



**IFDS Blind Fleet Racing World & International
Championship
September 8-13, 2015
Chicago Yacht Club**



**Co-Hosted by Chicago Match Race Center and Sail Sheboygan
Belmont Harbor, Chicago, IL**

NOTICE OF RACE

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The IFDS Race Management Manual (RMM) will apply.
- 1.3 Appendix P, Special Procedures for Rule 42, will apply
- 1.4 Appendix T1 will apply.
- 1.5 Addendum B states the US Sailing Prescriptions that will apply.
- 1.6 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 The regatta is open to national and state teams. One or more teams may be entered in each of the classification B1, B2 and B3 divisions provided they have reached sufficient competitive standard and their entry is approved by their national blind/disabled sailing authority or can demonstrate to DSC/IFDS that they have reached the above level of competency.
- 2.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form on the regatta website www.chicagoyachtclub.org/blindworlds2015 together with the required fees.
- 2.3 Teams must be affiliated with an IFDS member national authority. These are listed on the IFDS website at www.sailing.org/about/members/mnas/.
- 2.4 Competitor countries/states must be a current financial member of Blind Sailing International (BSI). The fee of \$50 USD per country/state may be paid at registration.
- 2.5 All Vision Impaired (VIP) competitors shall present at registration, a copy of the attached Blindness Grading Form completed and signed by an accredited ophthalmologist.
- 2.6 There shall be no substitution of team members except in an emergency and only with the written permission of the organizing authority.
- 2.7 If a country or state enters more than one team for a division, they shall nominate their trophy qualifying crews for each division no later than registration.
- 2.8 The organizing authority may accept late entries at its sole discretion.



3 CLASSIFICATION

3.1 The event will be sailed in three classes: B1, B2 and B3. Class B1 team will comprise of:

- a B1 VIP Helmsperson
- a B1 or B2 VIP Mainsheet hand
- a Sighted Tactician who shall not handle any controls at any time while racing
- a Sighted Crew who can handle all controls with the exception of the Helm, the Mainsheet, and the Mainsheet Traveller

Class B2 team will comprise of:

- a B1 or B2 VIP Helmsperson
- a B1 or B2 or B3 VIP Mainsheet hand
- a Sighted Tactician who shall not handle any controls at any time while racing
- a Sighted Crew who can handle all controls with the exception of the Helm, the Mainsheet, and the Mainsheet Traveller

Class B3 team will comprise of:

- a B1 or B2 or B3 VIP Helmsperson
- a B1, B2, or B3 VIP Mainsheet hand
- a Sighted Tactician who shall not handle any controls at any time while racing
- a Sighted Crew who can handle all controls with the exception of the Helm, the Mainsheet, and the Mainsheet Traveller

3.2 Each Sighted Tactician and Sighted Crew shall be a Group 1 competitor in accordance with ISAF Regulation 22, the Sailor Classification Code.

3.3 Vision impaired competitors will undertake an ophthalmological examination as part of the registration process.

3.4 Vision impaired competitors may be subject to ophthalmological examinations at any time during the event. Competitors shall cooperate with the classification staff as requested.

3.5 At the discretion of the classifier, the ophthalmological examination at registration may be less than the requirements for an IBSA International Classification.

3.6 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) All protest fees regarding classifications will be \$100 USD
- d) IFDS shall appoint the classifiers and other classification officials

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 Sonar class or Tom 28 class boats.

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

(b) Spinnakers shall not be used.

(c) Membership of the classes will not be required.

(d) The use of any electronic navigational aids will be not permitted.

(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.

5 FEES

5.1 Required fees are as follows:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Received on or before August 15</u>	<u>Received after August 15</u>
Sonar/Tom 28	\$750 USD	\$850 USD

5.2 Each participating team shall lodge with the organizing authority a damage deposit of \$1,000 USD (i.e. a three boat team will be \$3,000 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 \$1000 USD Balance is maintained.

5.3 No refunds will be made after 1800 on August 15.

6 SCHEDULE

Tuesday, September 8

1000-1600	Registration	Belmont Harbor Station
1200-1700	Practice	Belmont Harbor Station
Sight Classification	TBD	

Wednesday, September 9

0900-1600	Registration	Belmont Harbor Station
	Sight Classification	TBD
1000-1600	Practice Day 2	
1800	Competitors Meeting,	
1800	Open Ceremony	Belmont Harbor Station

Thursday, September 10 - Sunday, September 13

0900	Team Leader/Competitor meeting	Belmont Harbor Station
1055	First warning	
1400	No warning after this time on September 13	

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

7.1 Sailing instructions will be available on the website

www.chicagoyachtclub.org/blindworlds2015 before the regatta.

7.2 The sailing instructions will be available at registration from 1000 September 7 at the Chicago Yacht Club Belmont Station.

8 VENUE

8.1 The regatta will be held at Chicago Yacht Club Belmont Station which is located at 300 West Belmont Avenue, east of the intersection of Lake Shore Drive and Belmont Avenue in Chicago, IL.

8.2 Racing will be on Lake Michigan, east of the Belmont Harbor entrance. Addendum A shows the location of the racing area.

9 THE COURSES

The course to be sailed will be windward/leeward.

10 PENALTY SYSTEM

10.1 Decisions of the international jury will be final as provided in rule 70.5.

10.2 If either the Sighted Tactician or the Sighted Crew touch either the helm or the mainsheet at any time while racing, whether it be an emergency or not, the boat shall complete a One-Turn Penalty as soon as possible after the incident.

11 SCORING

11.1 Five races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

11.2 a) When fewer than seven (7) races have been completed, a team's series score shall be the total of their race scores.

b) When from seven (7) to twelve (12) races have been completed, a team's series score shall be the total of their race scores excluding its worst score.

c) When thirteen (13) or more races have been completed, a team's series score shall be the total of their race scores excluding its two worst scores.

11.3 Nations/States entering teams in all three divisions will have their scores aggregated for the Squadron Cup team event. For teams not entering all divisions the aggregated score shall include points equal to a DNS in each race for those divisions in which they are not entered. There will be no scoring discards for the Squadron Cup.

12 SUPPORT BOATS

The sailing instructions may set restrictions on the use of team support boats.

13 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around keel boats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the regatta.

14 RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency or as directed by the race committee, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

15 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded as follows:

a) Gold medal for first place, silver medal for second place and bronze medal for third place in each division

b) The Squadron Cup for first place in the team event

c) The Colin Spanhake Trophy for first place the B1 Division

16 SAFETY REGULATIONS

Competitors shall wear a personal flotation device (PFD) while afloat, approved by the US Coast Guard (or for international competitors, the equivalent authority of their home country.)

17 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority, Blind Sailing International, International Association for Disabled Sailing 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 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 USD per event or the equivalent. Proof of insurance is required at registration.

19 PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEO RIGHTS

Competitors give absolute right and permission for any photographs or video footage taken of themselves or their competing boat to be published in any media whatsoever for editorial, commercial purposes, or to be used in press information.

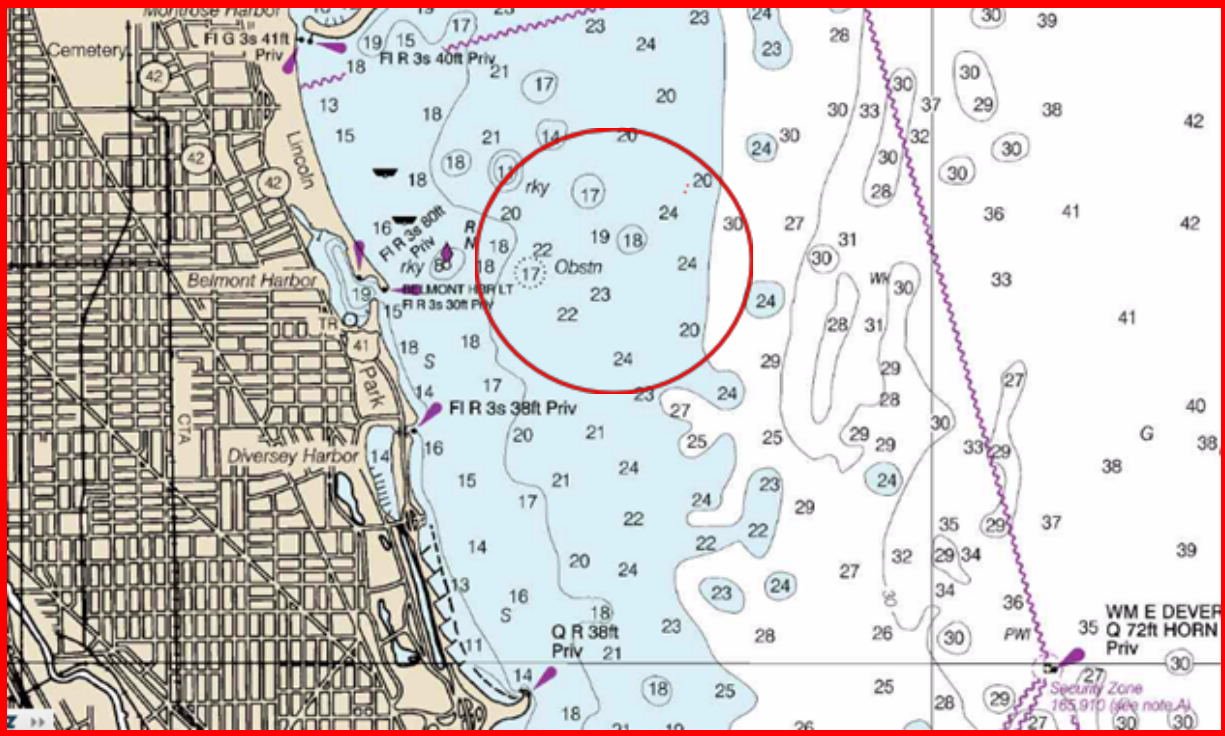
20 FURTHER INFORMATION

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The following US Sailing prescriptions will apply:

Rule 67 DAMAGES

US Sailing prescribes that:

- (a) A boat that retires from a race or accepts a penalty does not, by that action alone, admit liability for damages.
- (b) A protest committee shall find facts and make decisions only in compliance with the rules. No protest committee or US Sailing appeal authority shall adjudicate any claim for damages. Such a claim is subject to the jurisdiction of the courts.
- (c) A basic purpose of the rules is to prevent contact between boats. By participating in an event governed by the rules, a boat agrees that responsibility for damages arising from any breach of the rules shall be based on fault as determined by application of the rules, and that she shall not be governed by the legal doctrine of 'assumption of risk' for monetary damages resulting from contact with other boats.

Rule 76.1 EXCLUSION OF BOATS OR COMPETITORS

US Sailing prescribes that an organizing authority or race committee shall not reject or cancel the entry of a boat or exclude a competitor eligible under the notice of race and sailing instructions for an arbitrary or capricious reason or for reason of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, or age.