

M32 SERIES

NOTICE OF RACE
M32 Chicago Regatta
M32 SERIES NORTH AMERICA 2017
8th-10th September Chicago, IL

1 ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Organising Authority (OA) will be M32 North America CO. conjunction with Chicago Match Race Centre (CMRC)

2 RULES

- 2.1 On Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th September the racing will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing – M32 World Edition. National prescriptions that apply will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 2.2 Changes to the rules in the M32 World Edition have been approved by World Sailing in accordance with RRS 86.2. A copy of the approval letter will be posted on the official notice board.
- 2.3 The 2017 M32 Class Rules will apply.
- 2.4 Nothing in this Notice of Race or any other governing document relieves the boat or her crew of the responsibility to comply with the International Regulations for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea or any other local regulations.
- 2.5 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

3 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

3.1 Friday 8th September

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| 1230 | Non- Mandatory Briefing, CYC Monroe |
| 1430-1630 | Practice Racing |
| 1730 | Mandatory Briefing & Opening Reception, CYC Monroe |

Saturday 9th September

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| 1000 | Coffee with Coach, CYC Monroe |
| 1030 | Morning Briefing |
| 1200 | Race Start |
| Approx. 1730 | Chicago Regatta Party, CYC Monroe |

Sunday 10th September

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| 1000 | Coffee with Coach, CYC Monroe |
| 1030 | Morning Briefing |
| 1200 | Race Start (no warning signal after 1500) |
| Approx. 1600 | After Racing Awards at houseboat, 31 st Street |

- 3.2 The OA may move the schedule for briefing & racing up to 2 hours earlier depending on weather. This change to schedule must be announced prior to 8pm the night prior.
- 3.3 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1500.
- 3.4 It is the intention of the RC to run between 6 to 8 races on September 9th and 5 to 7 races on the 10th.

4 ADVERTISING

- 4.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen by the OA. Bow stickers may cover the inside of both hulls.
- 4.2 Boats may be required to carry event advertising on the forward part of the boom.
- 4.3 Boats are not required to display national letters or sail numbers. This changes G.1.1(b) and (c).

5 HOT SEAT GUESTS

The Race Committee (RC) may request a boat to carry a hot seat guest during races.

6 ELIGIBILITY, ENTRY FEES AND REGISTRATION

- 6.1 The event is open to M32 Catamarans. The OA may restrict the number of entries.
- 6.2 To apply for invitation and entry documents can be found at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=4395> or contact Dave Doucett, dave.doucett@astonharald.com.
- 6.3 The entry fee for each event is USD \$1250
- 6.4 Registration will take place at CYC Monroe Friday night at 5:00pm
- 6.5 The World Sailing Classification code will not apply.

7 CREW LIMITATIONS AND SAFETY

- 7.1 The number of crew (including the skipper) shall be as per the M32 Class Rules.
- 7.2 Crewmembers, including the skipper, may be changed with RC approval. The number of crew shall stay the same throughout an event but may differ at events within the series.
- 7.3 The maximum total crew weight, determined prior to racing shall be 437.5kg, when wearing at least shorts. While racing a maximum of 3 of crew members may be on the racks at the same time.
- 7.4 While racing all crew shall wear a personal floatation device to the minimum standard ISO 12402-5 (CE 50 Newton), or USCG Type III, or AUS PFD 1, or EN393.
- 7.5 Unless advised by the race committee all crew are required to wear a helmet to the minimum standard of CE EN 1077/1078/1385, ASTM 2040, or Snell S-98 and with at least 300 square centimeters of the exterior surface a high visibility color.
- 7.6 While afloat all crew shall carry a knife that is capable of being deployed using one hand.

8 SAIL LIMITATIONS

- 8.1 The RC may prescribe a maximum permitted sail area while racing. Boats may choose to sail with less than the maximum sail area permitted.

9 RACE FORMAT AND COURSES

- 9.1 The OA may change the format at their discretion.
- 9.2 On 9th and 10th September racing will take place on courses that will contain upwind, downwind and reaching legs around laid marks. A race of the day may be of a longer distance race.

10 SCORING

- 10.1 Scoring will be as described in Appendix A of the RRS – M32 World Edition.
- 10.2 Ties for the series will be decided in favour of a boat's result in the final event.
- 10.3 Each event will in addition to the overall results have an additional results list containing those boats helmed by a person holding a World Sailing Group 1 Classification.

11 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

SI and a detailed schedule will be available to entered teams.

12 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded at 31st Street following racing on Sunday, a representative from each boat is required to attend the final prize giving.

13 BERTHING

Please contact Tod Reynolds for berthing details tod@chicagomatchrace.com

14 MEASUREMENT

Boats may be inspected at any time by the RC.

15 COACH BOATS

- 15.1 Coach boats shall conspicuously display identification of the team being coached. A coach boat is any boat that is under the direction or control of a person gathering information or giving material support for the benefit of particular competitors either on the water or off.
- 15.2 The OA will not provide berths for coach boats.
- 15.3 Any interference by a coach boat with the racing or event organisation may result in a penalty applied at the discretion of the Protest Committee (PC) to the associated boat and/or crewmembers.

16 RISK STATEMENT

- 16.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk and they are reminded of the provisions of RRS 4, Decision to Race. Racing an M32 is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:
 - (a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport (and these events in particular) and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and any boat supplied to them to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
 - (b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their supplied boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
 - (c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
 - (d) By participating in any race, they are satisfied that any supplied boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
 - (e) The provision of a race management team, safety boats, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
 - (f) The provision of safety boat support is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
 - (g) They have considered their own personal insurance position and are satisfied they have adequate cover for the event.

17 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of EUR 1,000,000.00 per incident or the equivalent if expressed in other currency. Proof of insurance shall be provided upon request.

18 FURTHER INFORMATION

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