



**Chicago Spring Invitational  
Chicago Yacht Club  
Belmont Harbor, Chicago,  
IL  
June 25-27, 2021  
Race Days June 26-27, 2021**

**NOTICE OF RACE**

**Qualifier to the 2021 U.S. Match Racing Championship, the 2021 Chicago Grand Slam and the 2020 LMSRF Lake Michigan Match Racing Championship.**

**1 ORGANIZING AUTHORITY**

The Organizing Authority (OA) will be US Sailing in conjunction with Chicago Yacht Club Regatta Association hosted by Chicago Yacht Club and Lake Michigan Sail Racing Federation (LMSRF).

**2 VENUE**

The intended venue will be on Lake Michigan outside Belmont Harbor in Chicago, IL, USA.

**3 EVENT GRADING**

The event has applied for World Sailing (WS) Grade 3. This grading is subject to review by WorldSailing. The event may be re-graded when there is clear reason to do so.

**4 PROVISIONAL PROGRAM**

**4.1 Friday, June 25 – Registration and Practice**

- a. Race office opens Friday, June 25, at 1000
- b. Practice sailing from 1200-1600
- c. Registration and crew weigh in: Friday, June 25, 1000-100 and Saturday, June 26 0800-0900

**4.2 Saturday, June 26 – Race Day 1**

- a. Daily competitor briefing will be at 0830.
- b. First meeting with umpires will follow the first briefing.
- c. Time of the first attention signal will be 1000.
- d. Umpire debrief with competitors immediately following racing

**4.3 Sunday, June 27 – Race Day 2**

- a. Daily competitor briefing will be at 0830



- b. Time of first attention signal will be 1000
  - c. The latest time for an attention signal on the last day of racing will be approximately 1700
- 4.4 Unless excused by the OA, attendance at the following is mandatory:
- a. Initial briefing for skippers.
  - b. Daily briefing, for skippers.
  - c. Prize Giving for the final skippers and crew.

## 5 SKIPPERS ELIGIBILITY

5.1 Up to 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. Skippers may request invitations to one or more of the Qualifying events by clicking on the link at:

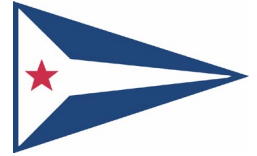
<https://forms.gle/41AZ4qhjJVpqCSfg7>

The UMRCC 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. Skippers preference list.
  - c. Skipper proximity to event venue (OA may give preference to skippers traveling more than 500km to assist event grading).
  - d. Need to fill available qualifying slots at each event.
- 5.2 To remain eligible a skipper shall confirm acceptance of the invitation in writing by registering online and paying the entry fee through the link in the invitation to be received 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 ID by registering online at [www.sailing.org/isafsailor](http://www.sailing.org/isafsailor). Skippers shall inform the OA of their World Sailing Sailor ID at registration.
- 5.5 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.
- 5.6 For the LMSRF competition only, each skipper must be a member of LMSRF, as well as a member of a club or organization that is an LMSRF member, and must regularly reside within the Lake Michigan sailing area.

## 6 ENTRIES

- 6.1 Entering
- a. Skippers may begin applying online for invitations to the qualifiers on January 1, 2021 (See NoR 5.2 and 5.3 above). The USMRCC Invitation Committee will begin issuing invitations to the qualifiers on February 1, 2021, and will continue to issue invitations until each qualifier is fully subscribed.
  - b. Skippers may be given two (2) weeks to accept their spot at each qualifier, unless otherwise indicated on 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.
- 6.2 Entry Fee



A non-refundable entry fee of USD 500 shall be paid by the date and in the manner specified in the invitation letter.

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

An initial damage deposit of USD 2,000 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. The damage deposit may be paid by credit card or Chicago Yacht Club membership account authorization.

- a. In the event 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.
- b. Any deposit remaining after the event will be refunded within 10 days of event completion.

6.5 The entire Entry Fee and Damage Deposit must be paid before a team can sail in any practice or clinic session.

7 **RULES**

7.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, including Appendix C, and the 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. Match Racing Championship Conditions](#).

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

7.3 Class rules will not apply.

7.4 Major Alterations to the RRS.

- a. 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.) Note: the OA will not have PFD's available for use. You must bring your own.
- c. RRS C6.3, C7.4, C8.6, C10.2, 28.1, 35, 60.1(b), 62.1(a), 63.1 and A5 will be changed in the sailing instructions for this event.
- d. 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.

7.5 All applicable governmental regulations regarding health, safety and infectious disease control shall be strictly followed by all competitors.

7.6 Competitors using any Chicago Yacht Club facilities, including docks, shall follow House and



Ground Rules In Effect Due to Covid-19.

- 7.7 [NP] Violations of Section 7.5, and 7.6 of this Notice of Race shall not be protestable by a competitor but may be protested by the Race Committee or Organizing Authority. This changes RRS 60.1.

## 8 BOATS AND SAILS

- 8.1 The event will be sailed in Tom 28 type boats.  
8.2 At least eight 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, either daily or for each round as decided by the Race Committee.

## 9 CREW (INCLUDING SKIPPER)

- 9.1 The number of crew (including the skipper) shall be four (4) or five (5). 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 the following limits, determined at the time of registration or such time as required by the Race Committee.  
a. May be sailed with 4 or 5 people of the same gender at a weight of 715 lbs. or 5 mixed gender people at a weight of 902 lbs.  
9.3 When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the event, the OA and/or Chief Umpire may authorize an original crewmember to substitute in accordance with the Championship Committee Conditions.  
9.4 When a registered crew member is unable to continue in the event, the OA and/or may authorize a substitute, atemporary substitute or other adjustment. The substituted sailor must be eligible to compete.

## 10 EVENT FORMAT

- 10.1 The event format will consist of Round Robin(s), Knock-out Series and Finals racing. The format will bespecified in the sailing instructions  
10.2 The Race Committee may change the format, 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 favor 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.

## 12 ADVERTISING

- 12.1 As boats and equipment will be supplied by the O A, WS regulation 20.4 applies. Each boat will berequired 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 individualnegotiation with the O A.  
12.3 Boats will not be permitted the right to protest for breaches of any rules regarding advertising.



This changes RRS 60.1(a).

### 13 PRIZES

- 13.1 The top placing eligible skipper (per U.S Match Racing Championship Conditions) not already qualified will earn a qualification spot to the 2021 U.S Match Racing Championship hosted by Long Beach Yacht Club on October 1-3, 2021. Should the qualifying skipper decline his/her spot to the USMRC, the USMRCC Invitation Committee will fill the spot via invitation per the USMRC Conditions.
- 13.2 The top placing LMSRF eligible skipper will be named the 2019 Lake Michigan Match Racing Champion.
- 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.
- 13.4 Additional prizes given by the host club will be listed in the sailing instructions.

### 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 USSailing-supplied coaches. Private/team spectator boats only if permitted in the NoR. The OA may arrange for spectator boats. [See the US Sailing's Coaching and Support Boat Policy.](#)

### 16 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.

### 17 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.

## 18 EVENT CONTACTS

### 18.1 U.S. Match Racing Championship:

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USMRC Homepage: <https://www.ussailing.org/competition/championships>

### 18.2 Chicago Yacht Club:

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