



2023 Grade 5 Series

Oakcliff Sailing – Organizing Authority

Dates: April 16, June 24, July 9 MIXED, September 17, October 15

Oyster Bay, New York, USA

NOTICE OF RACE

The following abbreviations apply to this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions:

PC: Protest Committee or International Jury

NoR: Notice of Race

OA: Organising Authority

RRS: Racing Rules of Sailing

SI: Sailing Instruction

RC: Race Committee

TD: Technical Delegate

[NP]: A boat may not protest as per NoR 1.3

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RULES

1.1

The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, including RRS Appendix C

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The rules for the handling of boats and the equipment list, detailed as part of the Sailing Instructions, will apply, and will also apply to any practice sailing and sponsor races. Class rules will not apply.

- 1.3 The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 1.4 In the event of a conflict between the NoR and the SI, the SI will govern. This changes RRS 63.7.
- 1.5 RRS C6.3, C8.6, 28.1, 60.1(b), 62.1(a), 63.1 and A5 will be changed in the SI.
- 1.6 The following US national prescriptions do not apply: RRS 63.1 and 63.2. The text of the other prescriptions will be posted in English on the notice board.
- 1.7 If there is a conflict between languages the English text takes precedence.
- 1.8 The event has applied for World Sailing Grade 5. This grading is subject to review by World Sailing. The event may be re-graded when there is clear reason to do so.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The SI's will be available after 0800 on March 15, 2023 at [April Grade 5](#), [June Grade 5](#), [July Grade 5 MIXED](#), [September Grade 5](#), [October Grade 5](#)

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the online official notice board which is located at: [April Grade 5](#), [June Grade 5](#), [July Grade 5 MIXED](#), [September Grade 5](#), [October Grade 5](#)
- 3.2 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the whiteboard in 2 South, Oyster Bay.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 Eight (8) skippers will be invited.
Skippers wishing to receive an invite may register their request with the OA by requesting an invitation on the [Oakcliff Match Racing Invitation Request](#) page.
- 4.2 Only skippers invited by the OA, and who confirm acceptance of the invitation, as detailed in the letter of invitation, will be eligible to enter this event.

- 4.3 All competitors shall meet the eligibility requirements of World Sailing regulation 19.4.
- 4.4 All competitors shall obtain a World Sailing Sailor ID by registering online at <https://www.sailing.org/sailors/world-sailing-profile/>, Skippers shall inform the OA if their World sailing ID at registration.
- 4.5 A **non-refundable entry fee** of US\$150, which includes the entry bond, shall be paid by registration. 2023 Oakcliff Supporters receive a \$50 discount. To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.6 The skipper shall complete registration, pay any entry fee, arrange the damage deposit of US\$2500 and shall ensure that all crew complete crew weighing, all between 0930 and 1100 on clinic day, or race day if there is no clinic, unless extended by the OA.
- 4.7 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 to their Ranking points for that event by World Sailing. (World Sailing Regulation 27.2.2(d))

5 **DAMAGE / DAMAGE DEPOSIT**

- 5.1 Each supplied boat is insured by the OA for third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of US\$2500.00 per incident.
- 5.2 Each skipper is responsible for the damage or loss to their boat unless responsibility is otherwise assigned by the umpires or PC. The damage deposit is the limit of liability of each skipper for each incident. In the event that a deduction is made from the deposit, the skipper will be required to restore the deposit to the original value to continue in the event.
- 5.3 The damage deposit covers practice/clinic day in addition to race day.
- 5.4 The OA will refund any remaining damage deposit within 30 days after the event.

6 **CREW (INCLUDING SKIPPER)**

- 6.1 The number of crew (including the skipper but excluding persons placed on board by the OA) shall be five or six. All registered crew shall sail all races
- 6.2 After the warning signal for a match, the registered skipper shall not leave the helm, except in an emergency.
- 6.3 When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the event, the Chief Umpire may authorise an original crew member to substitute.

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- 6.5 The total weight of the crew, including the skipper, dressed in at least shorts and shirts, shall not exceed 964.5 lbs (437.5 kg), determined at the time of registration or such time as required by the RC.
- 6.6 The OA may place a person on each boat as either a guest, cameraman, or umpire observer.
- 6.7 Each skipper should provide a VHF radio for his/ her team.

7 **EVENT FORMAT**

- 7.1 The OA intends to provide eight (8) M40 type boats for racing in the event. Each boat will have the following sails: Mainsail, Genoa, Jib, Spinnaker
- 7.2 Boats will be allocated as decided by the race committee. The intention of the RC will be to allocate boats by draw, either daily or for each round. The RC may also require boats to be exchanged in a knock-out stage.
- 7.3 The sails to be used will be allocated by the RC. Competitors may be requested to exchange sails during a series to satisfy sponsorship commitments.
- 7.4 While all reasonable steps are taken to equalise the boats variations will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.
- 7.5 The number of matches to be sailed will be determined by the RC with the intention of the RC to start each subsequent flight as soon as practicable after the previous flight.
- 7.6 The course will be windward/leeward with starboard rounding, finishing downwind.
- 7.7 The intended racing area will be West Harbor, Oyster Bay, or Cold Spring Harbor.
- 7.8 Skippers will be seeded into a round robin based on World Sailing ranking list 30 days prior to the event.
- 7.9 The event will consist of the following stages:
(a) First Stage – Single Round Robin
- 7.10 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

8 PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

8.1 Schedule

- (a) Race office open from 0930 to 1700.
- (b) Registration from March 15, 2023 until the clinic date of each Grade 5.
- (c) Crew weighing from 0930 on the clinic dates until 1030 on race days.
- (d) The practice with coaching day is scheduled as April 15, July 8, Sept 16, and Oct 14 from 1000 to 1630 – Classroom session/ debriefs at Oakcliff Sailing Center
- (e) Competitors meeting and first meeting with umpires will be on April 16, June 24, July 9, September 17, and October 15 at 2 South Street at 0945.
- (f) Racing days are April 16, June 24, July 9, September 17, and October 15.
- (g) Time of the first race each day will be 1130.
- (h) The latest time for an attention signal on the last day of racing will be 1600
- (i) Debriefs and awards (bragging rights) will be held at Oakcliff immediately following racing.

8.2 Unless excused by the OA, attendance at the following is mandatory:

- (a) Initial briefing for skippers.
- (b) Daily briefing, for skippers.
- (c) Daily press conferences, for skippers sailing that day.
- (e) Debrief and awards for skippers and crews.

9 ADVERTISING

- 9.1 [NP] Boats shall display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

10 [NP] CODE OF CONDUCT

- 10.1 Competitors and Support Persons shall comply with any reasonable request from any official, including attendance at official functions, co-operation with event sponsors and shall behave so to not bring the event into disrepute.
- 10.2 Competitors and support persons shall handle any equipment by the organizing authority with care, seamanship, in accordance with any instructions for its use and without interfering with its functionality.

11 [NP] SUPPORT PERSON

- 11.1 The OA will provide vessels from which coaches may observe racing and communicate with their teams between matches. Individual support person vessels will not be permitted.
- 11.2 Support persons shall stay approximately 100m from the racing area while boats are racing or comply with reasonable requests from the officials.
- 11.3 The OA will/will not provide berths for support person vessels.

12 [NP] MEDIA, IMAGES, and SOUND

- 12.1 If required by the OA:
- (a) Television personnel and equipment (or dummies) supplied by the OA shall be carried on board while racing.
 - (b) Competitors shall wear microphones supplied by the OA during racing and be available for interviews when advised by the OA or RC.
 - (c) Registered skippers shall wear communications equipment supplied by the OA that will allow commentators to communicate with them whilst racing.
- 12.2 Competitors shall not interfere with the normal working of the OA supplied media equipment.
- 12.3 The OA shall have the right to use any images and sound recorded during the event free of any charge.

13 RISK STATEMENT

RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

14 PRIZES

Bragging rights in magnitude of finish order will be awarded to all teams.

15 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact

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