

Bayview Yacht Club

2021 Spring Match Racing Invitational

U.S. Match Racing Championship Qualifier
Organised by US Sailing and Bayview Yacht Club

Bayview Yacht Club, Detroit, Michigan
May 15-16 2021

Notice of Race

1 ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Organising Authority (OA) will be US Sailing in conjunction with Bayview Yacht Club.

2 VENUE

The venue will be the waters of the Detroit River, south of Bayview Yacht Club in Detroit, Michigan.

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 RULES

4.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the RRS, including Appendix C, and:

- (a) 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>
- (b) US Sailing's current "Championship Conditions" will apply to all the events in the series, and can be found at: <https://www.ussailing.org/competition/resources/championship-conditions/>
- (c) The current U.S. Match Racing Championship Conditions which can be found at: <https://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/Conditions-for-the-USMRC-1.pdf>

4.2 The rules for the handling of boats will apply, and will also apply to any practice sailing. Class rules will not apply.

4.3 Major Alterations to the RRS

RRS 40 and the preamble to Part 4 is changed as follows: Each competitor shall wear a USCG approved PFD at all times while on the water, except for brief periods while adding or removing clothing. (See US Sailing Regulation 10.04 A 1.

- (a) Add to RRS 41: (e) help to recover from the water and return on board a crew member, provided the return on board is at the approximate location of the recovery.
- (b) 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.
- (c) Add the following sentence to C10.2: When a competitor withdraws from an event pursuant to the US Sailing Code of Conduct [voluntarily or by reason of being excluded by a protest

- (d) committee], that competitor's team shall be removed from the final event scores and each team with a worse finishing place in the event shall be moved up one place.

5 PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

5.1 Schedule:

- (a) Race office opens Friday May 14 at 1100 hrs.
- (b) Registration - Friday May 14 from 1100 - 1900 hrs.
- (c) Crew weigh-in - Friday May 14 from 1100 – 1900 hours.
- (d) Practice sailing Friday May 14 from 1100 – 1900 hours. (Practice time may be limited)
- (e) First briefing at 08:30 Saturday May 15. (*Sunday briefing at 08:30 hours*)
- (f) First meeting with umpires at 08:00 hours Saturday May 15.
- (g) Racing days will be May 15 & 16, 2021.
- (h) Time of the first warning signal on Saturday May 15 will be 10:00 hours. (*09:30 hours Sunday May 16, 2021*)
- (i) There will be no attention signal after 16:00 hours on Sunday May 16.
- (j) Prize giving on Sunday will be immediately after racing.

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

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

6 SKIPPERS ELIGIBILITY

- 6.1 Up to ten (10) 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. Request invitations to individual qualifying events online by clicking on the link at: <https://forms.gle/41AZ4qhjJVpqCSfg7>

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
- 6.2 To remain eligible a skipper shall confirm acceptance of the invitation in writing by registering on-line and paying the entry fee direct to Bayview Yacht Club by the date specified on the letter of invitation.
- 6.3 All competitors shall meet the eligibility requirements of World Sailing regulation 19.2.
- 6.4 All competitors shall obtain a World Sailing Sailor ID by registering online at worldsailing.org/isafsailor. Skippers shall inform the OA of their World Sailing Sailor ID at registration.
- 6.5 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.
- 6.6 There is no citizenship or club/association membership requirement for this event.

7 ENTRIES

7.1 Entering

- (a) Skippers may begin applying online for invitations to the qualifiers on January 1, 2021 (See NOR 6.1 and 6.2 above). The USMRCC Invitation Committee will begin issuing invitations to the qualifiers on January 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.

7.2 Entry Fee

A non-refundable entry fee of \$425 USD shall be paid directly to Bayview Yacht Club by the date specified in the invitation letter. Paid members of the BYC Club boat fleet will be charged \$350 USD. Credit Card payments have a 3% fee attached.

7.3 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)

7.4 Damage deposit

- (a) An initial damage deposit of \$1,000 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 30 days after the event.

7.5 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 Ultimate 20 type boats.

8.2 As many as ten (10) boats may be provided by the Bayview Yacht Club.

8.3 The following sails will be provided for each boat: Mainsail, Jib, and Spinnaker.

8.4 Boats will be allocated by draw on the first day, and thereafter either daily or for each round or stage as decided by the Race Committee.

9 CREW (INCLUDING SKIPPER)

9.1 The number of crew (including the skipper) shall be three (3) or four (4). 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 578.5 LBS. Or 262kgs, 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.

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10 EVENT FORMAT

- 10.1 The event format will consist of Round Robin(s), Knock-out Series and Finals racing. The intended 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 the Detroit River in the vicinity of Bayview Yacht Club.

12 ADVERTISING

- 12.1 As boats and equipment will be supplied by the Organising 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

The top placing skipper will receive an invitation to compete in the following:

- 13.1 Skippers not already qualified for the championship will be invited to the 2021 U.S. Match Racing Championship hosted by Long Beach Yacht Club, in Long Beach, CA. on October 1-3, 2021.
Should the qualifying skipper decline, his/ her spot to the USMRC, the USMRC Invitation Committee will fill the spot via invitation per the USMRC Conditions.
- 13.2 The Grade 2 Grand Slam – International Match Race for The Detroit Cup – August 19-22, 2021, hosted by Bayview Yacht Club;
- 13.3 The Grade 2 Grand Slam - Thompson Cup, hosted by Seawanhaka Corinthian Yacht Club – September 1-4, 2021
- 13.4 The YRUGL Richardson Cup Great Lakes Match Racing Championship.
 - (a) As DRYA representative to the Richardson Cup, the top placing eligible skipper will be awarded the Dynamite Trophy.
- 13.5 For items 13.2 thru 13.4, should the qualifying skipper decline his/her spot (or have already received an invitation) the next highest skipper ***may*** be considered for invitation at the discretion of the individual Organizing Authorities.
Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places.
- 13.5 The OA may reduce a prize in the case of misconduct or refusal to comply with any reasonable request, including attendance at official functions.

14 MEDIA, IMAGES and SOUND

- 14.1 If required by the OA:
 - (a) Television personnel and equipment (or dummies) supplied by the OA shall be carried on board while racing.
 - (b) Competitors shall wear microphones supplied by the OA during racing and be available for interviews when advised by the OA or RC.

(c) Registered skippers shall wear communications equipment supplied by the OA that will allow commentators to communicate with them whilst 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

This event is designated as a US Sailing Grade 3 Event for coaching purposes. No private/team coaching nor US Sailing-supplied coaches. Private/team spectator boats only if permitted in the NOR. The OA may arrange for spectator boats. The US Sailing's Coaching and Support Boat Policy is available online at:

16 Box Lunches

Will be provided for the skipper and crew as part of the entry fee.

17 DISCLAIMER

All those taking any part in the event do so at their own risk. The OA, its associates and appointees and Bayview Yacht Club accept no responsibility for any loss, damage, injury or inconvenience incurred, howsoever caused.

18 DISCIPLINE

PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES (US Sailing Regulation 10.03)

A. For adult US Sailing championship events, no competitor shall use or possess, either on or off the water: marijuana or any other substance if possession is illegal under state or federal law.

B. For Junior and Youth events or for junior or youth competitors in any US Sailing championship, no participant or competitor shall use or possess, either on or off the water:

1. Marijuana or any other substance if possession is illegal under state or federal law; or
2. Any alcoholic beverages.

C. An alleged breach of one of these regulations shall not be grounds for a protest. This changes rules 60.1(a), 60.2(a), and 60.3(a). However, when the protest committee believes that a competitor may have breached one of these regulations, it shall follow the process described in the Championships Code of Conduct. If a competitor is found to have breached one of the elements within the Code of Conduct, they shall be excluded from the remaining races of the series and, where practicable, removed from the regatta venue and sent home.

19 EVENT CONTACTS

Event Chair: Lance Smotherman – SpringInv@byc.com

Venue Contact: Bayview Yacht Club - <http://www.byc.com>

U.S. Match Racing Championship: Bill Simon, bsimon@oakcliffsailing.org,

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

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