



Yacht Racing Union Great Lakes

YRUGL RICHARDSON TROPHY REGATTA - 2015 OCTOBER 1-4, 2015

NOTICE OF RACE

1 ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Organising Authority (OA) will be the Yacht Racing Union of the Great Lakes (YRUGL), hosted by Sail Sheboygan.

2 VENUE

The venue will be Sheboygan, Wisconsin USA.

3 EVENT GRADING

The event has applied for an ISAF Grade 3. This grading is subject to review by the ISAF. The event may be re-graded when there is clear reason to do so.

4 PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

4.1 Schedule

- (a) Race office open from 1200 – 1900 Thursday, October 1 and 0800 – 0900 Friday, October 2.
- (b) Registration and crew weighing from date and time until 1200 – 1900 Thursday, October 1 and 0800 – 0900 Friday, October 2.
- (c) Practice from date and time until 1300 – 1700 Thursday, October 1.
- (d) First briefing at 0900 Friday, October 2.
- (e) First meeting with umpires immediately follows the first briefing.
- (f) Opening Ceremony will be held 1900 Thursday, October 1.
- (g) Racing days from 2 – 4 October.
- (h) Time of the first race each day will be 1000.
- (i) Regatta dinner for competitors and race officials will be held 1830 Saturday, October 3.
- (j) The latest time for an attention signal on the last day of racing will be 1600.
- (k) Prize giving will take place approximately 30 minutes after docking time on Sunday.

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

- (a) Initial briefing for skippers.
- (b) Daily briefing, for skippers.
- (c) Prize giving for the final skippers and crews.

5 SKIPPERS ELIGIBILITY

- 5.1 Ten skippers will be invited. Only skippers invited by the OA will be eligible to enter this event. Skippers and crews will be invited from the participating clubs of the YRUGL as determined by each of the Regional Associations (LSYA, LHYA, LMSRA, DRYA, ILYA and LYRA). Initially, one qualified skipper representing each member Lake Association will be invited. Remaining slots will

be filled by the OA from the pool of eligible skippers who have submitted resumes. No more than two skippers representing any Lake Association will be invited.

- 5.2 If you wish to be invited, contact your YRUGL Member Lake Association for information regarding the qualifying round.
- 5.3 If you did not attend your member association qualifying round, you need to:
 - (a) Submit a résumé to your member association.
 - (b) Your member association will then forward your entry to the YRUGL/BYC Richardson Trophy OA for consideration.
- 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 the 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 of \$600 US shall accompany the acceptance of the invitation for this to be valid.
- 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 www.sailing.org/isafsailor. Skippers shall inform the OA of their ISAF Sailor ID at registration.

6 ENTRIES

6.1 Entering

The team shall be entered on completion of registration, crew weighing and the payment of all fees and deposits. All payments shall be made by credit card, cash or check.

6.2 Withdrawal

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)

6.3 Damage deposit

- (a) An initial damage deposit of \$500 US 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.
- (b) If a deduction from the damage deposit is decided by the OA, it 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 10 days after the event.

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.
 - (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 and C6.3 will be changed in the sailing instructions.
 - (c) RRS 31 will be changed.
 - (d) RRS C2.9 is changed to delete RRS 22.3

- 7.3 PFDs, approved by the USCG or equivalent national authority, shall be worn at all times by competitors while on the water, other than brief periods while adding or removing clothing. Flag Y will not be flown. All competitors must supply their own PFD's. This changes the preamble to Part 4 and rule 40.

8 BOATS AND SAILS

- 8.1 The event will be sailed in Sonar type boats.
- 8.2 Eight boats will be provided.
- 8.3 The following sails will be provided for each boat: Mainsail, Jib, Spinnaker.
- 8.4 Boats will be allocated by draw, either daily or for each round as decided by the Race Committee.

9 CREW (INCLUDING SKIPPER)

- 9.1 The number of crew (including the skipper) shall be 3 or 4. All registered crew shall sail all races.
- 9.2 **Crew Weighing**
The total weight of the crew, including the skipper, dressed in at least shorts and shirts, shall not exceed 262.5 kg, determined at the time of registration.
- 9.3 When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the event the OA may authorise an original crew member to substitute.
- 9.4 When a registered crew member is unable to continue in the event the OA may authorise a substitute, a temporary substitute or other adjustment.

10 EVENT FORMAT

- 10.1 Skippers will be seeded into a round robin based on ISAF ranking list 30 days prior to the event.
- 10.2 The event will consist of the following stages:
 Stage 1 - a double round robin
 Stage 2 - Semi Finals
 Stage 3 - Finals
- 10.3 The RC may change the format, terminate any stage or the event when, in its opinion, it is impractical to attempt to hold the remainder of matches under the existing conditions or in the remaining time scheduled. Early stages may be terminated in favour of later stages.

11 COURSE

- 11.1 The course will be windward/leeward with starboard roundings, finishing downwind.
- 11.2 The intended course area will be the waters of Lake Michigan east of Sheboygan Harbor.

12 ADVERTISING

- 12.1 As boats and equipment will be supplied by the Organising Authority, ISAF regulation 20.4 applies. Each boat will be required to display advertising as supplied by the OA.
- 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

The winning team will be awarded the Richardson Trophy, a perpetual trophy, subject to the terms of its deed of gift.

14 MEDIA, IMAGES and SOUND

14.1 If required by the OA:

- (a) Television personnel and equipment (or dummies) supplied by the OA shall be carried on board while racing.
- (b) Competitors shall wear microphones supplied by the OA during racing and be available for interviews when advised by the OA or RC.
- (c) Registered skippers shall wear communications equipment supplied by the OA that will allow commentators to communicate with them whilst racing.

14.2 Competitors shall not interfere with the normal working of the OA supplied media equipment.

14.3 The OA have the right to use any images and sound recorded during the event free of any charge.

15 COACH BOATS

No coach boats will be permitted.

16 DISCLAIMER

All those taking any 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.

17 CONTACTS

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