



U.S. Women's Match Racing Championship
For the Allegra Knapp Mertz Trophy and the Mrs. C.F. Adams Memorial Trophy
Sheboygan, WI

July 7-11, 2010

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Regatta website: <http://championships.ussailing.org/Adult/USWMRC.htm>



NOTICE OF RACE
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1 ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Organizing Authority (OA) will be US SAILING. The U.S. Women's Match Racing Championship Committee of US SAILING and U.S. Sailing Center, Sheboygan will administer the event.

2 VENUE

The venue will be Sheboygan, Wisconsin and the adjacent waters of Lake Michigan.

3 EVENT GRADING

The event is an ISAF Grade 3 event. This grading is subject to review by the ISAF Match Race Rankings Sub Committee. The event may be re-graded when there is clear reason to do so.

4 PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

4.1

- (a) Race office open from July 7 at 10 00.
- (b) Registration from July 7 at 1000 until July 7 at 1700.
- (c) Crew weighing from July 7 at 1000 until July 7 at 1700.
- (d) Practice from July 7 at 1200 until July 7 at 1500.
- (e) First briefing July 7 at 1700.
- (f) First meeting with umpires will immediately follow the first briefing.
- (g) Opening Ceremony on July 7 at 1730.
- (h) Racing days from July 8 to July 11.
- (i) Daily briefing at 0830
- (j) Time of the first race each day will be 1000.
- (k) Daily press conference 30 minutes after the last race of each day.
- (l) No attention signal will be made after 1300 on July 11.
- (m) Prize giving on July 11 at 1430.

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

- (a) Initial briefing - for skippers.
- (b) Daily briefing - for skippers.
- (c) Daily press conferences - for skippers sailing that day.
- (d) Regatta dinner - for skippers.
- (e) Prize giving for the finals skippers and crews.

5 SKIPPERS ELIGIBILITY

- (a) Eight skippers will be invited. Only skippers invited by the OA will be eligible to enter this event. Invitations will be issued to:
 - (1) The current USWMRC champion.
 - (2) A representative chosen by US SAILING Center – Sheboygan.
 - (3) The highest placing skippers from the 2010 Northern Lights Cup, the 2010 Sundance Cup, and the 2010 Rolex Women's Match, not already issued an invitation.
 - (4) The remaining skippers shall be decided by an invitation committee.
- (b) The registered skipper shall helm the boat at all times while racing, except in an emergency.
- (c) All competitors shall:



- (1) Meet the eligibility requirements of ISAF regulation 19.2;
 - (2) Obtain an ISAF Sailor ID by registering online at <http://www.sailing.org/isafsailor>, and notify the OA of their ISAF Sailor ID at registration;
 - (3) Meet the citizenship requirements as stated in the championship conditions; and
 - (4) Be members of US SAILING.
- (d) **Skippers intending to represent the United States in the Nations Cup, should they qualify to do so at this event, must be holders of a US passport, must not be currently representing another MNA, and must be a member of US SAILING. Be certain to read the USWMRC Conditions, available on-line at the regatta website: <http://championships.ussailing.org/Adult/USWMRC.htm>**

6 ENTRIES

6.1

- (a) All requests for invitations and entries will be submitted and processed online at the regatta website: <http://championships.ussailing.org/Adult/USWMRC.htm>
- (b) Citizens and resident aliens may request an invitation to compete
- (c) To be invited, skippers must request an invitation online no later than midnight Eastern Daylight Time March 22, 2010.
- (d) Once invited, skippers shall enter by accepting the invitation online by April 12, 2010 (or the date specified on the letter of invitation, if later):
 - (1) Skippers shall complete online registration and pay entry fee by April 12, 2010 (or the date specified on the letter of invitation, if later).
 - (2) Skippers shall complete online team registration, including names and US SAILING membership numbers for all crew, as well as any request for coach boat berth by June 1, 2010.
- (e) A skipper accepting an invitation but withdrawing within 2 months of the event may be reported by the organizers to ISAF, and may receive a score of "zero" which must be counted for the competitor's rankings.
- (f) To be eligible to compete, registered teams shall, by the end of registration period, complete all registration requirements, crew weighing and pay all fees and deposits.

6.2 Entry Fee

- (a) A non-refundable entry fee of US \$550.00 shall accompany the acceptance of invitation for it to be valid. The fee must be paid online at the event web site via credit card during the registration period specified on the letter of invitation at <http://championships.ussailing.org/Adult/USWMRC.htm>
- (b) The entry fee covers: use of boats for practice and competition, insurance for boats, US SAILING administration costs, and breakfast and lunch for teams for all racing days.

6.3 Damage deposit

- (a) An initial damage deposit of US \$1,000 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) In the event of 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 45 days after the event.

6.4 Social Fee

- (a) A social fee of \$250 per team shall be paid to Sail Sheboygan and must be paid by June 1, 2010 online at <http://www.ussailingcentersheboygan.org>.



7 RULES

7.1

- (a) The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the 2009-2012 RRS, including Appendix C and the USWMRC Conditions, available online at the regatta website:
<http://championships.ussailing.org/Adult/USWMRC.htm>
- (b) The rules for the handling of boats will apply, and will also apply to any practice sailing. Class rules will not apply.

7.2 Major Alterations to the RRS

- (a) RRS 63.7 is replaced by: "If there is a conflict between the USWMRC Conditions and this Notice of Race, the Notice of Race shall govern. If there is a conflict between the USWMRC Conditions or the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall govern.
- (b) **RRS 40 and the preamble to Part 4 of the RRS are modified in accordance with US SAILING Regulation 10.01.D: "Competitors in US SAILING championships or qualifiers for US SAILING championships shall wear a U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) approved personal floatation device (PFD) while on the water, other than for brief periods while adding or removing clothing. Competitors from outside the U.S. may wear a PFD approved by their nations' certification authority to the extent permitted by international treaty."**
- (c) US SAILING Regulation 10.01.C, Prohibited Substances will apply:
 - (1) Regulation 10.01.C.1 states: "No competitor shall use, either on or off the water: marijuana or any other controlled substance (as defined in 21 U.S. Code 809) the possession of which is unlawful under 21 U.S. Code 841."
 - (2) Regulation 10.01.C.3 states: "An alleged breach of one of these regulations shall not be grounds for a protest. However, when the protest committee believes that a competitor may have breached one of these regulations, it shall follow the process described in racing rule 69.1, and a competitor found to have breached one of these regulations shall be excluded from the remaining races of the series and, where practicable, removed from the regatta venue and sent home. The competitor's boat shall be disqualified from all races of the series."

8 BOATS AND SAILS

- (a) The event will be sailed in Sonar type sailboats.
- (b) Eight (8) boats will be provided.
- (c) The following sails will be provided for each boat: Mainsail, Jib, and Spinnaker.
- (d) Boats will be allocated by draw, either daily or for each round as decided by the Race Committee.

9 TEAMS

- (a) The number of crew (including the skipper) shall be four (4), all of who shall be women. All registered crew shall sail all races.
- (b) The maximum total crew weight, determined prior to racing shall be 272 kg (600lbs), 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 - Double Round Robin : Each skipper will race against each other skipper twice.
 - Stage 2 - Knock out series for skippers placed 5-8 after Stage 1.
 - Stage 3 - Semi Final : Knock out series for skippers placed 1-4 after Stage 1
 - Stage 4 - Petit Final : Knock out series.
 - Stage 5 - Final : Knock out series.
- (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 with starboard roundings, finishing downwind.
- (b) The intended course area will be south of the Sheboygan Harbor break wall.

12 ADVERTISING

- (a) As boats and equipment will be supplied by the OA, ISAF regulation 20.4 applies. Each boat will be required to display advertising supplied by the OA.
- (b) Boats shall not be permitted the right to protest for breaches of any rules regarding advertising (amends RRS 60.1).

13 PRIZES

- (a) Perpetual Trophies will be awarded for first and second place: The Allegra Knapp Mertz Trophy, emblematic of the U.S. Women's Match Racing Championship; and the Mrs. Charles Francis Adams Memorial Trophy, emblematic of the Runner-up position.
- (b) US SAILING medals will be awarded to the skippers and crews placing first through third. Only a US citizen or resident alien may be declared US National champion.
- (c) The highest placing eligible skipper [**read the USWMRC Conditions referenced above**] will be the US representative for the 2011 Women's Nations Cup Series.
- (d) The winning skipper will be awarded an automatic invitation to the 2010 Buddy Melges Challenge.

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 shall have the right to use any images and sound recorded during the event free of any charge.

15 COACH BOATS

- (a) **This event is designated as a US SAILING Grade 1 Coached event. Details available online at: http://championships.ussailing.org/Adult/Coaching_and_Support_Vessels.htm**
- (b) Coach boats shall conspicuously display identification of the team being coached. A coach boat is any boat that is under the direction or control of a person gathering information or giving material support for the benefit of particular competitors either on the water or off.
- (c) The organizers will provide berths for coach boats.
- (d) Any interference by a coach boat with the racing or event organization may result in a penalty applied at the discretion of the protest committee to the appropriate skipper or team.

16 HOUSING

16.1 Housing will be provided for competitors only, upon request submitted with their acceptance of invitation by the due date. A list of area accommodations will be available for those wishing to make their own arrangements.

17 DISCLAIMER

All those taking 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.

18 INVITATIONS

Entries will only be accepted from invited skippers. If you wish to be invited please register your request for an invitation as soon as possible through US SAILING at the regatta website.



19 FURTHER INFORMATION/CONTACTS

Regatta website: <http://championships.ussailing.org/Adult/USWMRC.htm>

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