

NOTICE OF RACE

M32 SERIES NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS 2017
22-24 SEPTEMBER, CHICAGO, IL

1 ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Organising Authority (OA) will be M32 North America Ltd in conjunction with the Chicago Yacht Club (CYC) and Chicago Match Race Center (CMRC).

2 RULES

- 2.1 The racing will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing – M32 World Edition. National prescriptions that apply will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 2.2 Changes to the rules in the M32 World Edition have been approved by World Sailing in accordance with RRS 86.2. A copy of the approval letter will be posted on the official notice board.
- 2.3 Racing will be umpired.
- 2.4 The 2017 M32 Class Rules will apply.
- 2.5 Nothing in this Notice of Race or any other governing document relieves the boat or her crew of the responsibility to comply with the International Regulations for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea or any other local regulations.
- 2.6 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

3 SCHEDULE, VENUES AND RACING AREAS

3.1 Friday 22nd September

1230	Non- Mandatory Briefing, CYC Monroe
1430-1630	Practice Racing
1730	Mandatory Briefing & Opening Reception, CYC Monroe

Saturday 23rd September

1000	Coffee with Umpires, CYC Monroe
1030	Morning Briefing
1200	Race Start
1930	M32 NA Party, Venue TBD

Sunday 24th September

1000	Coffee with Umpires, CYC Monroe
1030	Morning Briefing
1200	Race Start (no warning signal after 1500)
Approx. 1600	After Racing, Awards at CYC Monroe

- 3.2 The OA may move the schedule for briefing & racing up to 2 hours earlier depending on weather. This change to schedule must be announced prior to 8pm the night prior.
- 3.3 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1500.
- 3.4 It is the intention of the RC to run between 6 to 8 races on September 23rd and 5 to 7 races on the 24th.

4 ADVERTISING

- 4.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen by the OA. Bow stickers may cover the inside of both hulls.
- 4.2 Boats may be required to carry event advertising on the forward part of the boom.
- 4.3 Boats are not required to display national letters or sail numbers. This changes G.1.1(b) and (c).

5 ELIGIBILITY, ENTRY FEES. LEASE BOATS AND REGISTRATION

- 5.1 The event is open to M32 Catamarans. The OA may restrict the number of entries.
- 5.2 To apply for invitation and entry documents contact Dave Doucett, dave.doucett@astonharald.com.
- 5.3 **The entry fee is USD \$1250**
- 5.4 **No World Sailing Classification Code shall apply**
- 5.5 **A number of lease boats are available. Priority will be given to teams with a World Sailing Group 1, non professional skipper. Contact James Pleasance (james.pleasance@astonharald.com)**
- 5.6 Registration will take place at CYC Monroe Friday night at 5:00pm

6 CREW LIMITATIONS AND SAFETY

- 6.1 The number of crew (including the skipper) shall be as per the M32 Class Rules.
- 6.2 Crewmembers, including the skipper, may be changed with RC approval. The number of crew shall stay the same throughout an event but may differ at events within the series.

- 6.3 The maximum total crew weight, determined prior to racing shall be 437.5kg, when wearing at least shorts. While racing a maximum of 3 of crew members may be on the racks at the same time.
- 6.4 While racing all crew shall wear a personal floatation device to the minimum standard ISO 12402-5 (CE 50 Newton), or USCG Type III, or AUS PFD 1, or EN393.
- 6.5 Unless advised by the race committee all crew are required to wear a helmet to the minimum standard of CE EN 1077/1078/1385, ASTM 2040, or Snell S-98 and with at least 300 square centimeters of the exterior surface a high visibility color.
- 6.6 While afloat all crew shall carry a knife that is capable of being deployed using one hand.

7 SAIL LIMITATIONS

- 7.1 The RC may prescribe a maximum permitted sail area while racing. Boats may choose to sail with less than the maximum sail area permitted.

8 RACE FORMAT AND COURSES

- 8.1 Racing will take place on courses that will contain upwind, downwind and reaching legs around laid marks.
- 8.2 The OA may change the format at their discretion.

9 SCORING

- 9.1 Scoring will be as described in Appendix A of the RRS – M32 World Edition.
- 9.2 Each event will in addition to the overall results have an additional results list containing those boats helmed by a person holding a World Sailing Group 1 Classification.

10 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

SI and a detailed schedule will be available to entered teams.

11 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded at the Chicago Yacht Club Monroe on the 24th September immediately following racing. A representative from each boat is required to attend the final prize giving.

12 BERTHING

Please contact Tod Reynolds tod@chicagomatchrace.com for berthing details.

13 MEASUREMENT

Boats may be inspected at any time by the RC.

14 COACH BOATS

- 14.1 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.
- 14.2 The OA will not provide berths for coach boats.
- 14.3 Any interference by a coach boat with the racing or event organisation may result in a penalty applied at the discretion of the Protest Committee (PC) to the associated boat and/or crewmembers.

15 RISK STATEMENT

- 15.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk and they are reminded of the provisions of RRS 4, Decision to Race. Racing an M32 is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:
- They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport (and these events in particular) and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and any boat supplied to them to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
 - They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their supplied boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
 - They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
 - By participating in any race, they are satisfied that any supplied boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
 - The provision of a race management team, safety boats, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
 - The provision of safety boat support is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
 - They have considered their own personal insurance position and are satisfied they have adequate cover for the event.

16 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of USD 1,000,000.00 per incident or the equivalent if expressed in other currency. Proof of insurance shall be provided upon request.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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