



Raising the level of sailors
and sailing in the US.
- Oyster Bay, NY

YOU ARE INVITED

Oakcliff Sailing invites you to ride on the back of our Swedish Match 40s during *The Better Chip* match race regatta the weekend of June 6 & 7, 2015, in Oyster Bay, NY. This will put you “in the huddle” so you can see some of the best US match race teams in action on the boat and hear how they give information, make decisions, work together (or not), and solve problems, etc.

Morgan Trubovich, tactician for four-time Congressional Cup winner and America’s Cup sailor Gavin Brady, said this about his experience riding on the backs of boats at Match Racing World Championships in New Zealand: *In the years following my opportunity to ride on the back of the boat watching the world's greatest match racers, I would often think to myself "I wish I could have another go at that! I learned so much!" The mechanics of each team were so different. But my favorite part was the dynamics of how the skipper and crew got along...how much respect there was or not...who was having fun...who looked nervous...how they handled the pressure. These were life lessons that I am so glad I got at an early age. Having kids on the back of the SM 40's will be a memory they will have forever...and will make them better sailors...and better people.*

After racing on Saturday, Dave Perry, two-time Congressional Cup winner and four-time U.S. Match Racing Champion, will lead a de-brief amongst those who ride along on Saturday. After racing on Sunday, a de-brief amongst those who ride along on Sunday will be held. You can participate in the ride along on

Saturday, or in the ride along on Sunday, or do both: the choice is yours.

If you want to be considered for this opportunity, email Bruce Cook, Chief Umpire, at bacook@optonline.net, and Bill Simon, Race Program Director, at bsimon@oakcliffsailing.org, **no later than Friday, May 8, 2015**. There are a limited number of places available, and preference will be given to those high school and college-aged sailors responding soonest. You will receive an email from Bruce confirming the date(s) you are invited to ride, or an email saying that there are no more rides available for this event.

You will need to be at Oakcliff Sailing in Oyster Bay by 9 am on Saturday and on Sunday. You will be able to leave by 6:30 pm on Saturday and by 5:30 pm on Sunday. You are invited to stay for a barbeque dinner with the umpires and competitors on Saturday if you wish to do so.

There is no charge for any of this. However, if you sign up for a day and are invited, **you are expected to be there**. No-shows without at least 24 hours advance notice will severely hurt the program, so please check with your parents to be sure you are available and can get to Oyster Bay.

If you are interested in being invited, please email the following information to Bruce & Bill immediately, and **no later than Friday, May 8, 2015**:

Please provide the following information:

4. Indicate the date(s) you would like to ride along on the backs of the boats:

Saturday, June 6

Sunday, June 7

2. Name:
Age:
Home sailing or yacht club:
Email address:
Phone number:

3. Parent/Guardian name:
Email address:
Phone number:

4. Sailing Experience [identify any match racing experience]:

We hope to see you in Oyster Bay this June.

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