

2009 North American Challenge Cup Regatta

July 31 - August 3, 2009
Chicago, Illinois
USA

Chicago Yacht Club is the Organizing Authority

NOTICE OF RACE

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012 (RRS)*.
- 1.2 Mandatory use of Personal Flotation Device - "All competitors, while on the water, other than for brief periods while adding or removing clothing, shall wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved PFD, Type I, II, or III, except where the ORC regulations apply."
- 1.3 The Sonar class will be racing under the Sonar Class Association Rules, Appendix B, except 2005-2008 International Association for Disabled Sailing (IFDS) classification or a 2009 NACC Rating Form will be accepted as disability documentation.
- 1.4 The 2.4mR class will be racing under the International 2.4mR Class Rules. except 2005-2008 IFDS classification or a 2009 NACC Rating Form will be accepted as disability documentation.

2 ADVERTISING

This Regatta is classified as a Category C event. Competitors may be required to carry advertising for event sponsors.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The regatta is open to boats of the Sonar, Freedom Independence 20, and 2.4mR class(es).
 - a) Sonar Class: 3 persons with disabilities. Competitors may use their own boat or a provided boat. This is an open class, no pre-qualification required.
 - b) Freedom Independence 20 Class: two persons with disabilities. The NACC Committee will provide a randomly selected able-bodied crew member for each boat as a third person on board for specific duties. Judd Goldman Adaptive Sailing Foundation (JGASF) will provide all boats in a round-robin format.
 - c) 2.4mR Class: one person with a disability. Competitors may use their own boat or a provided boat. This is an open class, no pre-qualification required.
 - d) JGASF has limited quantities of boats available and states that it will provide them on a first-come, first-served basis.
- 3.2 Competitor Eligibility
 - a) All competitors must be members of US SAILING or, if not U.S. residents, the

national sailing 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 800-877-2451 P.O. BOX 1260 401-683-0800 15 Maritime Drive, Portsmouth, RI 02871

3.3 Sonar and 2.4mR Entry

- a) 2.4mR and Sonar Classes are a standard entry process. All competitors must provide a 2005-2008 IFDS classification or a completed 2009 NACC Rating Form. Any sailor meeting the eligibility requirements of 3.2 may compete.
- b) Eligible boats may enter via an online registration (available May 1, 2009), www.chicagoyachtclub.org/nacc
- c) Any entry after June 15, 2009 will be subject to late fee.
- d) No refunds will be made after 1800 hours Central Time on July 15, 2009.

3.4 Freedom Independence 20 Entry

- a) Freedom 20 Class is a first come, first served entry. Seven boats are available from JGASF. Entries may be made via online registration www.chicagoyachtclub.org/nacc
- b) All competitors must provide a 2005-2008 IFDS classification or a completed 2009 NACC Rating Form
- c) Any payment made after June 15, 2009 will be subject to a late fee.
- d) No refunds will be made after 1800 hours Central Time on July 15, 2009.
- e) All Freedom Competitors will need to complete a JGASF Equipment Waiver.

4 FEES

Required fees are as follows:

2.4mR	<i>Fee (on or before June 15, 2009)</i>
	US\$75
Sonar	<i>Fee (after June 16, 2009)</i>
	US\$125
Freedom 20	<i>Fee (on or before June 15, 2009)</i>
	US\$225
Freedom 20	<i>Fee (after June 16, 2009)</i>
	US\$375
Freedom 20	<i>Fee (on or before June 15, 2009)</i>
	US\$150
Freedom 20	<i>Fee (after June 16, 2009)</i>
	US\$250

5 PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE

5.1 Registration

Friday, July 31, Belmont Harbor, 0800-1430

5.2 Skipper's Meeting

Friday July 31, Belmont Harbor 1430

5.3 Dates of racing

July 31	clinic & practice race (all classes)
Aug 1	racing (all classes)
Aug 2	racing (all classes)
Aug 3	racing (all classes)

5.4a Number of races: Eight to fifteen races are planned for each class. A minimum of one race must be completed by a Class to constitute a Regatta for the Class.

5.4b The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race is 1030.

6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available at Registration.

7 VENUE

7.1 Chicago Yacht Club
Belmont Station
300 West Belmont
Chicago, IL 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 PENALTY SYSTEM

9.1 Racing Rule 44.1 is amended so that only 1 tack and 1 gybe will be required.

9.2 Scoring penalty Rule 44.3 will apply.

10 SCORING

- 10.1** The scoring system is the Low Point System as provided for by RRS A4.
- 10.2a** When nine races or fewer have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. This changes RRS A2.
- 10.2b** When from 10 to 14 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.
- 10.2c** When 15 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores. This changes RRS A2.

11 BERTHING

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

12 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 RC.

13 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.

14 RADIO COMMUNICATION

A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

15 PRIZES

- 15.1** Trophies for permanent possession will be presented to the first, second, and third place skippers and crews in each Class.
- 15.2** The winning competitor in the 2.4mR Class will receive the Chicago Yacht Club Single-handed North American Challenge Cup Trophy, which shall be appropriately engraved and shall remain on display at the Chicago Yacht Club.
- 15.3** The winning team in the Freedom 20 Class will receive the Eagle Trophy, which shall be appropriately engraved and shall remain on display at the Chicago Yacht Club.
- 15.4** The winning team in the Sonar Class will receive the Judd Goldman Trophy, which shall be appropriately engraved and remain on display at the Chicago Yacht Club.

15.5 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 shall remain on display at the Chicago Yacht Club.

15.6 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 shall remain on display at the Chicago Yacht Club.

16 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk (RRS 4). The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

17 DAMAGE DEPOSIT and INSURANCE

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

17.2 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.

18 Waiver

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

FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact

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or the regatta website at

www.chicagoyachtclub.org/nacc