



## **Grade 5 Weekend Series**

### **NOTICE OF SERIES**

#### **1 ORGANISING AUTHORITY**

The Organising Authority (OA) will be Oakcliff Sailing.

#### **2 VENUE**

The venue will be Oyster Bay, New York, USA.

#### **3 EVENT GRADING**

The event has applied for World Sailing (WS) Grade 5. This grading is subject to review by the WS Match Race Rankings Sub-committee. The event may be re-graded when there is clear reason to do so.

#### **4 PROVISIONAL PROGRAM**

##### **4.1 Schedule**

- a) Race office open Race days from 9:30.
- b) Registration on race days from 9:30 – 10:15 and must be completed before going sailing.
- c) Clinic sessions will be race days at 10:15.
- d) Racing Days will be June 10, July 15, August 12, and September 9.
- e) First attention signal on each racing day will be at 12:00.
- f) First meeting with umpires will be each race day at 10:15.
- g) Mandatory Competitors' Briefing each racing day at 10:15
- h) The latest time for an attention signal on the last day of racing will be 1600.
- i) Debrief and results will follow each day of racing.

##### **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**

- (a) Up to eight skippers will be invited.
- (b) If there are less than 4 teams or the equivalent individual signed up one week in advance the grade 5 will be cancelled. So sign up early.
- (c) Only skippers invited by the OA will be eligible to enter this event.
- (d) The registered skipper shall helm the boat at all times while racing, except in an emergency.
- (e) To remain eligible a skipper shall confirm acceptance of invitation by completing the invitation process at the web address indicated on the invitation email.
- (d) A non-refundable entry bond of US \$250 shall accompany the acceptance of invitation for this to be valid.
- (e) All competitors shall meet the eligibility requirements of World Sailing regulation 19.2.
- (f) All competitors shall obtain a WS Sailor ID by registering online at [www.sailing.org/isafsailor](http://www.sailing.org/isafsailor). Skippers shall inform the OA of their WS Sailor ID at registration.

## **6 ENTRIES**

- 6.1 The skipper shall be entered on completion of registration, crew weighing and the payment of all fees and deposits. Payment can be made by credit card or cash in US funds.
- 6.2 A non-refundable entry fee of US \$75 (\$50 for skippers who are Oakcliff Supporters in 2017), which includes the entry bond, shall be paid by registration.
- 6.3 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 by WS to their Ranking Points for that event. World Sailing Regulation 27.2.
  
- 6.4 Damage deposit
  - (a) An initial damage deposit of US\$2,500 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. The damage deposit may be paid by credit card.
  - (b) In the event a deduction from the damage deposit is decided by the OA, it will require that the deposit be restored to its original amount before the skipper will be permitted to continue in the event.
  - (c) Any deposit remaining after the event will be refunded within 30 days of event completion.

## **7 RULES**

- 7.1 (a) The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the RRS and 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) The US SAILING prescriptions to RRS 67 and 76.1 will be the only US prescriptions that will apply and their text will be posted on the official notice board.
  
- 7.2 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) Competitors are responsible for providing their own personal flotation device (PFD) and using them at their own discretion unless flag Y is flown from the RC boat. Note: Oakcliff Sailing will have PFDs that teams can borrow.
  - (c) RRS C6.3, C7.4, C8.6, 28.1, 35, 60.1(b), 62.1(a), 63.1, 90.3 and A5 will be changed in the sailing instructions for this event.

## **8 BOATS AND SAILS**

- (a) The event will be sailed in Match 40 type boats.
- (b) Up to eight boats will be provided.
- (c) The following sails will be provided for each boat: Mainsail, Genoa, Jib and Spinnaker.
- (d) Each skipper should provide a VHF radio for his/her team. Oakcliff has some VHF's that can be borrowed (the damage deposit will be charged for non-return).
- (e) 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 the skipper) shall be five or six. All registered crew shall sail all races.
- (b) When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the event, the Chief Umpire may authorise an original crew member to substitute.
- (c) The maximum average crew weight limit, determined prior to racing, shall be 87.5kg (192.5lbs) when wearing at least shorts and shirts. Total crew weight shall not exceed 962.5 lbs.
- (d) When a registered crew member is unable to continue in the event, the Chief Umpire may authorise 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
  
- (b) 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**

- (a) The course will be windward/leeward with starboard roundings, finishing downwind.
- (b) The intended course area will be Oyster Bay or Cold Spring Harbor.

**12 ADVERTISING**

- (a) As boats and equipment will be supplied by the O A, WS regulation 20.4 applies. Each boat will 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 O A.
- (c) Boats will not be permitted the right to protest for breaches of any rules regarding advertising. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

**13 Reserved**

**14 MEDIA, IMAGES AND SOUND**

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

**15 Reserved**

**16 DISCLAIMER**

All those taking part in the event do so at their own risk. The OA, its associates and appointees accept no responsibility for any loss, damage or inconvenience incurred, however so caused.

**17 INVITATIONS**

Entries will only be accepted from invited skippers. If you wish to be invited please complete the online request at <http://www.oakcliffsailing.org/calendar/> to the OA as soon as possible, and no later than one week before the race day.

**18 OA CONTACT INFORMATION**

For questions, more information regarding this event, or to request an invitation, please email: [BSimon@oakcliffsailing.org](mailto:BSimon@oakcliffsailing.org), or call 516.802.0368 or go online to [www.oakcliffsailing.org](http://www.oakcliffsailing.org).

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