



2019 U.S. Women's Match Racing Championship
For the Allegra Knap Mertz Trophy and the Mrs. C.F. Adams Memorial Trophy
Bayview Yacht Club – Detroit Michigan
August 16-18, 2019
Clinic and Practice August 15, 2019

NOTICE OF RACE

1. **ORGANIZING AUTHORITY** The Organizing Authority (OA) will be US Sailing and Bayview Yacht Club
2. **VENUE** The venue will be the waters of the Detroit River directly in front of Bayview Yacht Club.
3. **EVENT GRADING**
The event has applied for World Sailing (WS) 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. **SCHEDULE (PROVISIONAL)**
 - 4.1. Schedule
 - (a) Registration open Wednesday August 14 from 1400 to 1800.
 - (b) Crew weigh-in Wednesday August 14 from 1400 to 1800.
 - (c) **Clinic Thursday August 15 from 0900 to 1700.**
 - (d) Late registration and weigh-in Thursday August 15 from 1200 to 1700.
 - (e) Practice (Including that associated with clinic) Thursday, August 15 from 1200 to 1700.
 - (f) Opening ceremonies Thursday August 14 from 18:30 to 2000
 - (g) First skippers' briefing shall be Friday, August 16 at 0830.
 - (h) First meeting with the umpires will be immediately following the first skippers' briefing
 - (i) Saturday and Sunday briefings will be at 0900.
 - (j) Racing days are August 16, 17, and 18.
 - (k) Time of first attention signal each day will be 1000.
 - (l) The latest time for an attention signal on the last day of racing will be 1500 on Sunday, August 18.
 - (m) Daily debriefs will be after racing each day.
 - (n) The Prize Giving will be held immediately following racing on Sunday, August 18.
 - 4.2. Unless excused by the OA, attendance at the following is mandatory:
 - (a) Opening Ceremonies
 - (b) Initial briefing for skippers
 - (c) Daily briefing for skippers
5. **SKIPPERS ELIGIBILITY**
 - 5.1. Up to eight (8) female 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.
 - 5.2. To remain eligible a skipper shall confirm acceptance of the invitation in writing by registering on-line and paying the entry fee directly to Bayview Yacht Club 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](#). Skippers shall inform the OA of their World Sailing Sailor ID at registration.
- 5.5. All competitors shall be members of US SAILING ([Member Lookup / Join](#)) 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. However, *the winning team, if* comprised of 100 percent U.S. citizens or U.S. residents, will earn the title of U.S. Women's Match Racing National Champion and win the **Allegra Knapp Mertz Trophy**. When the winning team is not comprised of 100 percent U.S. citizens or U.S. residents, that team will be named the winners of the **Allegra Knapp Mertz Trophy** and the title of **U.S. Women's Match Racing National Champion** will be awarded to the highest placed finishing team of all U.S. citizens or U.S. Residents.

6. ENTRIES

6.1. Entering

- (a) Entries will only be accepted from invited skippers, see section 16, herein.
- (b) The skipper shall be entered on completion of registration, crew weighing and the payment of all fees and deposits. The damage deposit shall be paid to BYC at event registration.
- (c) The Selection Committee may issue up to 6 invites by May 1 for those skippers who have submitted a Request for Invitation prior to April 25, 2019. Remaining invites will be issued June 25, 2019 based on requests received by June 20, 2019.
- (d) Requests for Invitation received after June 20, 2019 will be handled on a space-available basis.

6.2. Entry Fee

Entry Fee of \$900 USD shall be paid to Bayview Yacht Club consisting of a non-refundable entry bond of \$300 USD paid with the acceptance of invitation, and the remaining balance of \$600 USD payable no later than two weeks prior (Aug. 1st) to the event.

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 **\$1,000 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.
- (d) The entire entry fee and damage deposit must be paid before a team can sail in any practice session, or the regatta.

7. RULES

7.1. The event will be governed by the rules as defined by The Racing Rules of Sailing, including Appendix C and following documents:

- (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.
- (b) [US Sailing's current Championship Conditions](#) and Championships Code of Conduct.
- (c) [The current U.S. Women's Match Racing Championship Conditions](#).

7.2. Class rules will not apply.

7.3. The prescriptions to RRS 63.2 and 63.4 are deleted.

7.4. The rules for the handling of boats will apply and will also apply to any clinics, practice sailing and sponsor races.

7.5. **Major Alterations to the RRS**

- (a) Each competitor shall wear a USCG approved PFD at all times while on the water, except for brief periods while adding or removing clothing. This changes RRS 40 and the preamble to Part 4.
- (b) 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.
- (c) RRS C8.6 and C6.3 will be changed in the sailing instructions.
- (d) When a boat in a match fails to sail the course in accordance with RRS 28.1, she will be disqualified without a hearing and scored zero points unless both of the boats in the match have sailed the same course in which case the boats will be scored as if they had sailed the course in accordance with RRS 28.1. This changes RRS 28, 35, 63.1, and A5.
- (e) Delete RRS C6.3 and replace with: A boat intending to request redress because of circumstances that arise while she is racing or in the finishing area, shall clearly display a red flag as soon as possible after she becomes aware of those circumstances, but no later than two minutes after finishing or retiring.
- (f) When the umpires proceed under RRS C8.6 they will follow the guidance in SI Addendum E. RRS C8.6 is changed to read: 'When the match umpires, together with at least one other umpire, decide that a boat has broken RRS 14 and damage resulted, they may impose a points penalty as described in SI Addendum E without a hearing. The competitor shall be informed of the penalty as soon as practicable and, at the time of being so informed, may request a hearing. The protest committee shall then proceed under RRS C6.6. Any penalty decided by the protest committee may be more than the penalty imposed by the umpires. When the umpires decide a penalty greater than that described in SI Addendum E is appropriate, they shall act under RRS C8.4.'
- (g) 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 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.
- (h) If the first boat in a match has finished leaving the second boat in the match owing a penalty, the umpires may signal according to RRS C5.5 that the outstanding penalty is now completed and remove the corresponding penalty flag. Once she finishes, the second boat may then be scored with a loss without the requirement of completing her penalty turn before finishing. This changes RRS C7.4.
- (i) The OA reserves the right to amend this NOR. Any amendments to the NOR shall be posted at BYC.com and on the official notice board located in the regatta room at BYC
- (j) If there is a conflict between the NoR and the SI's, the Protest Committee shall apply the rule that it believes will provide the fairest result for all affected.
- (k) The attention signal will be displayed 7 minutes before the first starting signal in each flight. This changes RRS C3.1.

8. BOATS AND SAILS

- 8.1. The event will be sailed in Ultimate 20 type boats.
- 8.2. Eight (8) 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 and rotated daily. Boats may also be assigned during any stage by the OA or RC.
- 8.5. The OA or RC may require rotation of sails for any reason. Rotation of sails by the OA or RC shall NOT be grounds for redress by a competitor. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

9. CREW (INCLUDING SKIPPER)

- 9.1. The number of crew (including the skipper) shall be three (3) or four (4) females. 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 262 kg, determined at the time of registration or such time as required by the RC.
- 9.3. Crew weight shall be checked at registration, and no further weigh-in shall be required, except for substitute crew.
- 9.4. When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the event the OA may authorize an original crew member to substitute.
- 9.5. 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

- 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 and finishing downwind.

12. ADVERTISING

- 12.1. As boats and equipment will be supplied by the Organizing Authority, World Sailing regulation 20.4 applies. Each boat will 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. The Allegra Knap Mertz Perpetual Trophy will be presented to the first-place team and the Mrs. C.F. Adams Memorial Perpetual Trophy presented to the second-place team.
- 13.2. US Sailing Medals will be awarded to the competitors finishing in first through third places.
- 13.3. Invitations: The top placing eligible skipper (per U.S. Match Racing Championship Conditions) will be invited to the 2019 U.S. Match Racing Championship hosted by St. Francis Yacht Club on October 3-6, 2019. Should the qualifying skipper decline her spot to the USMRC, or already be invited, the spot will be filled by the USMRCC's Invitation Committee process per the USMRC Conditions.

14. MEDIA, IMAGES and SOUND

By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the organizing authority and the event sponsors the unconditional, perpetual right and authority to publish and broadcast anywhere in the world, for any purpose and in any media, the names, images, and biographical information relating to the crew and photographs, video footage, and audio recordings taken of the boat and its crew prior to, during, and after the race without compensation.

15. COACH BOATS

This event is designated as a US Sailing Grade 3 Event for coaching purposes. [See the US Sailing's Coaching and Support Boat Policy.](#) There will be no private/team coaching nor US Sailing-supplied coaches during the regatta.

16. INVITATIONS

- 16.1. Invitations are by resume only. Requests for Invitation (RFI) must be filled out using the online RFI form which is available at the [USWMRC website](#) or [by clicking here](#).
- 16.2. Although there are no Qualifier events for the 2019 USWMRC, participation at the 2019 USMRC Qualifiers is encouraged and will be taken into consideration by the Selection Committee.

17. DISCLAIMER

Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this race participate entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers (OA, race committee, PC, host club, sponsors, or any



other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this race. By participating in this regatta, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

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. FURTHER INFORMATION

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