



31st KNICKERBOCKER CUP
Manhasset Bay Yacht Club
Knickerbocker Cup Foundation
August 28 - September 1, 2013
NOTICE OF RACE

1. The Organizing Authority:

The Organizing Authority (OA) will be the Manhasset Bay Yacht Club (MBYC).

2. Venue:

The venue will be Port Washington, New York, USA.

3. Event Grading:

The event is an ISAF Grade 2 event. This grading is subject to review by the ISAF Match Race Rankings Subcommittee and may be re-graded when there is clear reason to do so.

4. Provisional Program:

4.1 (a) The race office, located on the second floor of MBYC, opens on Wednesday, August 28.

(b) Registration on Wednesday, August 28 from 1000 to 1300.

(c) Crew weighing on Wednesday, August 28 from 1000 to 1300.

(d) Practice on Wednesday, August 28 from 1200 to 1700.

(e) First briefing on Wednesday, August 28 at 1800.

(f) First meeting of umpires on Wednesday, August 28 at 1630.

(g) Opening Ceremony on Wednesday, August 28 at 1830.

(h) Racing days from Thursday, August 29 to Sunday, September 1.

(i) Time of the first race each day will be 0930.

(j) Daily press conference 30 minutes after the last race of each day.

(k) Prize giving on Sunday, September 1 approximately one hour after racing, but no earlier than 1600.

4.2 Unless excused by the organizing authority, attendance at the following is mandatory:

(a) The initial and daily briefings for skippers.

(b) The daily press conferences, for skippers sailing that day.

(c) The Knickerbocker Cup Opening Ceremony & All American Barbecue on Wednesday evening.

(d) The Sunday Awards Ceremony for at least one representative of each of the top eight crews. Prize money will be awarded at the Awards Ceremony.

5. Skippers Eligibility:

- (a) Up to 10 skippers will be invited. Only skippers invited by the OA will be eligible to enter this event. If you wish to be invited, please complete an invitation request online at www.knickerbockercup.org.
- (b) The registered skipper shall helm the boat at all times while racing, except in an emergency.
- (c) To remain eligible, a skipper shall confirm acceptance of the invitation in writing (email is acceptable) to be received by the date specified in the letter of invitation.
- (d) A non-refundable entry bond of \$500 shall accompany the acceptance.
- (e) All competitors shall meet the eligibility requirements of ISAF Regulation 19.2.
- (f) All competitors shall obtain an ISAF Sailor ID by registering online at www.sailing.org/isafsailor. Skippers shall inform the OA of their ISAF Sailor ID at registration.
- (g) The winner of the USMRC 2012 will be invited.

6. Entries:

- 6.1 The skipper shall be entered on completion of registration, crew weighing and the payment of all fees and deposits. Payments at registration shall be made by credit card/local currency. Personal checks will not be accepted.
- 6.2 Entry Fee
A non-refundable entry fee of US \$1225 shall be paid by July 1.
- 6.3 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 the ISAF. (ISAF Regulation 27.2)
- 6.4 Damage deposit:
 - (a) An initial deposit of US \$2,000 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. A credit card number will be taken at registration.
 - (b) In the event a deduction from the damage deposit is decided by the OA, it will 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 10 days of the end of the event.

7 Rules:

- 7.1 (a) The event will be governed by the rules as defined in RRS, including Appendix C.
- (b) The rules for the handling of boats will apply, and will also apply to any practice sailing, sponsor races. Class Rules will not apply.
- (c) Any prescriptions of the national authority that will apply shall be posted on the official notice board.
- (d) In the event of any conflicts between the Sailing Instructions (SIs) and the Notice of Race, the SIs will govern. This changes RRS 63.7.

- (e) Competitors may be required to wear USCG approved Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs). Competitors shall supply their own PFDs.
- (f) 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.

7.2 An international jury (IJ) will be appointed in accordance with Appendix N.

7.3 The OA may place an observer on each pair of boats at any time during the event.

8. Boats and Sails:

- (a) The event will be sailed in Swedish Match 40 type boats; however, the OA reserves the right to change the boat type prior to the event.
- (b) Six (6) boats will be provided.
- (c) The following sails will be provided for each boat: Mainsail, Genoa, Jib and Spinnaker.
- (d) Boats will be allocated by draw, either daily or for each round as decided by the Race Committee (RC).

9. Crew (including skipper):

- (a) The maximum number of crew (including the skipper) shall be five (5) or six (6). All registered crew shall sail all races.
- (b) The maximum average crew weight limit, determined prior to racing, shall be 87.5kgs, or 192.5 lbs, when wearing at least shorts and shirts. Total crew weight not to exceed 962.5 lbs
- (c) When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the event, the IJ may authorize an original crew member to substitute.
- (d) When a registered crew member is unable to continue in the event, the IJ may authorize a substitute, a temporary substitute or other adjustment.

10. Event Format:

10.1 The intended format for this event is:

- (a) Stage 1: Round Robin
- (b) Stage 2: Quarter Finals: knockout, top eight from Stage 1.
- (c) Stage 3: Semi Finals: knockout; top four from Stage 2.
- (d) Stage 4: Petit Finals
- (e) Stage 5: Finals

10.2 The event format will be set forth in Appendix B of the Sailing Instructions.

10.3 The RC may change the format, terminate or eliminate any round when conditions are not expected to permit the completion of the intended format.

11. Course:

- (a) The course will be windward/leeward with starboard rounding and finishing downwind.
- (b) The intended race area will be Manhasset Bay, Long Island, New York.

12. Advertising:

- (a) As boats and equipment will be supplied by the OA, ISAF Regulation 20.4 applies. Each boat will be required to display advertising as required by the OA.
- (b) Competitors may be permitted to display advertising ashore at the venue, but this is subject to individual negotiation with the OA.

- (c) Boats shall not be permitted the right to protest for breaches of any rules regarding advertising (this changes RRS 60.1).

13. Prizes:

- (a) The principal prize for first place will be a plaque with the winners name placed on the Knickerbocker Cup Trophy and a keeper trophy. First, second and third place teams will receive trophies.
- (b) The winner of the Knickerbocker Cup will be invited to the 2013 Argo Gold Cup, a World Match Race Tour event.
- (c) The overall winner of the Grand Slam Series (consisting of the 2013 Chicago Grand Slam, the 2013 Detroit Cup, the 2013 Knickerbocker Cup and the 2013 Oakcliff International) will receive an invitation to 2014 Congressional Cup to be held at Long Beach Yacht Club and to the 2014 Chicago Match Cup, a World Match Racing Tour event. The scoring system to be used to determine the overall winner will be posted on the notice board.
- (d) The event will provide prize money up to US \$19,000 if sufficient sponsorship is obtained.

14. Media, Images and Sound:

The OA may require television personnel and equipment (or dummies) to be carried on board while racing and may require competitors to be available for interviews. The organizing authority shall have the right to use any images and sound recorded during the event free of any charge.

15. Coach Boats:

There shall be no coach boats allowed.

16. Disclaimer:

All those taking part in the event do so at their own risk. The OA, its associates, sponsors and appointees accept no responsibility for any loss, damage, injury or inconvenience incurred, howsoever caused.

17. Further Information:

Manhasset Bay Yacht Club
455 Main Street, Port Washington, NY, USA 11050
Telephone: 1-516-767-2150 Fax: 1-516-767-2076
Club Email: knickerbockercup@manhassetbayyc.org
Club Website: www.manhassetbayyc.org
Skipper invitations and payment Website: www.knickerbockercup.org