

Bayview Yacht Club

2024 Spring Match Racing Invitational

U.S. Match Racing Championship Qualifier

Bayview Yacht Club, Detroit, Michigan

June 29-30 2024

Practice Day June 28

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

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, including Appendix C.
- 1.2 The rules for the handling of boats and the equipment list, detailed as part of the Sailing Instructions, will apply, and will also apply to any practice sailing and sponsor races. Class rules will not apply.
- 1.3 The most current versions of the following US Sailing documents apply:
 - (a) The [US SAILING REGULATIONS](#) which govern all US Sailing Championships and Qualifying Events. Attention is drawn to regulations 2.02, 4.02, 10, 13, and 14.04, although other regulations may be applicable as well.
 - (b) US Sailing's Championship Conditions: [Championship Conditions - US Sailing](#)
 - (c) The U.S. Match Racing Championship Conditions: [2024-USMRC-Championship-Conditions.pdf \(ussailing.org\)](#)
 - (d) US Sailing's Championships Code of Conduct: [USSA-Championship-Code-of-Conduct.pdf \(ussailing.org\)](#)
- 1.4 The notation '**[NP]**' in a rule of the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 1.5 The US Sailing prescriptions to Rules 63.1 and 63.2 shall not apply.
- 1.6 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.
- 1.7 Regulation 10.04 A.1 and D: Per U.S. Regulations **10.04, A.1**. "[f]or US Sailing Adult qualifying and championship events in keelboats, 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 modifies RRS 40 and the preamble to Part 4.)



- 1.8 **[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.
- 1.9 When a boat in a match fails to *sail the course*, 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. This changes RRS 28, 35, 63.1, 90.3(a), A5, and C10.7
- 1.10 Errors or omissions by the RC will NOT be grounds for redress by a competitor. In the event of an error or omission, the Match or Chief Umpire may notify the RC of the incident and request postponement or abandonment. This changes RRS 62.1 (a).
- 1.11 A Protest Committee (PC) shall be appointed by the OA.
- 1.12 If there is a conflict between the USMRC Conditions and the NoR, the USMRC Conditions will prevail. This changes RRS 63.7.
- 1.13 The OA reserves the right to amend this NOR. Any amendments to the NOR shall be posted at byc.com

5 PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

- 5.1 Schedule:
 - (a) Registration and Crew weigh-in: Friday June 28 from 1100 - 1900 hrs.
 - (b) Practice sailing Friday June 28 from 1100 – 1900 hours. (Practice time may be limited)
 - (c) First briefing at 08:00 Saturday June 29. (*Sunday briefing at 08:30 hours*)
 - (d) First meeting with umpires at 08:30 hours Saturday June 29.
 - (e) Racing days will be June 29 & 30, 2024.
 - (f) Time of the first warning signal on Saturday June 29 will be 10:00 hours. (*09:30 hours Sunday June 30, 2024*)
 - (g) There will be no attention signal after 16:00 hours on Sunday June 30.
 - (h) 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, 2024. Request invitations to individual qualifying events online at [2024 U.S. Match Racing Championship - US Sailing](https://2024.U.S.MatchRacingChampionship-US.Sailing), or contact BYC at SpringInv@byc.com.

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, 2023 (See NOR 6.1 and 6.2 above). The USMRCC Invitation Committee will begin issuing invitations to the qualifiers on January 1, 2023, 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 \$500 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 \$450 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.
- 9.4 When a registered crew member is unable to continue in the event the OA may authorize a substitute, a temporary substitute or other adjustment. The substituted sailor must be eligible to compete and must be very close to the approximate weight of the substituted sailor.

10 EVENT FORMAT

- 10.1 The event format will consist of Round Robin(s). 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 2024 U.S. Match Racing Championship, October 4 - 6 hosted by St. Francis Yacht Club, San Francisco, California. 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 22 - 25, 2024, hosted by Bayview Yacht Club;
 - 13.3 The Grade 2 Grand Slam - Thompson Cup, hosted by Seawanhaka Corinthian Yacht Club – August 8 - August 11, 2024.
 - 13.4 For items 13.2 and 13.3, 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.
 - 13.5 Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places.
 - 13.6 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 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: Ryan Seago – SpringInv@byc.com

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

U.S. Match Racing Championship: Karen Butler - sabot2593@gmail.com

USMRC Homepage; <https://www.ussailing.org/competition/championships/2023-u-s-match-racing-championship/>

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