



2010 U.S. QUALIFYING SERIES

September 7-11, 2010
Newport, Rhode Island

NOTICE OF RACE

The Organizing Authority (OA) is the New York Yacht Club (NYYC).

GENERAL FORMAT

The 2010 NYYC IC U.S. Qualifying Series is an invitational fleet racing regatta to be sailed in Sonar and J/22 type yachts. The goals are to run a regatta with premier U.S. yacht clubs and to select three teams who will be invited to participate in the NYYC Invitational Cup held in Swan 42 Class yachts in September 2011. This series is the only opportunity for U.S. yacht clubs to earn an invitation to the 2011 NYYC Invitational Cup.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 The rules for the "Handling of Boats" addendum to the sailing instructions will apply and will also apply to any practice sailing and sponsor races. Sonar and J/22 Class rules shall not apply.
- 1.3 ISAF Sailor Classification Code, Regulation 22 will apply. All competitors shall be Group 1. Information on how to apply can be found at www.sailing.org/classification. Any unclassified sailor shall be deemed to be Group 3 and ineligible to sail.
- 1.4 On the water umpiring may be used and will be detailed in the sailing instructions.
- 1.5 The Protest Committee may impose suitable penalties, other than disqualification, for violations of any non-Part 2 rule. This changes RRS 64.1.
- 1.6 The sailing instructions will contain language that permits the OA to revoke the charter agreement of any team that is handling their yacht in an unsafe or dangerous manner.

2 YACHTS AND SAILS

- 2.1 Both Sonar and J/22 type yachts will be used in the Elimination Series. Sonars will be used in the Championship Series; J/22s in the Consolation Series. Boats will be rotated as described in the sailing instructions.
- 2.2 All yachts shall be chartered from the Organizing Authority. The charter fee is included in the entry fee.
- 2.3 Sails will be provided by the Organizing Authority. Spinnakers will be used.
- 2.4 All yachts shall be standardized by the Organizing Authority to ensure as level a playing field as possible. Specific permitted and restricted actions will be included in the "Handling of Boats" addendum to the sailing instructions. This includes, but is not limited to, the following provisions:
 - a) Rigs will be tuned equally and preset by the OA before the regatta to match the provided sails. Rig tension shall not be adjusted by the competitors. The OA may adjust the rig tune of the entire fleet to match anticipated conditions.
 - b) Competitors wishing to change any rig tuning adjustments shall request in writing that the OA make a change. Forms will be available at the registration. The OA has final authority in deciding whether an adjustment will be made.

- c) Competitors shall not sand, clean or fair the bottom or foils of their yacht, or so arrange for such work to be done.

3 ADVERTISING

- 3.1 ISAF Regulation 20, Advertising Code, will apply. Advertising on the supplied equipment is available to the OA in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20.4.1.3.
- 3.2 While racing, yachts shall display the backstay flag for each day of racing as may be provided by the Organizing Authority at registration.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 Entry to the regatta is by invitation only from the Organizing Authority to a Yacht Club (“Team”). The entry fee is \$2,500.
- 4.2 Acceptance of the invitation shall be made by:
 - a) replying as soon as possible to sailingcommittee@nyyc.org, and
 - b) submitting the Acceptance Form no later than **February 15, 2010** accompanied by a non-refundable \$500 deposit that will be credited toward the entry fee.
- 4.3 Teams will be selected in order of receipt of the email described in NOR 4.2(a) until available spaces are full. Any additional acceptances will be placed on a waiting list and Yacht Clubs will be notified if a space becomes available.
- 4.4 **Entry Form:** *Entry Form Part 1 – Entry Fee* will be sent to those accepted Yacht Clubs shortly after the Acceptance Form deadline. Entry shall be made by submitting the *Entry Form Part 1 – Entry Fee* accompanied by the \$2,000 remainder of the entry fee no later than **May 1, 2010**.
- 4.5 **Crew List:** Not later than **August 15, 2010**, a completed *Entry Form Part 2 – Eligibility Form Affidavit* shall be submitted to the New York Yacht Club and will include information for each competitor on Club membership, nationality and ISAF classification. Registration will not be considered complete until all information has been received, checked and verified. Early submission is encouraged.
 - 4.5.1 Crew lists will be posted on the event website and on the official notice board at the NYYC Sailing Center as soon as practicable after receipt.
- 4.6 **Team Composition:** Teams shall consist of three or four crew members, including the skipper, all of whom shall sail the entire regatta. There is no requirement for any of these team members to compete in the 2011 Invitational Cup should a Team qualify.
 - 4.6.1 The crew sailing on the yacht shall comply with the requirements of NOR 4.7, 4.8, 4.9 and 4.10 at all times unless specifically waived by the Protest Committee.
- 4.7 **Yacht Club Membership:** All crew members shall have been year-round full members of the invited Yacht Club as of September 19, 2009, except as noted in NOR 4.7.1. Seasonal or special memberships do not qualify.
 - 4.7.1 One of the crew members *may* be either the spouse of a year-round full member or the child of a year-round full member. The child must be 24 years old or younger as of September 8, 2010. The family member must also meet the eligibility requirements of NOR 4.8, 4.8.1 and 4.9.
- 4.8 **Nationality:** All crew members shall be U.S. citizens and shall show their passport or birth certificate at Registration.
 - 4.8.1 **US SAILING Membership:** All crew members shall be current members of US SAILING during the regatta.
- 4.9 **ISAF Classification:** All crew members shall have a valid ISAF Sailor Classification of Group 1. Any unclassified sailor shall be deemed to be Group 3 and ineligible to sail.
 - 4.9.1 The Classification Protest time limit is 1800 Tuesday, September 7, 2010. At its discretion, this time limit may be extended by the Protest Committee if the Crew List has been changed after the *Entry Form Part 2 – Eligibility Form Affidavit* deadline on August 15, 2010.
- 4.10 **Weight limit:** Crew weigh-ins will be conducted at registration. The total crew weight shall be no greater than 650 pounds wearing at least shorts and a shirt.

- 4.11 **Crew substitution:** Prior to 1800 on Tuesday, September 7, 2010, a substitution to the submitted Crew List may only be made with the permission of the Organizing Authority. After that time, a substitution may only be made with written permission of the Protest Committee.
- 4.12 **Eligibility exceptions:** The Organizing Authority reserves the right to make reasonable exceptions to the eligibility requirements on a case-by-case basis.

5 FEES

- 5.1 The entry fee is US\$2,500 including the \$500 non-refundable deposit. The \$2,000 remainder shall be paid with *Entry Form Part 1 – Entry Fee*. Wiring information will be provided upon request.
- 5.2 The entry fee includes four tickets to all social functions. Additional tickets will be available for purchase.
- 5.3 Each team shall provide a \$500 damage deposit by providing credit card information at registration. The deposit is a per-incident maximum and shall be replenished after each incident. See NOR 17.3.

6 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 6.1 **Check-in:** All teams shall register during the registration times on Tuesday, September 7, 2010. Registration will take place in the NYYC Sailing Center, Harbour Court; 5 Halidon Avenue; Newport, RI 02840.
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| 6.2 | Tuesday, September 7 | 0900-1100 | Registration |
| | | 1100-1700 | Practice |
| | | 1700-1800 | Registration |
| | | 1800 | Classification Protest Time limit |
| | | 1800 | Captains' Meeting |
| | | 1830-2000 | Opening Reception |
| | Wednesday, September 8 | 1100 | First Warning Signal |
| | Thursday, September 9 | 1100 | First Warning Signal |
| | Friday, September 10 | 1100 | First Warning Signal |
| | Saturday, September 11 | 1100 | First Warning Signal |
| | | 1900-2300 | Final Awards Banquet |

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available no later than August 1, 2010, on the 2010 NYYC IC U.S. Qualifying Series website at nyyc.org/2010USICQualifying/.

8 VENUE

Races will be held off Newport, RI, on Rhode Island Sound or on Narragansett Bay.

9 COURSES

Courses will be defined in the sailing instructions. Possible race courses may include windward-leeward and triangle-windward-leeward variations.

10 FORMAT

- 10.1 The format will be described fully in the sailing instructions.
- 10.2 The intended format is to divide competing teams into two groups that will race in a Preliminary Series alternating between the Sonar and J/22 fleets. The top teams from each group will move on to the Championship Series. The bottom teams from each group will move on to the Consolation Series.

11 PENALTY SYSTEM

Rules 44.1 and 44.2 are changed so that, except for infringements of Part 2 that occur within the *zone* of a rounding mark or finishing mark, only one turn, including one tack and one gybe, is required.

12 SCORING

- 12.1 Multiple races are scheduled. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

- 12.2 In the Preliminary Series, a yacht's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score if five or more races are completed. This changes rule A2.
- 12.3 In the Championship Series and Consolation Series, a yacht's series score shall be the total of all of her race scores. No score will be excluded. This changes rule A2.
- 12.4 Race scores from the Preliminary Series will not carry over to the Championship Series or Consolation Series.

13 SUPPORT BOATS

Support boats shall not have contact with the racing yachts from the first course signal of the day until after the last yacht has finished the final race of the day.

14 BERTHING

Dockage or moorings will be arranged by the Organizing Authority.

15 PRIZES

- 15.1 Prizes will be awarded to the top three teams.
- 15.2 In addition, the top three Yacht Clubs will receive invitations to the 2011 NYYC Invitational Cup. Entry into the Invitational Cup will be contingent on meeting the requirements in that event's Notice of Race.

16 CAMERAS & GPS ONBOARD

The Organizing Authority may place static cameras or GPS tracking units onboard one or more yachts during racing and may switch them between races or days.

17 LIABILITY & MEDIA WAIVER, DAMAGE DEPOSIT

- 17.1 **Liability & Media Waivers:** All competitors shall sign the Liability & Media Waiver available on the 2010 NYYC IC U.S. Qualifying Series website at nyyc.org/2010USICQualifying/ and submit the form at registration.
- 17.2 Competitors participate in this regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority, Presenting Sponsor and affiliated companies, and other sponsors will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta. Attention is also drawn to ISAF Offshore Special Regulation 1.02, Responsibility of the Person in Charge, as well as the "Waiver and Release of Liability" as stated on the entry form.
- 17.3 All teams will be required to provide a \$500 damage deposit (that is the insurance deductible) prior to the start of racing by providing credit card information at registration. The deposit is a per-incident maximum. If a team has more than one incident, it is liable for up to \$500 for each individual incident. Teams should be aware that while the designated Technical Committee will attempt to identify and assign all damages to the teams responsible, material damage not covered by insurance, nor acknowledged by a team (e.g., crews are rotated among the boats and no one reports the damage), the cost of repairs may be charged to some or all of the designated teams on a pro rated basis.

18 RADIO COMMUNICATION & ELECTRONICS

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones. No electronics are permitted except a handheld VHF radio and personal mobile telephones.

19 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please visit our website at nyyc.org/2010USICQualifying/ or contact the Event Chairman or the New York Yacht Club Sailing Office.

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