Women's Skipper Clinegatta
(Female-skipper, open crew – clinic and regatta)
Chicago Yacht Club
Belmont Harbor, Chicago, IL
May 18-20, 2018

NOTICE OF RACE

1 ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

The Organizing Authority (OA) will be Chicago Yacht Club and Chicago Match Race Center.

2 RULES

2.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* and including Appendix C.

2.2 The rules for the handling of boats will apply, and will also apply to any practice sailing and sponsor races.

2.3 The US Sailing Prescriptions to RRS 67 and 76.1 will be the only US Prescriptions that will apply and their text will be posted on the official notice board.

2.4 Alterations to the RRS.

a. Add to RRS 41: (e) help to recover from the water and return on board a crew member, provided the return on board is at the approximate location of the recovery.
b. Competitors are responsible for providing their own personal flotation device (PFD). All competitors shall wear a PFD while on the water, other than for brief periods while adding or removing clothing.
c. RRS C6.3, C7.4, C8.6, 28.1, 60.1(b), 62.1(a), 63.1 and A5 will be changed in the sailing instructions for this event.

3 EVENT GRADING

The event has applied for World Sailing (WS) Grade 3. This grading is subject to review by the WS Match Race Rankings Sub-committee. The event may be re-graded when there is clear reason to do so.

4 PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

4.1 Schedule

a. Coached clinic will be held May 18 from 0900-1800 and on May 19 0800-1100.
b. Registration and crew weighing will be after the clinic on Saturday, May 19 from 1100-1200.
c. Racing Days will be May 19 and 20.
d. First attention signal on May 19 will be 1330 and on May 20 at 0900.
e. The Competitors' Briefing will be at 1230 on May 19. First meeting with umpires will be during the Competitors' Briefing.
f. The latest time for an attention signal on the last day of racing will be approximately 1700. Prize giving will follow racing on the last day as soon as possible.

4.2 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 final skippers and crews.

5 SKIPPERS ELIGIBILITY

5.1 Up to 10 skippers will be invited.
5.2 All skippers must be female; crew gender does not matter.
5.3 Only skippers invited by the OA will be eligible to enter this event. Sailors may sign up as individuals or as a partial or complete team
5.4 The registered skipper shall helm the boat at all times while racing, except in an emergency.
5.5 To remain eligible, a skipper shall confirm acceptance of invitation by completing the invitation process at the web address indicated on the invitation email.
5.6 All competitors shall meet the eligibility requirements of World Sailing regulation 19.2.
5.7 All competitors shall obtain a WS Sailor ID by registering online at www.sailing.org/isafsailor. Skippers shall inform the OA of their WS Sailor ID at registration.

6 ENTRIES

6.1 The skipper shall be entered on completion of registration, crew weighing and the payment of all fees and deposits. Payment can be made by credit card or cash in US funds.
6.2 A non-refundable entry fee of US $400 per team (4 people) or $100 per individual shall be paid to secure registration.
6.3 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 by WS to their Ranking Points for that event. World Sailing Regulation 27.2.
6.4 Damage Deposit
a. An initial damage deposit of US $2,500 shall be paid at registration, unless extended by the OA. This deposit is the maximum payable by the skipper as a result of any one incident. The damage deposit may be paid by credit card or Chicago Yacht Club membership account authorization.
b. In the event a deduction from the damage deposit is decided by the OA, it will require that the deposit be restored to its original amount before the skipper will be permitted to continue in the event.
c. Any deposit remaining after the event will be refunded within 30 days of event completion.

7 BOATS AND SAILS

7.1 The event will be sailed in Sonar type boats.
7.2 At least eight boats will be provided
7.3 The following sails will be provided for each boat: Mainsail, Jib and Spinnaker.
7.4 Boats will be allocated by draw, either daily or for each round as decided by the Race Committee.

8 CREW (INCLUDING SKIPPER)

8.1 The number of crew (including the skipper) shall be three or four. All registered crew shall sail all races.

8.2 The total weight of the crew, including the skipper, dressed in at least shorts and shirts, shall not exceed 579 LBS (262 kg), determined at the time of registration or such time as required by the RC. The skipper's weight will be recorded at a maximum of 231.5 LBS (105 kg).

8.3 When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the event, the Chief Umpire may authorize an original crew member to substitute.

8.4 When a registered crew member is unable to continue in the event, the Chief Umpire may authorize a substitute, a temporary substitute or other adjustment.

9 EVENT FORMAT

9.1 The event will consist of the following stages:

Stage 1 - Round Robin(s)
Stage 2 - Semi Final Stage
Stage 3 - Petit Final Stage
Stage 4 – Finals.

9.2 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 favor of later stages.

10 COURSE

10.1 The course will be windward/leeward with starboard roundings, finishing downwind. A gate may be used.

10.2 The intended course area will be Lake Michigan outside Belmont Harbor.

11 ADVERTISING

11.1 As boats and equipment will be supplied by the O A, WS regulation 20.4 applies. Each boat will be required to display advertising as supplied by the OA.

11.2 Competitors may be permitted to display advertising ashore at the venue, but this is subject to individual negotiation with the OA.

11.3 Boats will not be permitted the right to protest for breaches of any rules regarding advertising. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

12 PRIZES

The winner, who is not already invited, will earn an invitation to the Chicago Grand Slam - August 17-19, 2018.

13 MEDIA, IMAGES AND SOUND

The OA shall have the right to use any images and sound recorded during the event free of any charge.

14 SPARE

15 DISCLAIMER

All those taking part in the event do so at their own risk. The OA, its associates and appointees accept no responsibility for any loss, damage or inconvenience incurred, however so caused.

16 INVITATIONS

Entries will only be accepted from invited skippers. If you wish to be invited please complete the online Request For Invitation Google Form. Link here: https://goo.gl/forms/OyqJmQdc4pcQ2D312

17 FURTHER INFORMATION

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