

2011
NORTH AMERICAN CHALLENGE CUP[©]
July 29-31 and August 1, 2011

Chicago Yacht Club
Belmont Harbor Station
Chicago, Illinois

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES:

- 1.1 Chicago Yacht Club is the Organizing Authority.
- 1.2 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.3 All competitors shall wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved personal flotation device at all times while launching and on the water except while adding or removing clothing.
- 1.4 For the 2.4mR Class, both International Federation of Disabled Sailors (IFDS) classified (See 1.6) and able-bodied competitors are eligible to compete. Appendix K of the 2.4mR class rules shall apply.
- 1.5 For the Sonar Class, both IFDS classified and able-bodied competitors are eligible to compete. The Sonar Class Association Appendix B-Alternate Rules shall apply.
- 1.6 Disability documentation will be classified under the 2009-2012 IFDS Functional Classification and Procedure or a 2011 NACC Classification form.
- 1.7 RRS 44.2, two-turns penalty, is changed to require only one turn including one tack and one gybe.

2. ADVERTISING:

This Regatta is classified as a Category C event in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20. Competitors may be required to carry advertising for event sponsors.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY:

- 3.1 The Regatta is open to boats of the 2.4mR, Freedom Independence 20 and Sonar Classes.
 - a. 2.4mR Class: singlehanded. Competitors may use their own boat or a provided boat. No pre-qualification is required.
 - b. Freedom Independence 20 Class: two persons with disabilities. The North American Challenge Cup (NACC) Committee will provide a randomly selected able-bodied crew member for each boat as a third person on board for non-tactical duties. The Judd Goldman Adaptive Sailing Foundation (JGASF) will provide all boats in a round-robin format.
 - c. Sonar Class: triplehanded. Competitors may use their own boat or a provided boat. No pre-qualification is required. At least one crew member must be classified under NOR 1.6.
 - d. The JGASF has limited quantities of boats available and states that it will provide them on a first-come, first-serve, basis.
- 3.2 **COMPETITOR ELIGIBILITY**
 - a. All skippers must be members of US Sailing or, if not U.S. residents, the member national authority of their home countries. Proof of membership will be required. Information regarding membership may be obtained online at www.ussailing.org or at US Sailing, 1-800-877-2451, or P. O. Box 1260, 15 Maritime Drive, Portsmouth, RI 02871-0907, telephone 1-401-683-0800.

3.3 SONAR AND 2.4mR ENTRY

- a. 2.4mR and Sonar Classes are a standard entry process. All required competitors must provide a 2009-2012 IFDS classification or a completed 2011 NACC Rating Form.
- b. Eligible boats may enter via an online registration (available April 8, 2011) at www.chicagoyachtclub.org/nacc.

3.4 FREEDOM INDEPENDENCE 20 ENTRY

- a. Freedom 20 Class is a first-come, first-serve, entry. Seven boats are available from JGASF. Entries may be made via online registration at www.chicagoyachtclub.org/nacc.
- b. All competitors must provide a 2009-2012 IFDS classification or a completed 2011 NACC Rating Form.
- c. All Freedom competitors must complete a JGASF equipment waiver.

4. FEES:

Required fees are as follows:

2.4mR Class: Fee on or before June 30, 2011: US\$100

Fee after July 1, 2011: US\$150

Freedom 20 Class: Fee on or before June 30, 2011: US\$200

Fee after July 1, 2011: US\$300

Sonar Class: Fee on or before June 30, 2011: US\$300

Fee after July 1, 2011: US\$400

No refunds will be made after 1800 hours Central Daylight time on July 15, 2011.

5. SCHEDULE:

5.1 Registration: Friday, July 29, Belmont Harbor Station, 0800-1000

5.2 Skippers Meeting: Friday, August 6, Belmont Harbor Station, 1430

5.3 Dates of racing:

July 29 Practice – all classes

July 30 Skippers meeting, racing and debrief – all classes

July 31 Skippers meeting, racing and debrief – all classes

August 1 Skippers meeting, racing, debrief and awards dinner – all classes

a. The warning signal for the first race each day will be 1030.

b. Number of races: as many as practical will be sailed for each class. A minimum of one race must be completed by a class to constitute a Regatta for the Class.

c. On August 1, no warning signal will be made after 1400.

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:

The Sailing Instructions will be available at Registration.

7. VENUE:

7.1 Chicago Yacht Club, Belmont Station, 300 West Belmont Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60657,
773-477-7575

7.2 Racing will be on Lake Michigan, east of the Belmont Harbor entrance.

8. THE COURSES:

The courses will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

9. SCORING:

9.1 The scoring system is the Low Point System of RRS Appendix A.

9.2a When seven or fewer races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. This changes RRS A2.

9.2b When from eight or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. This changes RRS A2.

10. BERTHING:

Boats shall moor at Chicago Yacht Club Belmont Harbor docks only as directed.

11. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS:

Keelboats shall not be hauled out during the Regatta except with, and according to the terms of, prior written permission of the Race Committee

12. PLASTIC POOLS:

Plastic pools, or their equivalent, shall not be used around keelboats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the Regatta.

13. RADIO COMMUNICATION:

Except in an emergency, or as directed by the Race Committee, a boat shall neither make nor receive radio transmissions, text messages or cellular phone calls.

14. PRIZES:

14.1 Awards will be presented to the first, second and third place boats in each class.

14.2 The winning competitor in the 2.4mR Class will receive the North American Challenge Cup Trophy which will be appropriately engraved and will remain on display at Chicago Yacht Club.

14.3 The winning team in the Freedom 20 Class will receive the Eagle Trophy which will be appropriately engraved and will remain on display at Chicago Yacht Club.

14.4 The winning team in the Sonar Class will receive the Judd Goldman Trophy which will be appropriately engraved and will remain on display at Chicago Yacht Club.

14.5 The Peter Paganis Sportsmanship Trophy will be awarded to the Regatta participant who best exemplifies the ideals of good sportsmanship both on and off the water during the Regatta, as chosen by the popular vote of all Regatta competitors. The trophy will be appropriately engraved and will remain on display at Chicago Yacht Club.

14.6 The Marcy Gorov Memorial Trophy will be awarded to the team or individual who, in the opinion of the Regatta Committee, comes to the Regatta with the least amount of sailing experience and gives the best overall performance. The trophy will be appropriately engraved and will remain on display at Chicago Yacht Club.

15. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY:

Competitors participate in the Regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS4, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during or after the Regatta.

16. DAMAGE DEPOSIT AND INSURANCE:

16.1 All teams using boats provided by JGASF are required to post a damage deposit with JGASF in the amount of US \$500. This deposit will be collected at the on-site registration on behalf of JGASF. The damage deposit may be supplied via personal check.

16.2 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of US \$300,000 per event or the equivalent. Proof of insurance is required at registration.

17. WAIVER:

All participants (skippers and crew) will be required to sign a media rights waiver and to sign a liability waiver.

FURTHER INFORMATION:

For further information please contact Erin Whaley at racecoordinator@chicagoyachtclub.org

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Or the Regatta website at: www.chicagoyachtclub.org/nacc