



US Grade 2 Grand Slam Series – 2016

Series Dates:

- Knickerbocker Cup: August 4-7
Oakcliff International: August 11-14
Chicago Grand Slam: August 19-21
Detroit Cup: August 25-28

NOTICE OF SERIES

1 ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

The Organizing Authorities (OA) will be:

- (a) Knickerbocker Cup: Manhasset Bay Yacht Club
- (b) Oakcliff International: Oakcliff Sailing
- (c) Chicago Grand Slam: Chicago Match Race Center and Chicago Yacht Club
- (d) Detroit Cup: Bayview Yacht Club

2 VENUE

2.1 Venue Locations

- (a) Knickerbocker Cup: Manhasset Bay Yacht Club in Port Washington, NY
- (b) Oakcliff International: Oakcliff Sailing in Oyster Bay, NY
- (c) Chicago Grand Slam: Chicago Yacht Club - Belmont in Chicago, IL
- (d) Detroit Cup: Bayview Yacht Club in Detroit, MI

2.2 Housing

Housing may be provided at each event. You must contact the respective event organizers to confirm your number of crewmembers and travel plans (arrival/departure date). Organizers may not be able to provide housing before the practice day of each event.

3 EVENT GRADING

- 3.1 All (4) events are ISAF Grade 2 events.
- 3.2 This grading is subject to review by the ISAF Match Race Rankings Sub Committee. The event may be re-graded when there is clear reason to do so.

4 PROGRAMME

4.1 Racing days:

- (a) Knickerbocker Cup: August 4-7
- (b) Oakcliff International: August 11-14
- (c) Chicago Grand Slam: August 19-21
- (d) Detroit Cup: August 25-28

- 4.2 All practice days precede the first day of racing. Event organizers will distribute practice schedules.

5 SKIPPERS ELIGIBILITY

- 5.1 The following number of skippers will be invited per event.

- (a) Knickerbocker Cup: 10
- (b) Oakcliff International: 12
- (c) Chicago Grand Slam: 10
- (d) Detroit Cup: 12



5.2 Invitations: Only skippers invited by the OA will be eligible.

- (a) Request for invitation forms can be found at below links and on the www.usamatchracing.com homepage.
- (1) Knickerbocker Cup / contact: KCup@manhassetbayyc.org
 - (2) Oakcliff International / contact: bsimon@oakcliffsailing.org
 - (3) Chicago Grand Slam / contact: info@chicagomatchrace.com
 - (4) Detroit Cup / contact: thedetroitcup@byc.com
- (b) **Qualifiers** to the Grand Slam events are below. Each event awards one invitation to the highest finishing skipper. If the highest finishing skipper cannot accept, drop-downs will be considered at the discretion of the event organizers.
- (1) Knickerbocker Cup – none.
 - (2) Oakcliff International
 - (a) Oakcliff May Grade 3 (May 14-15, 2016)
 - (b) CYC/CMRC Summer Invitational (June 25-26, 2016)
 - (c) Fort Worth Boat Club (March 19-20, 2016)
 - (3) Chicago Grand Slam Chicago Grand Slam
 - (a) Oakcliff May Grade 3 (May 14-15, 2016)
 - (b) CYC/CMRC Summer Invitational (June 25-26, 2016)
 - (4) Detroit Cup
 - (a) Fort Worth Boat Club (March 19-20, 2016)
 - (b) Oakcliff May Grade 3 (May 14-15, 2016)
 - (c) CYC/CMRC Summer Invitational (June 25-26, 2016)

5.3 Skipper Eligibility

- (a) All competitors shall meet the eligibility requirements of ISAF regulation 19.2.
- (b) 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.

6 ENTRIES

6.1 Entry Fees: A non-refundable entry fee of the following amounts shall be paid by registration:

- (a) Knickerbocker Cup: \$1,100.00
- (b) Oakcliff International: \$1,100.00
- (c) Chicago Grand Slam: \$950.00
- (d) Detroit Cup: \$950.00

6.2 Damage Deposits

- (a) An initial damage deposit of the following amounts shall be paid at registration at each respective event, unless extended by the OA. This deposit is the maximum payable by the skipper as a result of any one incident.
 - (1) Knickerbocker Cup: \$1,500.00
 - (2) Oakcliff International: \$2,500.00
 - (3) Chicago Grand Slam: \$2,000.00
 - (4) Detroit Cup: \$1,000.00



7 RULES

7.1

- (a) The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the RRS, including Appendix C.
- (b) The rules for the handling of boats will apply, and will also apply to any practice sailing and sponsor races. Class rules will not apply.
- (c) Any prescriptions of the national authority that will apply will be posted on the official notice board.

7.2 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) RRS C8.6, C6.3 and C 7.4 will be changed in the sailing instructions.
- (c) RRS 31 will be changed.
- (d) Under RRS 86.3, this event will use the package of test rules approved by World Sailing for match racing. See detailed wording for these rule changes in NoR Addendum A.

7.3 An International Jury (IJ) may be appointed, approved by the national authority, in accordance with RRS Appendix N.

7.4 The OA may place an observer on each boat to provide information to the umpires or fulfil sponsor requirements.

8 BOATS AND SAILS

The event will be sailed in following type boats (and number of boats supplied):

- (a) Knickerbocker Cup: Sonar (6)
- (b) Oakcliff International: Match 40 (12)
- (c) Chicago Grand Slam: Sonar (8)
- (d) Detroit Cup: Ultimate 20 (8, with one spare)

9 CREW (INCLUDING SKIPPER)

Number of crew (including the skipper) shall be the following:

- (a) Knickerbocker Cup: 3 or 4 (weight limit: 262.5 kg)
- (b) Oakcliff International: 5 or 6 (weight limit: 437.5 kg)
- (c) Chicago Grand Slam: 3 or 4 (weight limit: 262.5 kg)
- (d) Detroit Cup: 3 or 4 (weight limit: 262.5 kg)

10 EVENT FORMAT

Skippers will be seeded based on the ISAF ranking list 30 days prior to the event. The event formats will vary per event, but will consist of a seeding stage, knock-out stages and finals.



11 PRIZES

11.1 Overall Grand Slam Series Scoring for 2016:

- (a) Points will be allocated as noted below for all competitors in their best three of four events.
- (b) The team with the highest score will be the winner of the 2016 Grand Slam and will be invited to compete at the 2017 Congressional Cup. The top team's name will be etched onto the trophy.
- (c) If there is a tie between two or more competitors, each competitor's best three of four scores shall be listed in order of best to worst, and at the first point(s) where there is a difference, the tie shall be broken in favor of the competitor(s) with the best score(s).
- (d) If a tie remains between two or more competitors, they shall be ranked in order of their scores in the last event, then the next to last event, etc.

<u>PLACE POINTS</u>	
FIRST	100
SECOND	80
THIRD	65
FOURTH	55
FIFTH	40
SIXTH	35
SEVENTH	30
EIGHTH	25
NINTH	20
TENTH	15
ELEVENTH	10
TWELTH	5

11.2 Additional individual event prizes and prize money:

- (a) Oakcliff International: Prize money. Event purse is \$10,000.00.
- (b) Knickerbocker Cup: Prize money will be announced.

12 PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICES

- (a) Knickerbocker Cup, Chicago Grand Slam and Detroit Cup: All competitors shall wear, while on the water, other than for brief periods while adding or removing clothing, a personal flotation device. Competitors shall supply their own PFD's.
- (b) Oakcliff International: Competitors should be prepared to supply their own PFD's in the event the RC signals that they must be worn. Competitors may borrow PFD's from Oakcliff Sailing.

13 DISCLAIMER

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

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ADDENDUM A - PACKAGE OF TEST MATCH RACING RULES

Below are the details of the changes to the RRS.

The rules below in **red** represent changes to the 2015 test rules.

A. Add new RRS 7 to Part 1:

7 LAST POINT OF CERTAINTY

The umpires will assume that the state of a boat, or her relationship to another boat, has not changed, until they are certain that it has changed.

B. Delete RRS 18, C2.6 and C2.7 and replace with:

18 MARK ROOM

18.1 When Rule 18 Applies

Rule 18 applies between boats when they are required to leave a *mark* on the same side and at least one of them is in the *zone*. However, it does not apply between a boat approaching a *mark* and one leaving it.

18.2 Giving Mark-Room

(a) When the first boat reaches the *zone*,

(1) if boats are *overlapped*, the outside boat at that moment shall thereafter give the inside boat *mark-room*.

(2) if boats are not *overlapped*, the boat that has not reached the *zone* shall thereafter give *mark-room*.

(b) If the boat entitled to *mark-room* leaves the *zone*, the entitlement to *mark-room* ceases and rule 18.2(a) is applied again if required **based on the relationship of the boats considered at the time rule 18.2(a) is re-applied.**

(c) If a boat obtained an inside *overlap* and, from the time the *overlap* began, the outside boat is unable to give *mark-room*, she is not required to give it.

18.3 Tacking or Gybing

When an inside *overlapped* right-of-way boat must **change tack** at a *mark* to sail her *proper course*, until she **changes tack** she shall sail no farther from the *mark* than needed to sail that course. Rule 18.3 does not apply at a gate *mark* **or a finishing mark and a boat shall not be penalized for breaking this rule unless the course of another boat was affected by the breach of this rule.**

C. Change definition of Mark-Room to:

Mark-Room Room for a boat to sail her *proper course* to round or pass the *mark* **on the required side. If room includes a change of tack, such tack or gybe shall be done no quicker than a tack or gybe to sail her proper course.**

D. Add the following new rule:

C2.14 Rule 17 is deleted.