



*The Thompson Cup*

*Seawanhaka Corinthian Yacht Club - Organizing Authority*

*August 29 – September 2, 2023*

*Practice Date – August 29, 2023*

*Racing Dates – August 30 – September 2, 2023*

*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

CU: Chief Umpire

NoR: Notice of Race

NoS: Notice of Series

OA: Organizing Authority

RRS: Racing Rules of Sailing

SI: Sailing Instructions

RC: Race Committee

[NP]: A boat may not protest as per NoR 1.4

[DP]: The penalty for a breach of a rule will be in the sole discretion of the PC.

### **1 RULES**

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

1.2 The NoS for the 2023 Grand Slam Series, 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.

In the event of a conflict between the NoS and the NoR or SI, the NoR or SI as the case may

- 1.3 be will govern. In the event of a conflict between the NoR and the SI, the SI will govern. This changes RRS 63.7.
- 1.4 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).
- 1.5 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 2. This grading is subject to review by World Sailing. The event may be re-graded when there is clear reason to do so.
- 1.9 An International Jury will be appointed in accordance with RRS 91.B and RRS Appendix N. The right of appeal will be denied in accordance with RRS 70.5.

## **2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

The SI's will be available after 9 am on August 22, 2023 at [https://yachtscoring.com/notice\\_board\\_summary.cfm?eid=15798](https://yachtscoring.com/notice_board_summary.cfm?eid=15798)

## **3 COMMUNICATION**

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at [https://yachtscoring.com/notice\\_board\\_summary.cfm?eid=15798](https://yachtscoring.com/notice_board_summary.cfm?eid=15798)
- 3.2 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the RC signal boat while docked at the club.

## **4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 4.1 Up to ten (10) skippers will be invited. Skippers wishing to receive an invite may register their request with the OA by <https://www.cognitofrms.com/SeawanhakaCorinthianYachtClub/2023ThompsonCupRequestForInvitation>. The deadline for requesting an invitation is July 15, 2023.
- 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 [www.sailing.org](http://www.sailing.org) . Skippers shall inform the OA of their World Sailing Sailor ID at registration.
- 4.5 The non-refundable entry fee for this event is USD 1500. A 20% (USD 300) entry bond shall accompany the acceptance of invitation for the acceptance to be valid. All payments shall be made by credit card in US dollars.
- 4.6 The skipper shall complete registration, pay any entry fee, arrange the damage deposit of USD 2500 and shall ensure that all crew complete crew weighing, all between 1000 and 1700 on August 29, 2023 unless extended by the OA.

To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.

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)).

4.8 The qualifying events for this event are the following:

Bayview Grade 3 Spring Invitational: May 20 - 21, 2023

Oakcliff Grade 3: June 10 – 11, 2023

An invitation will be issued to the top place finisher at these events.

## **5 DAMAGE / DAMAGE DEPOSIT**

5.1 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.

5.2 The OA will refund any remaining damage deposit within 30 days after the event.

5.3 In the event of a breakdown, the OA may in its discretion substitute another boat for the one with the breakdown.

## **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 (5) or six (6). 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 CU may authorize 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, determined at the time of registration or such time as required by the RC.

6.6 Crew weight may be checked during the regatta. When crew weight is checked prior to racing, the total weight limit at any re-weighing is increased by 22 lbs. Any crew weighing in excess of this increased limit shall not be penalized, but they shall reduce their weight to the increased weight limit before racing again.

6.7 The OA may place a person on each boat as either a guest, cameraman, or umpire observer.

## **7 EVENT FORMAT**

7.1 The OA intends to provide up to ten (10) Match 40 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 equalize the boats, variations will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.
- 7.5 The number of matches to be sailed each day 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/windward/leeward with starboard rounding, finishing downwind.
- 7.7 The intended racing area will be Oyster Bay or Cold Spring Harbor.
- 7.8 Skippers will be seeded into the first round robin based on the latest World Sailing ranking list dated at least 30 days prior to the event.
- 7.9 It is intended that the event will consist of the following stages:
- (a) First Stage - Round Robin(s)
    - (1) All skippers will sail a double round robin.
    - (2) The eight highest scoring skippers qualify for the Second Stage; the two lowest scoring skippers will place ninth and tenth in the event in accordance with their scores.
  - (b) Second Stage - Knock-Out Quarterfinals
    - (1) The first skipper of each series to score at least three (3) points will proceed to the Third Stage; the other skippers will proceed to the Sixth Stage.
  - (c) Third Stage - Knock-Out Semi-Finals
    - (1) The highest placing skipper from the First Stage will select his/her opponent when requested by the RC to do so. The remaining two skippers will race each other.
    - (2) The first skipper of each series to score at least three (3) points will proceed to the Fifth Stage; the remaining two skippers will proceed to the Fourth Stage.
  - (d) Fourth Stage – Knock-Out Petit Final
    - (1) The first skipper to score at least two (2) points will be awarded third place; the other skipper will be awarded fourth place.
  - (e) Fifth Stage – Knock-Out Final
    - (1) The first skipper to score at least three (3) points will be awarded first place; the other skipper will be awarded second place.
  - (f) Sixth Stage – Knock-Out Consolation (Fifth through Eighth Places )
    - (1) The skippers in this stage will sail for fifth to eighth places.
    - (2) In each series, the first skipper to score at least one (1) point will be the winner.
    - (3) The two winners in each series will sail against each other for fifth and sixth places.
    - (4) The other two skippers in each series will sail against each other for seventh and eighth places.

After the First Stage, the following will apply:

- (a) Skippers will be paired based upon their place in the First Stage with the highest placing

- 7.10 skipper paired with the lowest placing skipper and the other skippers paired accordingly unless the stage specifies a different arrangement.
- (b) In reference to C4.1, the highest placed skipper from the first stage will have the starboard entry for the first match and boats will alternate ends after every odd match.
  - (c) Crews will not exchange boats after odd matches of the stage.
  - (d) Further matches in a series will not be sailed once the first skipper scores the points required for that stage.
- 7.11 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 favor of later stages.

## **8 PROVISIONAL PROGRAM**

### **8.1 Schedule**

- (a) Race office will be open from 1000 – 1700 on August 29, 2023.
  - (b) Registration will be from 1000 – 1700 on August 29, 2023.
  - (c) Crew weighing will be from 1000 – 1700 on August 29, 2023.
  - (d) Practice will be from 1200 – 1700 on August 29, 2023.
  - (e) First skippers briefing and meeting with umpires will be at 0900 on August 30, 2023.
  - (f) Racing days are from August 30 – September 2, 2023.
  - (g) Time of the first attention signal each day will be 1000.
  - (h) Latest time for an attention signal on the last day of racing will be 1350.
  - (i) Prize giving will be on September 2, 2023 after racing.
- 8.2 Unless excused by the OA, attendance at the following is mandatory:
- (a) Initial briefing for skippers.
  - (b) Prize giving for the final skippers and crews.

## **9 ADVERTISING**

[NP] [DP] Boats will display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

## **10 [NP] [DP] 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 as to not bring the event into disrepute.
- 10.2 Competitors and support persons shall handle any equipment and place advertising provided by the organizing authority with care, seamanship, in accordance with any instructions for its use and without interfering with its functionality.

## **11 [NP] [DP] SUPPORT PERSON**

- 11.1 The OA will provide vessels from which support persons may observe racing and communicate with their teams between matches. Individual support person vessels will not be permitted.
- Support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from the officials.

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## **12 [NP] MEDIA, IMAGES, and SOUND**

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.

12.1 Competitors shall not interfere with the normal working of the OA supplied media equipment.

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

**13 SPARE**

**14 RISK STATEMENT**

**15** 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.**

**PRIZES**

**16** Prizes will be given as follows:

(a) Prizes will be awarded to the top three teams.

(b) The Thompson Cup will be awarded to the winner of the event. The trophy will, however, remain with the OA.

(c) Skippers in this event earn series points for the Grand Slam Series: see the NoS. The winner of the Grand Slam Series will receive an invitation to the 2024 Congressional Cup.

(d) Skippers in this event will earn points towards the WMRT season leader board. For further information, see [www.wmrt.com](http://www.wmrt.com).

**FURTHER INFORMATION**

**17** For further information please contact [ThompsonCup@seawanhaka.org](mailto:ThompsonCup@seawanhaka.org).