 2021, and will continue to issue invitations until each qualifier is fully subscribed.
- (b) Skippers will be given two (2) weeks to accept their spot at each qualifier, unless otherwise indicated in the invitation letter.
- (c) The skipper shall be entered in an event upon completion of registration, crew weighing and the payment of all event fees and deposits.

## **3 EVENT GRADING**

The event has applied for World Sailing Grade 3. 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 PROGRAM**

### **4.1 Schedule**

- (a) Registration: Friday, June 4th 2021, 1200 to 1900 & Saturday, June 5th, 2021, 0830 to 0900.
- (b) Crew weighing is on Friday, June 4th, 2021, 1200 to 1700 & Saturday, June 5th, 2021, 0830 to 0900.
- (e) First briefing at 0900 on Saturday, June 5th, 2021.
- (f) First meeting with umpires is on Saturday, June 5, 2021, immediately following first briefing.
- (g) Racing days from Saturday, June 5th to Sunday, June 6th, 2021.
- (h) Time of the first attention signal each day will be 1000.
- (i) The latest time for an attention signal on the last day of racing will be 1600 on Sunday, June 6th, 2021.
- (j) Second briefing will be at 0900 on Sunday, June 17th, 2018.
- (k) Daily debriefs approximately one (1) hour after the last boat reaches the mooring each day.
- (l) Prize giving will be on Sunday, June 6th, 2021, following debrief.

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

- (a) Initial briefing for skippers.
- (b) Daily briefing for skippers.
- (c) Prize giving for the final skippers and crews.

## **5 SKIPPERS ELIGIBILITY**

5.1 Up to eight (8) skippers will be invited. Only skippers invited by the Invitation Committee of the U.S. Match Racing Championships Committee (USMRCC) will be eligible to enter this event. Skippers may request invitations to one or more of the Qualifying events. The application period for all Qualifying events opens on January 1, 2021.

The USMRCC Invitation Committee will consider a skipper's experience as demonstrated by World Sailing ranking, match racing results and sailing resume, along with the following additional factors:

- (a) Skippers who have not attempted to qualify at another event
  - (b) Skipper preference list
  - (c) Skipper proximity to event venue (OA may give preference to skippers travelling more than 500 km to assist event grading)
  - (d) Need to fill available qualifying slots at each event
- 5.2 To remain eligible a skipper shall confirm acceptance of the invitation in writing by registering on-line and paying the entry fee through the Regatta Network link in the invitation to be received by the date specified on the letter of invitation.
- 5.3 All competitors shall meet the eligibility requirements of World Sailing regulation 19.2.
- 5.4 All competitors shall obtain a World Sailing Sailor ID by registering online at <http://www.sailing.org/isafsailor>. Skippers shall inform the OA of their World Sailing Sailor ID at registration.
- 5.5 All competitors shall be members of US SAILING at the time of registration and during the event. International competitors must be members of US Sailing or their MNA.
- 5.6 There is no citizenship or club/association membership requirement for this event.

## **6 ENTRIES**

### **6.1 Entering**

- (a) Skippers may begin applying online for invitations to the qualifiers on January 1, 2021 (See NOR 5.1 and 5.2 above). The USMRCC Invitation Committee will begin issuing invitations to the qualifiers on February 1, 2021 and will continue to issue invitations until each qualifier is fully subscribed.
- (b) Skippers will be given two (2) weeks to accept their spot at each qualifier, unless otherwise indicated in the invitation letter.
- (c) The skipper shall be entered in an event upon completion of registration, crew weighing and the payment of all event fees and deposits.

### **6.3 Withdrawal**

When a skipper accepts an invitation and later withdraws within two months of the event or leaves the event before the end without written approval from the OA, a zero score may be applied to their Ranking points for that event by World Sailing. (World Sailing Regulation 27.2)

### **6.4 Damage deposit**

- (a) An initial damage deposit of \$1,500 USD 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.
- 6.5 The entire Entry Fee and Damage Deposit must be paid before a team can sail in any practice or clinic session.

## **8 BOATS AND SAILS**

- 8.1 The event will be sailed in Sonar 23 type boats.

- 8.2 Six boats will be provided.
- 8.3 The following sails will be provided for each boat: Mainsail, Jib and Spinnaker.
- 8.4 Boats will be allocated by draw, either daily or for each round as decided by the race committee.

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

- 9.1 The number of crew (including the skipper) shall be three or four. All registered crew shall sail all races.
- 9.2 The total weight of the crew, including the skipper, dressed in at least shorts and shirts, shall not exceed 262.5 kg (578.5 Lb)., determined at the time of registration or such time as required by the RC.
- 9.3 When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the event the OA may authorize an original crew member to substitute in accordance with the Championship Committee Conditions.
- 9.4 When a registered crew member is unable to continue in the event the OA may authorize a substitute, a temporary substitute or other adjustment. The substituted sailor must be eligible to compete and must be very close to the approximate weight of the substituted sailor.

## **10 EVENT FORMAT**

- 10.1 The event format will consist of Round Robin(s), Knock-out Series and Finals racing. The format will be specified in the sailing instructions.
- 10.2 The RC may change the format, or terminate any stage or the event when, in its opinion, it is impractical to attempt to hold the remainder of matches under the existing conditions or in the remaining time scheduled. Early stages may be terminated in favour of later stages.

## **11 COURSE**

- 11.1 The course will be windward/leeward with starboard roundings, finishing downwind.
- 11.2 A leeward gate may be used.
- 11.3 The intended course area will be on Lake Ontario.

## **12 ADVERTISING**

- 12.1 As boats and equipment will be supplied by the Organizing Authority, World Sailing Regulation 20.4 applies. Each boat may be required to display advertising as supplied by the OA.
- 12.2 Competitors may be permitted to display advertising ashore at the venue, but this is subject to individual negotiation with the OA.
- 12.3 Boats shall not be permitted the right to protest for breaches of any rules regarding advertising (amends RRS 60.1).

## **13 PRIZES**

- 13.1 Invitations  
The top placing eligible skipper (per U.S. Match Racing Championship Conditions) not already qualified for the championship will be invited to the 2021 U.S. Match Racing Championship to be held at Long Beach Yacht Club in Long Beach California in Caralina 37 boats .. Should the



qualifying skipper decline his/her spot to the USMRC, the USMRCC Invitation Committee will fill the spot via invitation per the USMRC Conditions.

- 13.2 Additional prizes given by the host club will be listed in the sailing instructions.
- 13.3 The OA may reduce a prize in the case of misconduct or refusal to comply with any reasonable request, including attendance at official function.

## 16 DISCLAIMER

All those taking any 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.

## 19 EVENT CONTACTS

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USMRC Homepage: <https://www.ussailing.org/competition/championships/2021-u-s-match-racing-championship/>

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