

2017 WORLD SAILING YOUTH MATCH RACING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

30 July – 5 August 2017

NOTICE OF RACE

1. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

The Organizing Authority is the Balboa Yacht Club in conjunction with World Sailing.

2. VENUE

The venue will be in the Pacific Ocean adjacent to Newport Beach, California USA.

3. GRADING

The event is a World Sailing Grade W event. This grading is subject to review by the World Sailing Match Race Rankings Sub-committee. The event may be re-graded when there is clear reason to do so.

4. PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

4.1 The provisional program for the event is as follows:

Sunday, 30 July

1000 - 1300

1300

1315 - 1630

Event

Registration and Crew Weigh-In

Boat & Spinnaker Draw

Practice in GC22 boats

Monday, 31 July

1100

1630

1700

Evening

Practice in GC22 boats

First Competitors Meeting

First Meeting with Umpires

Opening Ceremony

Tuesday, 1 August

0830 - 0930

0930

1200

Post race

Breakfast – BYC Main Dining Room

Competitors Meeting & Boat draw

First Attention Signal

Debrief with umpires

Wednesday, 2 August

0830 - 0930

0930

1200

Post race

Breakfast – BYC Main Dining Room

Competitors Meeting & Boat draw

First Attention Signal

Debrief with umpires

Thursday, 3 August

0830 - 0930

0930

1200

Post race

Breakfast – BYC Main Dining Room

Competitors Meeting & Boat draw

First Attention Signal

Debrief with umpires

Friday, 4 August

0830 - 0930

Breakfast – BYC Main Dining Room

0930

Competitors Meeting & Boat draw

1200

First Attention Signal

Post race

Debrief with umpires

1800

Reception and semi-finalists press conference on the BYC Flag Deck

Saturday, 5 August

0830 - 0930

Breakfast – BYC Main Dining Room

0930

Competitors Meeting & Boat draw

1200

First Attention Signal

Upon return

Prize giving and reception on the BYC Flag Deck

4.2 Unless excused by the Organizing Authority, attendance at the following is mandatory:

- (a) Opening Ceremony.
- (b) Daily competitors meetings.
- (c) Reception and semi-finalist press conference.
- (d) Prize giving for the top 8 skippers and crews.

5. ELIGIBILITY

5.1 Up to 12 skippers will be invited. Only skippers invited by World Sailing will be eligible to enter this event.

- (a) One invitation will be issued, with World Sailing's agreement, to a skipper nominated by US Sailing.

5.2 World Sailing Member National Authorities may apply for an invitation for a skipper of their nationality by sending a completed entry form to World Sailing no later than 1 March 2017. World Sailing will inform MNAs and skippers if they will be issued with an invitation no later than 15 March 2017.

5.3 After 15 March 2017, World Sailing may issue wild card invitations for remaining places at its discretion without Member National Authority endorsement.

5.4 All competitors shall be under 23 years old on 31 December 2017 (i.e. born after 31 December 1994). Evidence of age shall be submitted to World Sailing no later than the close of registration (the Technical Delegate may extend this deadline).

5.5 The registered skipper shall helm the boat at all times while racing, except in an emergency.

5.6 To remain eligible a skipper shall confirm acceptance of their invitation in writing, or by fax or e-mail to be received by the date specified on the letter of invitation

5.7 World Sailing Eligibility as required by World Sailing Regulation 19 is required of all competitors.

5.8 All competitors shall obtain a World Sailing ID by registering online at www.sailing.org/isafsailor. Skippers shall inform the Organizing Authority of their World Sailing ID at registration.

6. ENTRIES

6.1 The skipper will be regarded as validly entered on completion of registration, crew weighing and the payment of deposits. All payments shall be made by credit card or local currency.

- 6.2 The entry fee is \$2000 US per team. This includes the entry fee/accommodation and some meals from 30 July to 5 August.
- 6.3 When a skipper accepts an invitation and later withdraws from the event or leaves the event before the end without written approval from the Organizing Authority, a zero score may be applied to their ranking points.
- 6.4 An initial damage deposit of \$1000 US per team shall be paid at registration, unless extended by the Organizing Authority. This deposit is the maximum payable by the skipper as a result of any one incident.
- 6.5 If a deduction from the damage deposit is decided by the Organizing Authority, it may require that the deposit be restored to its original amount before the skipper will be permitted to continue in the event.
- 6.6 Any remaining deposit after the event will be refunded within 10 days after the event.
- 6.7 All competitors are required to have adequate third party insurance.

7. RULES

- 7.1 The regatta will be governed by:
 - (a) the rules as defined in the World Sailing *Racing Rules of Sailing 2017 - 2020* (RRS);
 - (b) rules for the handling of boats will apply, and will also apply to any practice sailing and sponsor races (class rules will not apply); and
 - (c) US Sailing prescriptions to rules 67, 70.5(a) and 76.1 will apply. These prescriptions are attached to this NoR as Attachment A.
- 7.2 By 15 February 2017, World Sailing will publish a notice to competitors describing any special rules that apply to the event.
- 7.3 Other Major Alterations to the RRS
 - (a) Add to RRS 41: *(e) help to recover from the water and return on board a crew member, provided the return on board is at the approximate location of the recovery.*
 - (b) Delete RRS C6.3 and replace with: *A boat intending to request redress because of circumstances that arise while she is racing or in the finishing area, shall clearly display a red flag as soon as possible after she becomes aware of those circumstances, but no later than two minutes after finishing or retiring.*
 - (c) When the umpires proceed under RRS C8.6 they will follow the guidance in SI Addendum X.
- 7.4 An International Jury will be appointed in accordance with RRS Appendix N.

8. BOATS AND SAILS

- 8.1 The event will be sailed in Governors Cup 22 (GC22) boats provided by the Organizing Authority.
- 8.2 Twelve boats will be provided.
- 8.3 The following sails will be provided for each boat: mainsail, jib and symmetrical spinnaker.
- 8.4 Boats will be allocated by draw, either daily or for each round as decided by the Technical Delegate.

9. CREW (INCLUDING SKIPPER)

- 9.1 The number of crew (including the skipper) shall be three or four. All registered crew shall sail all races.

- 9.2 The maximum total crew weight, determined prior to racing shall be 262.5kg, when wearing at least shorts and shirts.
- 9.3 Crew weight may be checked during the regatta. At any re-weighing the total weight limit is increased by 10 kg. Any crew weighing in excess of this increased limit shall not be penalized, but they shall reduce their weight to the increased weight limit before racing again.
- 9.4 When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the event the Technical Delegate may authorize an original crew member to substitute.
- 9.5 When a registered crew member is unable to continue in the event the Technical Delegate may authorize a substitute, a temporary substitute or other adjustment.

10. EVENT FORMAT

- 10.1 The event will consist of the following stages:

- (a) Stage 1: Double round robin of all teams
- (b) Stage 2: Semi Finals
- (c) Stage 3: Final and Petit Final
- (d) Stage 4: 5 – 12 Place Knockouts

Note: Stage 4 will be sailed concurrently with Stage 2.

- 10.2 The Technical Delegate may change the format, or terminate or eliminate any round, when conditions or the remaining time scheduled do not permit the completion of the intended format.

11. COURSES

- 11.1 The course will be windward/leeward with starboard roundings, finishing downwind. A leeward gate may be used.

12. ADVERTISING

- 12.1 As boats and equipment will be supplied by the Organizing Authority, World Sailing Regulation 20.4.2 applies. Each boat will be required to display advertising as supplied by the Organizing Authority.
- 12.2 Boats shall not be permitted the right to protest for breaches of any rules regarding advertising (this changes RRS 60.1).

13. PRIZES

- 13.1 The first placed skipper will be presented with the World Sailing Youth Match Racing World Championship Trophy.
- 13.2 World Sailing Gold, Silver and Bronze medals will be presented to the top 3 teams.
- 13.3 The Technical Delegate may reduce a prize in the case of misconduct or refusal to comply with any reasonable request, including attendance at official functions.

14. MEDIA RIGHTS

- 14.1 By participating in the event competitors automatically grant to the Organizing Authority, their sponsors and World Sailing the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time at their discretion, any motion pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of the athlete during the period of the competition without compensation.
- 14.2 If required by the Organizing Authority:

- (a) Television personnel and equipment (or dummies) supplied by the Organizing Authority shall be carried on board while racing.
- (b) Competitors shall wear microphones supplied by the Organizing Authority during racing and be available for interviews when advised by the Organizing Authority or Race Committee.
- (c) Registered skippers shall wear communications equipment supplied by the Organizing Authority that will allow commentators to communicate with them whilst racing.
- (d) Competitors shall not interfere with the normal working of the Organizing Authority supplied media equipment.

14.3 Competitors may be required for interviews at the event.

15. COACH BOATS

- 15.1 Coaching is permitted at this event. All coaches shall check in with the OA at registration to receive coaching and coach boat information.
- 15.2 The OA will provide a boat or boats from which coaches may observe racing and communicate with their teams between matches. Individual coach boats will not be permitted.
- 15.3 Any interference by a coach boat with the racing or event organization may result in a penalty applied to the appropriate skipper or team at the discretion of the International Jury.

16. DOPING CONTROL

Doping control will be conducted in accordance with the World Anti-Doping Code. In-competition testing may be carried out at the event.

17. RISK STATEMENT

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk and they are reminded of the provisions of RRS 4, Decision to Race. Sailing 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:

- (a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and the boat supplied to them to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- (b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their supplied boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- (c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- (d) By participating in any race, they are satisfied that their supplied boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- (e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- (f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;

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Attachment A

The following US Sailing prescriptions shall apply for this regatta:

RULE 67 After rule 67 add:

US Sailing prescribes that:

- (a) *A boat that retires from a race or accepts a penalty does not, by that action alone admit liability for damages.*
- (b) *A protest committee shall find facts and make decisions only in compliance with the rules. No protest committee or US Sailing appeal authority shall adjudicate any claim for damages. Such a claim is subject to the jurisdiction of the courts.*
- (c) *A basic purpose of the rules is to prevent contact between boats. By participating in an event governed by the rules, a boat agree that responsibility for damages arising from any breach of the rules shall be based on fault as determined by application of the rules, and that she shall not be governed by the legal doctrine of 'assumption of risk' for monetary damages resulting from contact with other boats.*

RULE 70.5(a) After rule 70.5(a) add:

US Sailing prescribes that its approval is required. Go to rules.ussailing.org and click the 'No Appeal' link for more information or to obtain approval.

RULE 76.1 After rule 76.1 add:

US Sailing prescribes that an organizing authority or race committee shall not reject or cancel the entry of a boat or exclude a competitor eligible under the notice of race and sailing instructions for an arbitrary or capricious reason or for reason of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation or age.