



**Areas G, H, J, and L Semifinals for the
US Match Racing Championship
St. Francis Yacht Club, San Francisco, CA
July 17 & 18, 2010
ISAF Grade 4 Event**

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 2010 USMRC Conditions for this regatta.
- 1.2 The rules for handling of boats and equalization procedures for the boats will be distributed with the Sailing Instructions as an attachment, and will apply to both the practice sailing and the Semifinal races. Class rules will not apply.
- 1.3 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 RRS 63.7.
- 1.4 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. This changes RRS 40. The Y-flag will not be flown. The penalty for breaking this rule shall be the removal of one race win and the addition of one race loss for the boat's score in the round in which it occurs.
- 1.5 Under rule 70.5(a), there shall be no appeal of the decision of a protest or request for redress. However, a decision following a hearing under rule 69.1(a) may be appealed.

E-mail and phone contact information for each boat entered and for the chairmen of the protest committee and the race committee shall be posted on the official notice board at all times during the event.

Rule 65.2 is changed as follows:

65.2 A *party* to the hearing is entitled to receive the above information in writing, provided she asks for it in writing and hand-delivers her request to a member of the protest committee no later than the protest time limit on the last day of racing or one hour after being informed of the decision, whichever is later. The committee shall then, within two hours, hand-deliver the information to the *party*, including when relevant, a diagram of the incident prepared or endorsed by the committee.

Rule 66 is changed as follows:

66 REOPENING A HEARING

66.1 A hearing may be reopened when the protest committee decides that it may have made a significant error, or when significant new evidence becomes available within a reasonable time.

66.2 The protest committee may reopen the hearing. A *party* to the hearing may ask for a reopening no later than one hour after being informed of the decision. When a hearing is reopened under rule 66.2, a majority of the members of the protest committee shall, if possible, be members of the original protest committee.

66.3 Area Elimination Reopening

(a) A *party* to a hearing of a *protest* or request for redress may request an Area Elimination Reopening. The request shall be in writing and include the significant error that the *party* believes the protest committee made or the nature of the significant new evidence that is available. The request shall be made no later than 24 hours after the hearing or 24 hours after the protest time limit on the last day of racing, whichever is later. The request, along with copies of the original *protest* or request for redress, the facts found, the decision of the protest committee, any new evidence that cannot be presented verbally, and email and phone contact information for all *parties* to the hearing as well as the chairman of the protest committee, shall be sent by e-mail to the US SAILING Championships Director, LizWalker@USSAILING.org, and the US SAILING Championships Chairman, wrigs@earthlink.net.

(b) The protest committee for an Area Elimination Reopening shall consist of the chairman of the original protest committee plus four certified judges appointed by US SAILING. A majority of the committee's members shall be Senior or International Judges. US SAILING will appoint its chairman.

(c) An Area Elimination Reopening will be conducted by telephone conference call. The time and date for the conference call shall be established by the chairman as soon as practicably possible and no later than seven days after the request for reopening is e-mailed. The chairman will e-mail to the *parties* to the hearing the request for reopening, the facts found, the decision of the protest committee, the time and date of the hearing, the process for joining the call and any other relevant documents.

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 to protest for breaches of any rules with regards to advertising. This changes RRS 60.1.

4 VENUE

The race venue will be the San Francisco Bay. The host is the St. Francis Yacht Club (StFYC).

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 are Pacific Daylight Time)

6.1 Racing Schedule:

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| Fri, July 16 th | Registration (In Race Office) | 0900-1730 |
| | Crew weigh-in | 0900-1730 |
| | Boats available for practice | 1000-1730 (only to registered skippers) |
| | (a Race Committee boat may be on station for practice starts as requested) | |
| Sat, July 17 th | Registration (In Race Office) | 0800-0900 |
| | Crew weigh-in | 0800-0900 |
| | Skippers Briefing | 0900 |
| | First Warning | 1030 |
| | Debrief | 30 minutes after return to dock |

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| Sun, July 18th | Skippers Briefing | 0930 |
| | First Warning | 1030 |
| | Debrief | 30 minutes after return to dock |
| | 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 ENTRIES

7.1 The competition is between yacht clubs and not between specifically designated persons. A maximum of 8 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. Participants from other countries shall either be members of US SAILING or be members of their ISAF recognized national authority for sailing.

7.3 Entry into the Area GHJL Semifinals for the US Match Racing Championship will be made by the following process:

(a) Top two (2) finishers from the Area G Quarterfinal qualifier (April 17 & 18, 2010 at Sausalito Yacht Club);

(b) Top two (2) finishers from the Area J Quarterfinal qualifier (June 26 & 27, 2010 at San Diego Yacht Club) not already qualified;

(c) Resume: the Area GHJL USMRC selection committee will select four (4) entries from resumes submitted by May 31, 2010. Send resumes to: Glenn Oliver, 4699 Sierra Madre Road, Santa Barbara, CA 93110 (email, gaoliver@cox.net) by May 31, 2010. Invitations for open selections will be announced on June 28, 2010.

7.4 The Area GHJL USMRC selection committee may fill any open spots in the Area GHJL Semifinals by any means, including, but not limited to: resumes submitted by May 31, 2010; a third or fourth place finish in an Area G or J Quarterfinal qualifier; or other high finish in a 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 Each 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 St. Francis Yacht Club. Mailed payments should be by check only to the St. Francis Yacht Club, Attn: Race Office, On the Marina, San Francisco, CA 94123.

9.2 Entry Fee: A non-refundable entry fee of \$400 shall be paid no later than Friday, July 2nd, 2010.

9.3 Damage deposit:

(a) An initial damage deposit of \$800 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) If 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 specific 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 keelboats.

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

10.3 Boats may be drawn for each round robin, and any knock-out round that may be required. Boat rotations may be prescribed by the Sailing Instructions.

10.4 Boats are supplied by the St. Francis Yacht Club, the California Maritime Academy and other local owners. 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

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

12 BOAT EQUALIZATION

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

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 275 Kg. 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 8 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 double round robin.

14.2 The boats selected for any stage of the event are at the sole discretion of the Race Committee.

14.3 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 2010 United States Match Racing Championship at Bayview Yacht Club (BYC), in Detroit, Michigan on September 15 – 19, 2010.

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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