



## Qualifier Regatta

### For the U.S. Women's Match Racing Championship

Organized by US Sailing

Hosted by St. Petersburg Yacht Club

St. Petersburg, Florida

## Notice of Race

October 28 - 30

Race Days October 29 - 30, 2022

### 1. Organizing Authority

The Organizing Authority (OA) will be US Sailing in conjunction with St. Petersburg Yacht Club.

### 2. Venue

The venue will be the St. Petersburg Sailing Center and racing will be conducted in the vicinity of the St Petersburg Pier, USA

### 3. Event Grading

The event has applied for World Sailing Grade 4. 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. Friday, October 28 – Registration and Practice

1. Race office opens Friday, October 28, at 1200
2. Practice sailing from 1230 to 1700, weather permitting.

3. Registration and crew weigh in: Friday October 28, 1200 to 1700 and Saturday October 29, 0830 to 0900
- 4.2. Saturday, October 29 – Race Day 1
  1. Daily competitor briefing will be at the St. Pete Sailing Center at 0900.
  2. First meeting with umpires is immediately following first briefing, either by Zoom or in person, as determined by Chief Umpire.
  3. The time of the first attention signal will be 1000
- 4.3. Sunday, October 30 – Race Day 2
  1. Daily competitor briefing will be at the St. Pete Sailing Center at 0900
  2. The time of the first attention signal will be 1000
  3. The latest time for an attention signal on the last day of racing will be 1530
- 4.4. Unless excused by the OA, attendance at the following is mandatory:
  1. Initial briefing for skippers.
  2. Prize giving for the final skippers and crews

## 5. Skippers' eligibility

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.

- 5.1. To remain eligible a skipper shall confirm acceptance of the invitation in writing by registering on-line and paying the entry fee through the link in the invitation to be received by the date specified on the letter of invitation.
- 5.2. All competitors shall meet the eligibility requirements of World Sailing regulation 19.2
- 5.3. All competitors shall obtain a World Sailing Sailor ID by registering online at [sailing.org/isafsailor](https://sailing.org/isafsailor). Skippers shall inform the OA of their World Sailing Sailor ID at registration.
- 5.4. All competitors shall be members of US Sailing at the time of registration and during the event. International competitors shall be members of US Sailing or their MNA.
- 5.5. There is no citizenship or club/ association membership required for this event.

## 6. Entries

- 6.1. Skippers may begin applying online for invitations to the qualifiers (See NOR 5.1 and 5.2 above). The USMRCC Invitation Committee will begin issuing invitations to the qualifiers on **September 1, 2022**, and will continue to issue invitations until each qualifier is fully subscribed.
- 6.2. Skippers will be given two (2) weeks to accept their spot at each qualifier, unless otherwise indicated in the invitation letter.
- 6.3. The skipper shall be entered in an event upon the completion of registration, crew weighing, and the payment of all event fees and deposits.
- 6.4. A non-refundable entry fee of \$500 USD shall be paid by the date and in the manner specified in the invitation letter.
- 6.5. 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)
- 6.6. 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.
  1. 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.
  2. Any remaining deposit after the event will be refunded within 10 days after the event.
  3. The entire entry fee and damage deposit must be paid before a team can sail in any practice, clinic session or race.

## 7. Rules

The event will be governed by:

- 7.1. The rules as defined in the RRS, including Appendix C
- 7.2. The US Sailing Regulations which govern all the 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-2021-02-22.pdf>
- 7.3. US Sailings 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/>
- 7.4. The current U.S. Women's Match Racing Championship Conditions which can be found at: <https://cdn.ussailing.org/wpcontent/uploads/2022/01/Championship-Conditions-for-the-USWMRC-2022.pdf>

- 7.5. The rules for the handling of boats will apply, and will also apply to any practice sailing.
- 7.6. [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from an event official. Failure to comply may be misconduct. Reasonable actions by event officials to implement COVID-19 guidance, protocols or legislation, even if they later prove to have been unnecessary, are not improper actions or omissions.
- 7.7. Alterations to the RRS:
  - 1. 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.)
  - 2. RRS 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.

## 8. Boats and Sails

- 8.1. The event will be sailed in J/70 class type boats.
- 8.2. Eight boats will be provided.
- 8.3. Each skipper should provide a VHF radio for his/her team.
- 8.4. Each competitor is responsible for providing their own PFD.
- 8.5. The following sails will be provided for each boat: Mainsail, Jib, and Spinnaker.
- 8.6. Boats will be allocated by draw and rotated each day of the event.

## 9. Crew (Including Skipper)

- 9.1. The number of crew (including the skipper) shall be Four or Five. 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 772lbs. determined at the time of registration or such time as required by the race committee.
- 9.3. When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the event the Chief Umpire 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 Chief Umpire may authorize a substitute, a temporary substitute or other adjustment.
- 9.5. The skipper shall be a woman. The balance of the crew is not specified.

## 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 race committee 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 the matches under the existing conditions or in the remaining time scheduled. Early stages may be terminated in favor of later stages.

## 11.Course

- 11.1. The course will be windward/leeward with starboard rounding's, finishing downwind.
- 11.2. A leeward gate may be used.
- 11.3. The intended race area will be in the vicinity of the St. Petersburg Pier.

## 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; this 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 2023 U.S. Woman's Match Racing Championship which will be held at [Annapolis Yacht Club August 18-21, 2023](#). Should the qualifying skipper decline, her spot to the USWMRC, the USWMRCC Invitation Committee will fill the spot via invitation per the USWMRC 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 functions.

## 14.Media, Images, and Sound

- 14.1. Television personnel and equipment (or dummies) supplied by the OA shall be carried on board while racing.
- 14.2. Competitors shall wear If required by the OA:
  - 1. Microphones supplied by the OA during racing and be available for interviews when advised by the OA or race committee.
  - 2. Registered skippers shall wear communications equipment supplied by the OA that will allow commentators to communicate with them whilst racing.

- 14.3. Competitors shall not interfere with the normal working of the OA supplied media equipment.
- 14.4. The OA has the right to use any images, sound, and video 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.

## 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. See RRS 4, Decision to Race.

## 17.Invitations

Entries will only be accepted from invited skippers. If you wish to be invited, requests for invitation may be made through the link provided at:

<https://forms.gle/QEyFS1P89ZVv5cUh7>

- 17.1. Requests are open now and invitations will be issued on a rolling basis.

## 18.Event Contacts

- 18.1. Event Chair: Phil Pape, Phil.Pape@Gmail.com , 631 897 4595
- 18.2. U.S. Match Racing Championship Committee contact: Bill Simon,  
[foursimon@aol.com](mailto:foursimon@aol.com),
- 18.3. USMRC Homepage:  
<https://www.ussailing.org/competition/championships/#adult-championships>

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