



## 2010 U.S. QUALIFYING SERIES

September 7-11, 2010  
Newport, Rhode Island

### PRELIMINARY 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 type yachts. J/22 type yachts may also be used for qualifying and consolation rounds. The goal is to select three U.S. yacht club 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 prescriptions of US SAILING to *The Racing Rules of Sailing* listed in Addendum A shall apply and are posted on the 2010 NYYC IC U.S. Qualifying Series website at [nyyc.org/2010USICQualifying/](http://nyyc.org/2010USICQualifying/) as Notice of Race Addendum A.
- 1.3 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.
- 1.4 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](http://www.sailing.org/classification).
- 1.5 On the water umpiring may be used and will be detailed in the sailing instructions.
- 1.6 The Protest Committee may impose suitable penalties, other than disqualification, for violations of any non-Part 2 rule. This changes RRS 64.1.
- 1.7 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 Sonar type yachts will be used for competition. In addition, J/22 type yachts may be used for qualifying and consolation rounds. 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 the change be made by the OA in writing or by VHF. 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.

### **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 provided by the Organizing Authority at registration in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20.4.1.1(c).

### **4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 4.1 Entry to the regatta is only by invitation from the Organizing Authority to a Yacht Club (Team). The entry fee is \$2500.
- 4.2 Acceptance of the invitation shall be made by:
  - a) replying as soon as possible to [sailingcommittee@nyyc.org](mailto: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:** An Entry Form will be sent to those accepted Yacht Clubs shortly after the Acceptance Form deadline. Entry shall be made by submitting the Entry Form 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 Crew List Form 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 complete until all information has been received, checked and verified.
- 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.
- 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.
- 4.6.2 No substitutes shall be allowed except with the permission of 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 member of the crew may be the spouse of a member or a member's child under the age of 25 on the first day of racing.
- 4.8 **Nationality:** All crew members shall be U.S. citizens and will need to show their passport or birth certificate.
- 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 their discretion, this time limit may be extended by the Protest Committee if the Crew List has been changed after the Crew List Form 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 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 permission of the Protest Committee.

4.12 **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.

## 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 the Entry Form. Wiring information will be provided upon request.

5.2 The entry fee includes tickets to all social functions for up to four crew members. 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 will have to be replenished after each incident. See NOR 17.3.

## 6 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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/](http://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 format will depend on the number of entries. A possible format is that competing teams may be divided into two or more 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 in Sonars. The bottom teams from each group will move on to the Consolation Series in J/22s.

## 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 A yacht's series score shall be the total of all of her race scores. No score will be excluded. This changes rule A2. If a Preliminary Series is held, race scores 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 and submit the Liability & Media Waiver available on the 2010 NYYC IC U.S. Qualifying Series website at [nyc.org/2010USICQualifying/](http://nyc.org/2010USICQualifying/) and submitted 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, they are 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 [nyc.org/2010USICQualifying/](http://nyc.org/2010USICQualifying/) or contact the Event Chairman or the New York Yacht Club Sailing Office.

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