

2014
52 US
CHAMPIONSHIP

NOTICE OF RACE



1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The 2014 52 US Championship is organised by the Storm Trysail Club, the Biscayne Bay Yacht Club and the TP52 Class. The event is part of the US 52 Super Series, which promoter is Super Series Eventos Desportivos LDA.

2. VENUE AND DATES

The event will be held in the waters of Miami between 5th and 9th of March 2014. The regatta headquarters will be located at Miami Beach Marina.

3. RULES

- 3.1 The 2014 52 US Championship will be governed by:
- a) The rules as defined in the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS 2013 – 2016).
 - 1. To RRS 41 OUTSIDE HELP is added: (e) help to recover from the water and return on board any person on board, provided the return on board is at the approximate location of the recovery.
 - b) The ISAF Offshore Special Regulations (2014 – 2015) as follows:
 - 1. Cat. 4 subject to the requirements of TP52 Class Rules C.1.2.2 and C.5.1.
 - 2. According with OSR 3.28.3.b) a minimum of 25 litres of fuel is required while racing.
 - 3. IRC52s shall comply with TP52 Rule H.4.3.e: Lower forward/aft lifelines shall be made of 5mm 1x19 stainless steel wire. The TP52 Class Manager may permit IRC52s with stanchions designed to prevent chafe to dyneema lifelines to enter. In case of breakage during an event the TP52 Class Manager may still insist on replacement to wire and protest boats not complying with such a request. These decisions are entirely with the TP52 Class Manager and not open to protest, appeal or claim.
 - c) 2014 TP52 Rule, Bylaws and Interpretations.
NOTE: The SI of the event shall give the wind speed limit for class rule C.1.2.a.
 - d) 2014 IRC52 Wild Card Invitation Guidelines as set in Appendix A
 - e) No National Authorities prescriptions will apply except that every competitor shall be in compliance with their National Authority Rules.
 - f) The 52 Super Series 2014 Rules. The 52 US Championship NOR shall respect the 2014 Rules, but may differ for local requirements.
- 3.2 In the event of discrepancy between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions the Sailing Instructions shall take precedence. This changes rule 63.7.
- 3.3 OFFICIAL LANGUAGE: the official language of the event shall be English.
- 3.4 Any modification of this NOR will be sent by e-mail to the boats registered for the event. Such notification shall be deemed to be in compliance with RRS 89.2(a)

4. ADVERTISING

- 4.1 ISAF Regulations 20.3.1.2 and 20.4 from the Advertising Code will apply in the 2014 52 US Championship.
- 4.2 All boats will be required to display:
- Bow numbers
 - Event stickers on both sides of the bow.
 - Helmsman name and country flag on both sides of the boom.
 - Event stickers on both sides of the mast.
 - Event stickers on both sides of the boom.
 - Event stickers on bowsprit.
 - Event stickers in cockpit.
 - Event flag permanently hoisted on the centre aft stanchion.
 - 52 Super Series flag(s) to be hoisted when the boats are in dock during the events, possibly in combination with the Event and/or Event Sponsor Flag.
- 4.3 Furthermore the boats may be requested to install satellite monitor equipment which will not interfere with the boat's instrumentation and communication equipment although should be powered by the boat electrical installation. The Organising Authority may also require the installation, at no cost to competitors, of on board video cameras for the official television production, or require access to material shot by the teams onboard camera(s) , based on pre-selection by the team for quality and suitability for the intended promotional usage.
- 4.4 The presence of one or more crew members of designated boats may be required to participate in press conferences. The Organising Authorities agree to communicate this requirement with adequate notice to the boat's owners/representatives.
- 4.5 In order to improve media impact TP52 boats participating in the practise race shall provide a space at the after end of the cockpit for organisation guests as described in the 52 Super Series 2014 Rules 12.3.
- 4.6 The jury upon receiving a report from the race committee of a boat's failure to comply with rules 3.2 , 3.3, 3.4 and 3.5 may impose without a hearing a penalty on the event score up to a maximum of 4 places. This changes RRS 63.1.

5. ELIGIBILITY

- 5.1 The 2014 52 US Championship is open to all boats with a valid 2014 TP52 Certificate, as well as IRC52 boats with a valid 2014 IRC Certificate and TP52 Class confirmed Wild Card invitation based on the limits of Appendix A.
- 5.2 All competitors shall comply with ISAF Regulation 19 – Eligibility Code.
- 5.3 The Registration Nationality of each team shall be decided by the owner of the boat.

6. ENTRY AND REGISTRATION

- 6.1 Entries shall be made on the Official Entry Form (ONB page on 52superseries.com) and shall be received duly completed by the Organising Authority by 1st February 2014, accompanied by a copy of the a TP52 or IRC Certificate and a non-refundable fee of EUR 2.000,- (ex VAT)
- 6.2 Entries received after 1st February 2014 will require the payment of an additional fee of EUR 500.- ex VAT, for a total entry fee of EUR 2.500,- ex VAT.

The Entry Fee shall be paid by bank transfer:

Banco Espirito Santo

IBAN: ES05-0131-8843-73-2717007872

BIC-SWIFT: BESMESMM

**Beneficiary: Super Series Eventos Desportivos LDA
Rua da Carreira 117, Funchal, Portugal**

Please mention: 52 US CHAMPIONSHIP + Boat Name

Note: Non EU registered boats/companies, companies with an EU VAT registration or owners living outside the EU are VAT 0-rated. Please supply the invoice details on request of the Super Series administration.

- 6.3 Minimum required to qualify as a competitor is:
- The Entry Procedure duly completed by the boat.
 - Confirmation of entry fee payment.
 - A copy of the 3rd party liability insurance which shall be valid until the end of the event for a guaranteed minimum of 1.500.000 Euros.
 - Confirmation of insurance payment.
 - The current TP52 or IRC Certificate.
 - Crew Declaration and Media Releases consent form, with a copy of passport or ID for all the crew members and, where applicable, the appropriate license from the National Authority.
 - The ISAF Cat 1 certificate for owners or replacement helmsmen of teams entering the Owner Driver Trophy (see **17.2** of the 52 Super Series 2014 Rules).
 - The Guest Declaration form, if required.
- 6.4 **Registration of Participants:** Each Owner or Skipper must register and personally sign the Registration Form in the Race Office at Miami Beach Marina, before: **12.00 Hours 4 March 2014**. Otherwise the registration will be cancelled (any paid entry fees will not be refunded).
- 6.5 The registration of a boat will not be accepted if, before the time indicated above, the documents as required in 5.3 are not lodged in the Race Office. (Modifies Rule 78.2 of the RRS).
- 6.6 Sailing Instructions: The Sailing Instructions will be available once the Registration has been lodged in the Race Office, in accordance with point 5.3 of this Notice of Race.

7. MEASUREMENT AND INSPECTION

- 7.1. Measurement will take place on the 2nd and 3rd of March 2014 at Miami Beach Marina. To the discretion of the Event Measurer the period may be extended till 12.00 hr on the 4th March 2014.
- 7.2 Boat Measurement: each boat shall be presented for measurement in the floatation trim / weight as indicated on the boat's certificate.
- 7.3 Sail Measurement shall take place from 10.00 to 18.00 hours on the 2nd and 3rd March 2014. Location will be posted on the event's ONB.
- 7.4 Crew Weight Measurement shall take place from 10.00 to 18.00 hours on the 2nd and 3rd March 2014. Location will be posted on the event's ONB.

8. PROGRAMME AND SCHEDULE

8.1 Schedule and Courses:

Saturday, 1/3/2014: From 18.00 hrs all boats moored at Miami Beach Marina
Sunday & Monday: Registration (10.00 – 13.00hrs) and free practice days
Tuesday, 4/3/2013 Official Practice Race(s) (13.00hrs)
Wednesday, 5/3/2013: WL Races
Thursday, 6/3/2013: WL Races
Friday, 7/3/2013: WL Races
Saturday, 8/3/2013: WL Races
Sunday, 9/3/2013: WL Races and prize giving ceremony (approx 18.00hrs)

- 8.2 The Sailing Instructions may change the schedule.
- 8.3 A maximum of 11 races have been scheduled. At least 3 races must be completed for the event to be valid.

9. SCORING

- 9.1 The Low Scoring System will be applied, Appendix A4 of the RRS. No discard scoring.

10. BERTHS

- 10.1 Boats entering the event will have berths reserved for them at Miami Beach Marina from March 1st to 11th, 2013.
- 10.2 Berths of the 52s are negotiated with MBM to be \$ 4.- / ft / day including free parking for one car at the event's car park and shall be occupied under the sole responsibility of each boat's skipper.
Support tenders below 40ft will be \$ 3.50 / ft / day.
Trailer / container parking will be \$ 500.- per trailer for the duration of the event.

11. MEDIA RIGHTS

- 11.1 The media rights of the event are the exclusive property of the Super Series Eventos Desportivos and are shared with the Biscayne Bay Yacht Club, the Storm Trysail Club, the TP52 Class and Jacaranda Marketing and can be used under convenience, either onerous or free of charge.

12. TRAVEL & LOCAL FACILITIES

- The official accommodation agency is:
Elizabeth Kratzig: ek@continentaltravelgroup.com
www.continentaltravelgroup.com
- The official shoreside manager is:
Herb Reese
hrrsr@earthlink.com
Mobile: +1 410-610-6973

13. PRESS OFFICE

- 13.1 Journalists wishing to obtain accreditation to cover the regatta and get further info, should contact: Sven Böcking sboecking@jacaranda-marketing.com
- 13.2 Information on the 2014 52 US Championship will be available on:
www.52superseries.com
www.transpac52.org

14. LOCAL MARINE REGULATIONS

- 14.1 All participants are advised that they may participate, only, if their boat is correctly dispatched to navigate in the waters where the regatta is to be held, and that the boat's skipper has the license to do so. Each boat is responsible to possess all the complementary insurance he/she esteems necessary besides the one required in the Notice of Race.

15. LIABILITY

- 15.1 All yachts participating in the race do so at their own risk and under their own liability.
- 15.2 The Organising Authority, the sponsor and agents of the sponsor, or any other person or body involved in organising the event, will not be held liable for any losses, damages, injuries or harm sustained by persons or things, both ashore and at sea, as a result of the participation in the regatta referred to in this Notice of Race.
- 15.3 Attention is drawn to Fundamental Rule 4: DECISION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE RACE, of part 1 of the RRS, establishing:
"The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."

16. MODIFICATIONS TO THIS NOTICE OF RACE

16.1 The organisation reserves the right to modify this Notice of Race. Any modification of this Notice of Race carried out before March 1, 2014 will be published in adequate form (RRS 88.2) on the www.52superseries.com ONB.

17. TROPHIES

17.1 The 2014 52 US Championship trophy for the winner of the event.
2nd and 3rd lowest event score
1st Owner Driver Trophy

Also the US 52 Super Series overall trophies will be presented:
1st, 2nd and 3rd lowest total score Key West + 52 US Championship
1st Owner Driver lowest total score Key West + 52 US Championship

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APPENDIX A

IRC52 Wild Card Invitation Requirements:

- Endorsed 2013 or 2014 IRC Certificate required. Boat to conform this certificate.
- 2013 IRC TCC 1.388 or lower (or 2014 IRC TCC 1.393 or lower).
The TCC shall be based on a TP52 with 3 spinnakers, solid steel keel fin and a fixed headstay.
This does not mean you have to have 3 kites, a solid steel keel or a fixed headstay, it is only the basis for the TCC calculation. If the certificate is based on different input we will correct for that.
- LOA Max: 15.85 m
- Beam Max: 4.42 m
- Draft Max: 3.35 m (Boats dating from 2009 or before 3.45m)
- Empty DSPL Minimum: 7200kg
- Associate Class Membership. 2013 Fee: EUR 1000.- (mandatory).
- During the events it is requested to have a 52 logo in the top of the mainsail.
- Apply using the IRC52 Wild Card Application Form, see ONB on transpac52.org
- Wild Card restrictions may be adjusted for individual boats outside the limits given above, reflecting the wish of the TP52 Class to include rather than to exclude boats. This decision is entirely with the TP52 Class and not open to protest, appeal or claim.

IRC52 boats shall race in compliance with their IRC Certificate and the IRC Rule, except where this NOR or the 52 Super Series 2014 Rule differs from these documents. Further IRC52 boats may adjust the headstay during racing at the 52 (US) Super Series events that are scored on real time (all events except the Quantum Key West Race Week and the Copa del Rey), whether this is permitted by their certificate or not.