

# United States Match Racing Championship

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## Area K Quarterfinal Qualifier Notice of Race



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## NOTICE OF RACE

### 1. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

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

### 2. VENUE

The venue will be Sheboygan, Wisconsin, and the event will be hosted by The United States Sailing Center of Sheboygan (USSC-S). All sailing activity will be based at the USSC-S. Racing will be conducted on Lake Michigan.

### 3. EVENT GRADING

The event is an ISAF Grade 3 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.

### 4. PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

#### 4.1. Schedule

Friday, May 21, 2010

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| 1400 -- 1800 | Registration and crew weighing                                     |
| 1400 -- 1800 | Practice. Crews will not be permitted to start practice after 1700 |
| 1830         | First briefing and first meeting with the umpires                  |

Saturday, May 22, 2010

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| 0800 | Morning briefing                   |
| 0930 | Time of the first race             |
| 1900 | Dinner at The Sheboygan Yacht Club |

Sunday, May 23, 2010

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| 0800 | Morning briefing   |
| 0930 | Time of the first race   |
|      | Prize giving will follow as soon as possible after the last race |

#### 4.2. Unless excused by the OA, attendance at the following is mandatory:

- a. Initial briefing for skippers and crew.
- b. Daily briefings, for skippers and crew.
- c. Daily debriefings, for skippers and crew.
- d. Prize giving for skippers and crew.

## 5. SKIPPERS ELIGIBILITY

- 5.1. As many as eight (8) skippers will be invited to this event. Only skippers invited by the OA will be eligible to enter this event.
- 5.2. Skippers must satisfy the eligibility requirements set forth in the US Match Racing Championship 2010 conditions at:  
<http://championships.ussailing.org/adult/USMRC/conditions.htm>
- 5.3. Each member of the crew must be a member of US SAILING and of a club or organization that is a US Sailing member.
- 5.4. The registered skipper shall helm the boat at all times while racing, except in an emergency.
- 5.5. To remain eligible a skipper shall confirm acceptance of an invitation in writing (E-mail is acceptable) to be received by the date specified on the letter of invitation.
- 5.6. A non-refundable entry bond fee of \$250.00 (US) shall accompany the acceptance of invitation for it to be valid. At registration this money will be credited to the required entry fee. This bond shall be made by cash, check, major credit card, or electronic funds transfer, in US dollars, payable to US Sailing Center - Sheboygan.
- 5.7. All competitors shall meet the eligibility requirements of ISAF Regulation 19.2.
- 5.8. All competitors shall obtain an ISAF Sailor ID by registering online at  
<http://www.sailing.org/isafsailor>.
- 5.9. Skippers shall inform the OA of their Sailor ID at or before registration.

## 6. ENTRIES

### 6.1. Registration

The skipper shall be entered on completion of registration, crew weighing, and the payment of the entry fee and damage deposit. The entry fee and deposit shall be paid prior to gaining access to boats for the clinic/practice. All payments shall be made by cash, check, major credit card, or electronic funds transfer, in US dollars, payable to US Sailing Center - Sheboygan.

### 6.2. Entry Fee

A non-refundable entry fee of \$350.00 (US) shall be paid at registration.

### 6.3. Damage Deposit

- a. An initial damage deposit of \$500.00 (US) shall be paid at registration, unless extended by the OA. This deposit is the maximum insurance deductible payable by the skipper as a result of any one incident.
- b. In the event of a deduction from the damage deposit the OA may 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 30 days after the event.

## 7. RULES

- a. The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the 2009-2012 RRS, Appendix C, and the 2009 USMRC Conditions.
- b. The rules for the handling of boats will apply, and will also apply to any clinic/practice sailing and sponsor races. Class rules will not apply.
- c. USCG approved PFD's shall be worn at all times by competitors while on the water, other than brief periods while adding or removing clothing. The Y flag will not be

flown. This modifies RRS 40.1 and the preamble of Part 4. All competitors must supply their own PFD's.

- d. In accordance with rule 70.5(a), decisions of the protest committee are final. US Sailing's permission has been granted. If the requirements shown on [http://raceadmin.ussailing.org/Rules/No\\_Appeal/Rule\\_70\\_5\\_a\\_Procedure.htm](http://raceadmin.ussailing.org/Rules/No_Appeal/Rule_70_5_a_Procedure.htm) are not met, any decision of the protest committee may be appealed.

## **8. BOATS AND SAILS**

- a. The event will be sailed in Sonar type sailboats.
- b. Eight (8) boats will be provided.
- c. The following sails will be provided for each boat: Mainsail, Jib, and Spinnaker.
- d. Boats will be allocated by draw, either daily or for each round as decided by the Race Committee.

## **9. CREW (INCLUDING SKIPPER)**

- a. The number of crew (including skipper) shall be three (3) or four (4). All registered crew shall sail all races.
- b. The maximum total crew weight, determined prior to racing shall be 262.5 kgs when wearing at least shorts and shirts.
- c. When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the event the OA may authorize an original crewmember to substitute.
- d. When a registered crewmember is unable to continue in the event the OA may authorize a substitute, a temporary substitute, or other adjustment.

## **10. EVENT FORMAT**

- a. The event will consist of the following stages:
  - Stage 1: Single Round Robin.
  - Stage 2: Single Round Robin.
  - Stage 3: Semi-Final Round.
  - Stage 4: Final/Petit-Final Round.
- b. The OA may change the format, terminate or eliminate any round when conditions do not permit the completion of the intended format.

## **11. COURSE**

- a. The course will be windward/leeward/windward/leeward with starboard roundings, finishing downwind.
- b. The intended course area will be south of the Sheboygan Harbour break wall.

## **12. ADVERTISING**

- a. As boats and equipment will be supplied by the OA, ISAF Regulation 20.3.2 applies. Each boat may be required to display advertising as supplied 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 (amends RRS 60.1).

### **13. PRIZES**

- 13.1. The principal prize for skippers and crew placing 1st, 2nd, and 3rd will be US Sailing Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals, respectively.
- 13.2. Skippers placing 1st through 4th will receive invitations to the 2010 U.S. Match Race Championship Area E+K Semifinal Qualifier, June 25-27, 2010, held at Bayview Yacht Club, Detroit, Michigan. Drop downs will be permitted. The event will be sailed in Ultimate 20 type sailboats.
- 13.3. The LMSRF skippers placing 1st and 2nd will receive invitations to represent Lake Michigan at the 2010 YRUGL Richardson Trophy Match Racing Championship. Drop downs will be permitted.

### **14. MEDIA, IMAGES, AND SOUND**

- 14.1. 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.
- 14.2. Competitors shall not interfere with the normal working of the OA supplied media equipment.
- 14.3. The OA shall have the right to use any images and sound recorded during the event free of any charge.

### **15. COACH BOATS**

Coach boats are not permitted.

### **16. OTHER REQUIREMENTS**

- a. Housing in private homes of Sheboygan area residents will be provided to competitors based on availability.
- b. Continental breakfast, lunches, and water will be provided to all competitors.

### **17. DISCLAIMER**

All those taking part in this 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.

### **18. INVITATIONS**

Entries will only be accepted from invited skippers. If you wish to be invited please register your request for an invitation as soon as possible with the OA by completing the attached form. Requests for an invitation will not be accepted after April 23, 2010.

### **19. CONTACT**

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