



## **2023 Grand Slam Series- US Grade 2**

### **Series Dates:**

1. Chicago Grand Slam: August 18 - 20
2. Detroit Cup: August 24 - 27
3. Thompson Cup: August 30 – September 2
4. Oakcliff International September 6 - 9

## **NOTICE OF SERIES**

### **1. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY**

The Organizing Authority (OA) will be:

- 1.1. Chicago Grand Slam: Chicago Yacht Club
- 1.2. Detroit Cup: Bayview Yacht Club
- 1.3. Thompson Cup: Seawanhaka Corinthian Yacht Club
- 1.4. Oakcliff International: Oakcliff Sailing

### **2. VENUE**

#### 2.1. Venue Locations

- 2.1.1. Chicago Grand Slam: Chicago Yacht Club- Belmont in Chicago, IL
- 2.1.2. Detroit Cup: Bayview Yacht Club in Detroit, MI
- 2.1.3. Seawanhaka Corinthian Yacht Club in Oyster Bay, NY
- 2.1.4. Oakcliff International: Oakcliff Sailing in Oyster Bay, NY

#### 2.2. Housing

Housing may be provided at each event. You must contact the respective event organizers to confirm your number of crew members and travel plans (arrival/ departure dates). Organizers may not be able to provide housing before the practice day of each event.

### **3. EVENT GRADING**

- 3.1. All four (4) events have applied for World Sailing Grade 2.
- 3.2. This grading is subject to review by the World Sailing Match Race Rankings Sub Committee. The event may be re-graded when there is clear reason to do so.

### **4. PROGRAMME**

#### 4.1. Racing Days:

- 4.1.1. Chicago Grand Slam: August 18 - 20
- 4.1.2. Detroit Cup, BYC: August 24 - 27
- 4.1.3. Thompson Cup, SCYC: August 30 – September 2
- 4.1.4. Oakcliff International: September 6 - 9

- 4.2. All Practice days precede the first day of racing. Event organizers will distribute practice schedules.



## 5. SKIPPERS ELIGIBILITY

5.1. The following number of skippers will be invited to each event:

- 5.1.1. Chicago Grand Slam: - 12
- 5.1.2. Detroit Cup: - 12
- 5.1.3. Thompson Cup: - 10
- 5.1.4. Oakcliff International – up to 12

5.2. Only skippers invited by the OA or as defined in section 5.2.2 will be eligible for entry

- 5.2.1. Invitations: Requests for invitation forms can be found at below links  
[Chicago Grand Slam](#)/ contact: [regattamanager@chicagoyachtclub.org](mailto:regattamanager@chicagoyachtclub.org)  
[Detroit Cup, BYC](#)/ contact [thedetroitcup@byc.com](mailto:thedetroitcup@byc.com)  
[Thompson Cup, SCYC](#)/ contact [ThompsonCup@seawanhaka.org](mailto:ThompsonCup@seawanhaka.org)  
[Oakcliff International](#)/ contact: [regatta@oakcliffsailing.org](mailto:regatta@oakcliffsailing.org)

5.2.2. Qualifiers: Qualifiers to the Grand Slam events are listed below. Each event awards one invitation to the highest finishing skipper. If the highest finishing skipper cannot accept or has already qualified, drop-downs may be considered at the discretion of the event organizers.

### **For the Chicago Grand Slam:**

- Oakcliff Grade 3 (June 10-11, 2023)
- CYC Grade 3 Spring Invitational (June 24-25, 2023)

### **For the Detroit Cup:**

- Bayview Grade 3 Spring Invitational (May 20-21, 2023)
- Oakcliff Grade 3 (June 10-11, 2023)

### **For the Thompson Cup:**

- Bayview Grade 3 Spring Invitational (May 20-21, 2023)
- Oakcliff Grade 3 (June 10-11, 2023)

### **For the Oakcliff International:**

- Oakcliff Grade 3 (June 10-11, 2023)
- CYC Grade 3 Spring Invitational (June 24-25, 2023)

5.3. All competitors shall meet the eligibility requirements of World Sailing regulation 19.2.

5.4. All competitors shall obtain a World Sailing Sailor ID by registering online at [www.sailing.org/isafsailor](http://www.sailing.org/isafsailor). Skippers shall inform the OA of their Sailor ID at registration.

## 6. ENTRIES

6.1. Entry Fees:

- 6.1.1. Chicago Grand Slam: \$1,200.00
- 6.1.2. Detroit Cup: \$1,200.00
- 6.1.3. Thompson Cup: \$1,500.00
- 6.1.4. Oakcliff International: \$1,500.00



- 6.2. A non-refundable entry bond of \$500 USD must be paid within two-weeks of the skipper's acceptance of invitation, and will be applied toward the entry fee.
- 6.3. Damage Deposits: An initial damage deposit of the following amounts shall be paid at registration at each respective event, unless extended by the OA. This deposit is the maximum payable by the skipper as a result of any one incident.
  - 6.3.1. Chicago Grand Slam: \$2,500.00
  - 6.3.2. Detroit Cup: \$1,000.00
  - 6.3.3. Thompson Cup: \$2,500.00
  - 6.3.4. Oakcliff International: \$2,500.00

## 7. RULES

- 7.1. Events will be governed by the rules as defined the Racing Rules of Sailing, including Appendix C.
- 7.2. The rules for the handling of boats will apply, and will also apply to any practice sailing and sponsor races. Class rules will not apply.
- 7.3. Any prescriptions of the national authority that will apply will be posted on the official notice board.
- 7.4. Major alterations to the RRS:
  - 7.4.1. RRS C8.6, and C6.3 will be changed in the sailing instructions.
- 7.5. An International Jury (IJ) may be appointed, approved by the national authority, in accordance with RRS Appendix N.
- 7.6. The OA may place an observer on each boat to provide information to the umpires or to fulfill sponsor requirements.

## 8. BOATS AND SAILS

The events will be sailed in the following types of boats (and number of boats supplied):

- 8.1. Chicago Grand Slam: Tom 28 (8)
- 8.2. Detroit Cup: Ultimate 20 type boats (10)
- 8.3. Thompson Cup: Match 40 (12)
- 8.4. Oakcliff International: Match 40 (up to 12)

## 9. CREW (INCLUDING SKIPPER)

The number of crew (including the skipper) shall be the following:

- 9.1. Chicago Grand Slam 4 to 5 (Weight limit 350 kg)
- 9.2. Detroit Cup: 3 or 4 (weight limit 262.5 kg)
- 9.3. Thompson Cup: 5 or 6 (weight limit 437.5 kg)
- 9.4. Oakcliff International: 5 or 6 (weight limit 437.5 kg)

## 10. EVENT FORMAT

Skippers will be seeded based on the World Sailing ranking list 30 days prior to the event. The event formats will vary per event, but will consist of a seed stage, knockout stages, and finals.

## 11. SERIES SCORING AND PRIZES

11.1. Overall Grand Slam Series Scoring for 2023:

- 11.1.1. Points will be allocated as noted below for all competitors in their best 3 of 4 events.



11.1.2. The team with the highest score will be the winner of the 2023 Grand Slam and will be invited to compete at the 2024 Congressional Cup. The top team’s name will be etched onto the trophy

11.1.3. If there is a tie between two or more competitors, each competitor’s best three of four scores shall be listed in order of best to worst and the first point(s) where there is a difference, the tie shall be broken in favor of the competitor(s) with the best score(s).

11.1.4. If a tie remains between two or more competitors, they shall be ranked in order of their scores in the last event, then the next to last event, etc.

Place Points

First	100
Second	80
Third	65
Fourth	55
Fifth	40
Sixth	35
Seventh	30
Eighth	25
Ninth	20
Tenth	15
Eleventh	10
Twelfth	5

11.2. Additional individual event prizes and prize money:

11.2.1. International Match Race for the Detroit Cup. Event purse is \$7,500. See NOR for details.

11.2.2. Oakcliff International Prize Money. Event purse is \$10,000. See NOR for details.

**12. PERSONAL FLOATATION DEVICES**

12.1. Chicago Grand Slam and Detroit Cup: All competitors shall wear, while on the water, other than for brief periods while adding or removing clothing, a personal floatation device. Competitors shall supply their own PFD’s.

12.2. Oakcliff International and Thompson Cup: Competitors should be prepared to supply their own PFD’s in the event the RC signals that they must be worn. For the Oakcliff International, competitors may borrow PFD’s from Oakcliff Sailing.

**13. 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, injury or inconvenience incurred, however caused.

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