



The Chicago Grand Slam
A World Match Racing Tour Event
Chicago Yacht Club - Organizing Authority
August 15 – 18, 2024
Practice Date – August 15, 2024
Racing Dates – August 16-18, 2024
Chicago, Illinois, 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
NoS: Notice of Series
NoR: Notice of Race
OA: Organising Authority
RRS: Racing Rules of Sailing
SI: Sailing Instructions
RC: Race Committee
TD: Technical Delegate
[NP]: A boat may not protest as per NoR 1.4

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 Notice of Series for the 2024 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.
- 1.3 In the event of a conflict between the Notice of Series and the Chicago Grand Slam's Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions, the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions as the case may be shall govern. In the event of a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall 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 28.1, 32, 33, 35, 60.1(b), 62.1(a), 63.1, 63.7, C6.3, C7.4, C8.6 and A5 will be changed in the SI for this event.
- 1.6 Competitors are responsible for providing their own USCG or MNA approved [for competitors from MNAs other than the United States] personal flotation device [PFD]. All competitors shall wear a PFD while on the water other than for brief periods while adding or removing clothing/personal equipment. This changes RRS 40 and the preamble to RRS Part 4.
- 1.7 The US Sailing prescriptions to RRS 61.4, Appendix R, 60.3, 67, 70.5(a) and 76.1 will be the only prescriptions that apply and the text in English will be posted on the online notice board.
- 1.8 If there is a conflict between languages, the English text takes precedence.
- 1.9 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.
- 1.10 [NP] Drones shall not be flown in the racing area, except as authorized by the OA.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The SI will be available on August 9, 2024 at the official online notice board.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the online official notice board which is located at <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/y8s5OkzdNv>
- 3.2 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagstaff located at Chicago Yacht Club's Belmont Station.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 Ten (10) skippers will be invited.
- 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. Skippers wishing to receive an invite may register their request with the OA by <https://forms.gle/HKekpRHAAAbDdekhHA>
- 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. 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 1200. The first USD 500 of the entry fee is due with the acceptance of invitation to hold your spot in the regatta. The remaining balance of the non-refundable entry fee is due by registration on August 15, 2024. All payments shall be made by credit card in US dollars.

- 4.6 The skipper shall complete registration, pay any entry fee, arrange a damage deposit of USD 2500 and shall ensure that all crew complete crew weighing, all between 1000 – 1700 on August 15, 2024 and 0730 – 0830 on August 16, 2024 unless extended by the OA.
- 4.7 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.8 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 the person's Ranking points for that event by World Sailing. (World Sailing Regulation 27.2.2(d))
- 4.9 Invitations will be issued to the first place finishers of the following qualifying events:
- Oakcliff Grade 3: May 18-19, 2024
 - Chicago Yacht Club Grade 3: June 22-23, 2024

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 10 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 four (4) or (5). 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/OA may authorise an original crew member to substitute.
- 6.4 When a registered crew member is unable to continue in the event, the CU/OA may authorise a substitute, a temporary substitute or other adjustment.
- 6.5 The total weight of the crew, including the skipper, dressed in at least shorts and shirts, shall not exceed 437.5 kg, 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 was checked prior to racing, at any re-weighing the total weight limit is increased by 10 kg. Any crew weighing in excess of this increased limit shall not be penalised, 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 eight (8) Tom 28 type boats for racing in the event. Each boat will have the following sails: Mainsail, Jib, Spinnaker.
- 7.2 Boats will be allocated as decided by the RC. 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 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 roundings, finishing downwind.
- 7.7 The intended racing area will be Lake Michigan east of Belmont Harbor, Chicago, IL, USA.
- 7.8 Skippers will be seeded into a round robin based on the latest World Sailing ranking list dated at least 30 days prior to the event.
- 7.9 The intended format for this event will consist of round robin and knock out Stages that will be specified in the SI.
- 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 1000 until 1700 on Thursday, August 15, 2024.
 - (b) Registration and crew weighing from 1000 until 1700 on Thursday, August 15, 2024 and from 0730 until 0830 on Friday, August 16, 2024.
 - (c) Practice from 1200 until 1600 on Thursday, August 15, 2024.
 - (d) First briefing at 0830 on Friday, August 16, 2024.
 - (e) First meeting with umpires immediately following the first briefing.
 - (f) Racing days from Friday, August 16, 2024 to Sunday, August 18, 2024.
 - (g) Time of the first race each day will be 1000.
 - (h) The latest time for an attention signal on the last day of racing will be approximately 1700.
 - (i) Prize giving will follow racing on the last day as soon as feasible.
- 8.2 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 semi final and final 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 or place any 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] SUPPORT PERSON

- 11.1 Support persons shall stay approximately 100m from the racing area while boats are racing or comply with reasonable requests from the officials.
- 11.2 The OA 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.

13 SPARE

14 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.**

15 PRIZES

15.1 Prizes will be given as follows:

- (a) Prizes will be given to the top three teams in the event.
- (b) The OA may reduce or withhold a prize in case of misconduct or refusal to comply with any reasonable request, including attendance at official functions.
- (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 2025 Congressional Cup.
- (d) Skippers in this event will earn points towards the WMRT season leader board. For further information, see www.wmrt.com.

16 FURTHER INFORMATION

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