

United States Match Racing Championship *for the* Prince of Wales Bowl

2009 Areas GHJL Semifinals

August 8th and 9th, 2009

NOTICE OF RACE

1 RULES

1.1 The event will be governed by the current *rules* as defined in The 2009 - 2012 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), RRS Appendix C, and the 2009 USMRC Conditions for this regatta.

1.2 Conflicts between the Conditions for this regatta and this Notice of Race will be resolved in favor of the NOR. If there is a conflict between the NOR and the Sailing Instructions, it will be resolved in favor of the Sailing Instructions. This changes Rule 63.7.

1.3 All competitors in this event shall wear while on the water, other than for brief periods while changing clothes, a competitor supplied USCG approved PFD. Clothes worn for additional warmth must be worn inside of foul weather gear. This changes RRS 40.

2 ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

The Organizing Authority (OA) is the United States Sailing Association.

3 ADVERTISING

Advertising is restricted to Category A. See ISAF Regulation 20. Boats shall not be permitted the right to protest for breaches of any rules with regards to advertising; this amends Rule 60.1.

4 VENUE

The race venue will be the San Diego Harbor, CA. The host is the San Diego Yacht Club (SDYC).

5 EVENT GRADING

The event is an ISAF Grade 4 event. This grading is subject to review by the ISAF Match Race Advisory Board. The event may be re-graded when there is clear reason to do so.

6 PROVISIONAL PROGRAM (all times will be Pacific Daylight Time)

6.1 Racing Schedule

Sat, August 8	Registration	0830-0930
	Skippers Briefing	0930
	First Warning	1100
	Debrief	30 minutes after return to dock
Sun, August 9	Skippers Briefing	1000
	First Warning	1100
	Prize Giving	60 minutes after return to dock

6.2 Unless excused by the OA, skipper attendance at all briefings is mandatory.

7 SELECTION OF ENTRY

7.1 The competition is between yacht clubs and not between specifically designated persons. A maximum of 10 entries will be selected.

7.2 Each member of the crew must be a member of US SAILING and of a club that is a US SAILING member. The yacht club represented is the Skipper's Club.

7.3 Entry into the Area GHJL Championship will be made by the following process:

(a) Area G, H, and L selection process for 4 open slots; the top two finishers at an Area G Quarterfinal event that have not otherwise qualified for the semifinals or finals will receive an invitation to the semifinals. The top finisher from an Area H or Area L Quarterfinal event that has not otherwise qualified for the semifinals or finals will receive an invitation to the semifinals.

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(b) Area J Harbor Associations elimination races and/or other selection method including resume or invitation for 5 open spots (ASBCYC, ASMBYC, ASPBYC, OACYC, and SDAYC);

(c) Invitation for the host club SDYC for one spot.

(d) Resume: The Area J USMRC resume sub-committee will select entries to fill any open slots described in 5.3 (a), (b), and (c), not filled by June 30, 2009 from Area G, H, J, skipper resumes submitted. Send resumes to: Glenn Oliver, 4699 Sierra Madre Road, Santa Barbara, CA 93110 (email, gaoliver@cox.net) before June 30, 2009.

7.4 The USMRC entry sub-committee may fill any open spots in the Area GHJL Championship by any means they see fit, including, but not limited to: resume; a second place finisher in an Area or Harbor Association elimination; or other high finish match racing event.

8 ALTERNATES AND SUBSTITUTES

With the permission of the Race Chair & OA, a designated alternate may replace any member of a team aboard before any race or flight of a given match, but only in the event of an emergency affecting a regular team member. Race starts will not be delayed and replacement crew must weigh within 25 pounds of the replaced crew, but not over the team weight limit. If a team does not bring a designated alternate to the regatta, the Race Chair & OA may allow a substitute alternate at its discretion.

9 ENTRY FEES, DAMAGE DEPOSITS, BOAT INSURANCE

9.1 The team shall be entered on completion of registration, and the payment of all fees and deposits. All payments shall be made by cash or check to San Diego Yacht Club. Mailed payments should be by check only to San Diego Yacht Club, 1011 Anchorage Lane, San Diego, CA. 92106 (619-221-8400).

7.2 Entry Fee: A non-refundable entry fee of \$400 shall be paid by 1000 no later than Friday, July 17, 2009

7.3 Damage deposit:

(a) An initial damage deposit of \$500 shall be paid at registration. This deposit is the maximum payable as a result of any one incident.

(b) In the event that a deduction from the damage deposit is made by the host club, it may require the deposit be restored to its original amount before the team will be permitted to continue in the event.

(c) Should damages occur, the costs will be paid from the deposit of the team causing the damage when fault has been determined. Damages not attributable to a single team(s) will be deducted equally from all entry damage deposits.

(d) All remaining damage deposits will be refunded within 30 days following the event with a detailed accounting of expended funds to each team not receiving back the full damage deposit.

10 BOATS AND SAILS

10.1 The event will be sailed in J-22 or J-80 type boats.

10.2 A mainsail, jib, and spinnaker will be provided for each boat.

10.3 Boats will be drawn for each round robin and knock out round.

10.4 Boats are supplied by the J-World and San Diego Yacht Club. It is of the utmost importance that they be treated with care at all times, as the future of these events depends upon being able to borrow boats again.

11 EQUIPMENT SUPPLIED

11.1 Each boat shall be supplied with a Code Flag "Y", a red Protest/Breakdown flag, and a Yellow and a Blue identification flag.

12 BOAT EQUALIZATION

12.1 All boats will receive equal tuning. Tape will be placed on the turnbuckles of all standing rigging, and shall not be removed during the event.

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13 CREW (INCLUDING SKIPPER)

- 13.1 The number of crew including the skipper shall be 3 or 4 with a maximum combined crew weight of 600 lbs. when wearing at least shorts and a shirt. A crew list shall be named at registration and all registered crew shall sail all races unless permission is granted for an alternate as outlined in Section 6 herein.
- 13.2 When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the event, the Race Chair & OA may authorize a substitute skipper.

14 EVENT FORMAT

The intended format for this regatta, conditions permitting, is the following.

- 14.1 (a) A single or double round robin depending upon number of entries and wind conditions.
- 14.2 In the event of a sail-off, assigned entry side for the first race will be determined by a coin toss. Subsequent matches will alternate the entry side.
- 14.3 The boats selected for any stage of the event are at the sole discretion of the Race Committee.
- 14.4 The OA may change the format, terminate, or eliminate any round when conditions do not permit the completion of the intended format.

15 COURSES

Course will be double windward/leeward with course marks rounded to starboard, finishing downwind, unless conditions dictate a shorter course. Course will be diagrammed in the Sailing Instructions.

16 PRIZES

US Sailing Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals will be awarded to the first, second and third place skippers and their crew members. The top two finishing teams will be awarded invitations to the 2009 United States Match Racing Championship at St Petersburg Yacht Club (BYC), in St Petersburg, Florida on November 19 – 22, 2009. In addition, the first place team will receive the Area J Prince of Wales Championship Trophy.

17 COACH BOATS

- 17.1 Coach boats shall conspicuously display team identification. Club burgee is acceptable.
- 17.2 Any interference by a coach boat with the racing or event organization may result in a penalty applied by the Protest Committee to the appropriate skipper or team.

18 DISCLAIMER

All those taking part in the event do so at their own risk. The OA, its sponsors, their agents, employees, representatives, trustees, members, race committee, and officials accept no responsibility for any loss, damage, injury or inconvenience incurred, howsoever caused.

INFORMATION AND RACE CONTACTS

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