

# U.S. Match Race Championship

**Sail Sheboygan, Ltd.**

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## Area E+K Semifinal Qualifier

Sheboygan, Wisconsin  
June 20-22, 2008

## Notice of Race

### **1 ORGANIZING AUTHORITY**

The Organizing Authority (OA) is the United States Sailing Association.

### **2 VENUE**

The venue will be Sheboygan, Wisconsin, and the event hosted by Sail Sheboygan, Ltd. All sailing activity will be based at the Sheboygan Yacht Club. Racing will be conducted on Lake Michigan.

### **3 EVENT GRADING**

The event is an ISAF Grade 4 event. This grading is subject to review by the ISAF Match Race Advisory Board. The event may be re-graded when there is clear reason to do so.

### **4 PROVISIONAL PROGRAM**

#### 4.1

- (a) Race office opens June 20, 2008 – 08:00 hrs.
- (b) Registration will be June 20, 2008 – 08:00-12:00 hrs.
- (c) Practice period will be June 20, 2008 – 08:00-12:00 hrs.
- (d) First briefing will be June 20, 2008 – 12:00 hrs.
- (e) First meeting with the umpires will be immediately following the first briefing.
- (f) Racing days will be June 20-22, 2008.
- (g) Time of the first race June 20, 2008 will be 13:30 hrs., time of the first race June 21-22, 2008 will be 09:00 hrs.
- (h) Prize giving will be June 22, 2008, as soon after the last race as is possible.

#### 4.2

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

- (a) Initial briefing for skippers and crew.
- (b) Daily briefing, for skippers and crew.
- (c) Daily debriefing, for skippers and crew.
- (d) Prize giving for skippers and crew.

## **5 SKIPPERS ELIGIBILITY**

- (a) Only skippers invited by the OA will be eligible to enter this event. Invitations will be issued to the skippers placing first, second, third, and fourth (drop downs permitted) of the Area E and Area K Quarterfinal Qualifiers as described in the USMRC Conditions. A maximum of eight (8) skippers will be invited. Each member of the crew must be a member of US SAILING and of a club or association that is a US SAILING member. The yacht club or association represented is that of which the skipper is a member.
- (b) The registered skipper shall helm the boat at all times while racing, except in an emergency.
- (c) To remain eligible a skipper shall confirm acceptance of invitation in writing (E-mail is acceptable) to be received by date specified on the letter of invitation.
- (d) A non-refundable entry bond of \$250.00 (US) shall accompany the acceptance of invitation for this to be valid. At registration this money will be credited to the required damage deposit.
- (e) All competitors shall meet the eligibility requirements of ISAF Regulation 19.2.
- (f) 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 Sailor ID at registration.

## **6 ENTRIES**

### **6.1 Registration**

The skipper shall be entered on completion of registration, crew weighing, and the payment of the entry fee and damage deposit. The entry fee and deposit shall be paid prior to gaining access to boats for the practice period. All payments shall be made by check in \$ (US) payable to Sail Sheboygan, Ltd.

### **6.2 Entry Fee**

A non-refundable entry fee of \$350.00 (US) shall be paid at registration. This fee includes the cost of borrowed boat insurance.

### **6.3 Damage Deposit**

- (a) An initial damage deposit of \$500.00 (US) shall be paid at registration, unless extended by the OA. This deposit is the maximum insurance deductible payable by the skipper as a result of any one incident.
- (b) In the event of a deduction from the damage deposit the OA 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**

- (a) The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the 2005-2008 RRS, Appendix C, and the 2008 USMRC Conditions.
- (b) The rules for the handling of boats will apply, and will also apply to any practice sailing and sponsor races. Class rules will not apply.
- (c) USCG approved PFD's shall be worn at all times by competitors while on the water, other than brief periods while adding or removing clothing. The Y flag will not be flown. This modifies RRS 40.1 and the preamble of Part 4. All competitors must supply their own PFD's.
- (d) The first sentence of C11.1 is changed to read as follows, "A round robin series means a group of competitors who are all scheduled to sail against each other one or more times".

## **8 BOATS AND SAILS**

- (a) The event will be sailed in Sonar type sailboats.
- (b) Six (6) boats will be provided.
- (c) The following sails will be provided for each boat: Mainsail, Jib, Spinnaker.
- (d) Boats will be allocated by draw, either daily or for each round as decided by the Race Committee.

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

- (a) The number of crew (including skipper) shall be three (3) or four (4). All registered crew shall sail all races.
- (b) The maximum total crew weight, determined prior to racing shall be 262.5 kgs, when wearing at least shorts and shirts.
- (c) When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the event the OA may authorize an original crew member to substitute.
- (d) When a registered crew member is unable to continue in the event the OA may authorize a substitute, a temporary substitute or other adjustment.

## **10 EVENT FORMAT**

- (a) The event will consist of the following stages:  
Stage 1: Single Round Robin.  
Stage 2: Single Round Robin  
Stage 3: Semi-Final Round.  
Stage 4: Final/Petit-Final Round.
- (b) The OA may change the format, terminate or eliminate any round, when conditions do not permit the completion of the intended format.

## **11 COURSE**

- (a) The course will be windward/leeward/windward/leeward with starboard roundings, finishing downwind.
- (b) The intended course area will be in the vicinity of the Sheboygan Yacht Club.

## **12 ADVERTISING**

- (a) As boats and equipment will be supplied by the OA, ISAF Regulation 20.3.2 applies. Each boat may be required to display advertising as supplied by the OA.
- (b) Competitors may be permitted to display advertising ashore at the venue, but this is subject to individual negotiation with the OA.
- (c) Boats shall not be permitted the right to protest for breaches of any rules regarding advertising (amends RRS 60.1).

## **13 PRIZES**

- (a) The principal prize for skippers placing first and second will be to advance to the 2008 U.S. Match Race Championship Finals, September 24-28, 2008, Seawanhaka Yacht Club, Seawanhaka, New York. The event will be sailed in Sonar type sailboats.
- (b) The highest placing skipper will receive an invitation to the 2008 YRUGL Richardson Trophy Match Race, October 2-5, 2008, Wayzata Yacht Club, Wayzata, Minnesota. The event will be sailed in J/22 type sailboats.

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

The OA may require television personnel and equipment (or dummies) to be carried on board while racing and may require competitors to be available for interviews. 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 are not permitted.

## **16 OTHER REQUIREMENTS**

- (a) Housing in private homes of Sheboygan Yacht Club members will be provided to all competitors upon request.
- (b) Continental breakfast, lunches and water will be provided to all competitors.

## **17 DISCLAIMER**

All those taking part in this 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.

## **18 INVITATIONS**

Entries will only be accepted from invited skippers.

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