

Star & Bar Match Race Regatta 2024 - Round 4 - Final

Seattle Yacht Club

September 14th & 15th, 2024

Lake Washington, Washington, USA

Notice of Race

The following abbreviations apply to this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions:

PC: Protest Committee or International Jury

NoR: Notice of Race

OA: Organising Authority

RRS: Racing Rules of Sailing

SI: Sailing Instruction

RC: Race Committee

TD: Technical Delegate

CHUMP: Chief Umpire

[NP]: A boat may not protest as per NoR 1.3

1 RULES

1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, including RRS Appendix C.

1.2 The rules for the handling of boats and the equipment list, detailed as part of the Sailing Instructions, will apply, and will also apply to any practice sailing and sponsor races. Class rules will not apply.

1.3 The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1.4 The event has applied for World Sailing (WS) GRADE 3. This grading is subject to review by World Sailing. The event may be re-graded when there is a clear reason to do so.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 The SI's will be available after 2000 on *Thursday, September 10th* at *official notice board and may be on line on the Seattle Yacht Club Web Site*.

3 COMMUNICATION

3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at *the Seattle Yacht Club, outside the Junior Room*.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1 *This will be an invitational event with 8* skippers allowed to sail

4.2 Up to eight (8) skippers will be invited. Skippers may request invitations by e-mailing shiftmatchracing@gmail.com.

4.3

a) Teams shall complete registration and pay an entry fee of \$400

- b) Each team shall arrange the damage deposit of \$1000 by 0830 on September 14th, 2024.
- c) To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.

5 DAMAGE / DAMAGE DEPOSIT

- 5.1 Each supplied boat is insured by the OA for third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of *\$1000* per incident.
- 5.2 Each skipper is responsible for the damage or loss to their boat unless responsibility is otherwise assigned by the umpires or PC. The damage deposit is the limit of liability of each skipper for each incident. (\$1000) In the event that a deduction is made from the deposit, the skipper will be required to restore the deposit to the original value to continue in the event.
- 5.3 The OA will refund any remaining damage deposit within 10 days after the event.

6 CREW (INCLUDING SKIPPER)

- 6.1 The number of crew (including the skipper but excluding persons placed on board by the OA) shall be 4.
- 6.2 After the warning signal for a match, the registered skipper shall not leave the helm, except in an emergency.
- 6.3 When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the event, the *RC, CHUMP, or OA* may authorise an original crew member to substitute.
- 6.4 When a registered crew member is unable to continue in the event, the *RC, CHUMP, or OA* may authorise a substitute, a temporary substitute or other adjustment.
- 6.5 The OA may place a person on each boat as either a guest, cameraman, or umpire observer.

7 EVENT FORMAT

- 7.1 The OA intends to provide six *J22* type boats for racing in the event. Each boat will have the following sails: *Mainsail, Jib, Spinnaker*
- 7.2 Boats will be allocated as decided by the race committee. The intention of the RC will be to allocate boats randomly, either daily or for each round. The RC may also require boats to be exchanged in a knock-out stage.
- 7.3 The sails to be used will be allocated by the RC. Competitors may be requested to exchange sails during a series to satisfy sponsorship commitments.
- 7.4 While all reasonable steps are taken to equalise the boat's variations will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.
- 7.5 The number of matches to be sailed each day will be determined by the RC with the intention of the RC to start each subsequent flight as soon as practicable.
- 7.6 The course will be windward/leeward with starboard rounding, finishing downwind.
- 7.7 The intended racing area will be *in the waters just off David E Brink Park in Kirkland, WA*

- 7.8
- (a) Skippers will be seeded into a round robin at random
 - (b) After the first stage the following will apply:
 - (1) In reference to RRS C4.1, the highest rank skipper from the first stage will be assigned the starboard end for the first match and boats will alternate every match.
 - (2) Crews will exchange boats after every odd match of the series, unless otherwise agreed by both skippers.

7.9 The event will consist of the following stages:

(a) First Stage - Round Robin(s)

- (1) Each group/All skippers will sail a continuous round robin until 1700 on September 14th 2024.
- (2) The four highest scoring skippers shall qualify for the second stage.
- (3) The remaining skippers shall move to the third stage..

(b) Second Stage Knock-out Semi-Finals

- (1) The skipper finishing first in Stage One shall select his opponent when requested by the RC to do so. The remaining two skippers shall race each other.
- (2) The first skipper of each series to score at least 2 points shall proceed to the Final Stage, the losing skippers shall proceed to the Fourth Stage.

(c) Third Stage – Knock-Out Fifth and Sixth Place

- (1) The skipper finishing fifth in Stage One shall select his opponent of the sixth through eighth skippers when requested by the RC to do so. The remaining two skippers shall race each other.

(d) Fourth Stage – Knock-Out Third and Fourth Place

- (1) The losing semi-finalists shall race to determine third and fourth place.
- (2) The first skipper to score at least 2 points shall be awarded third place, the losing skipper awarded fourth place.

(e) Final Stage – Knock-Out Final

- (1) The first skipper to score at least 3 points shall be awarded first place, the losing skipper awarded second place.

7.10 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 favour of later stages

8 PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

8.1 Schedule

- (a) Race office open from 0715 / September 14th, 2024
- (b) Registration from 0715 until 0800 / September 14th 2024.

- (e) First briefing at 0800 / September 14th 2024.
- (f) First meeting with umpires will *follow the first briefing*.
- (h) Racing will be on September 14th and 15th 2024
- (i) Time of the first race each day will be 1000
- (j) The latest time for an attention signal on the last day of racing will be 1700.
- (k) Debriefing will be as soon as reasonably possible after racing.
- (l) Prize giving will be as soon as reasonably possible after the debriefing.

8.2 Unless excused by the OA, Attendance at the following is mandatory:

- (a) First briefing for skippers
- (b) Debriefing after racing.

ADVERTISING

9.1 [NP] Boats shall display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority..

10 [NP] CODE OF CONDUCT

10.1 Competitors and Support Persons shall comply with any reasonable request from any official, including attendance at official functions, cooperation with event sponsors and shall behave so as to not bring the event into disrepute.

10.2 Competitors and support persons shall handle any equipment or place advertising provided by the organizing authority with care, seamanship, in accordance with any instructions for its use and without interfering with its functionality.

11 [NP] SUPPORT PERSON

11.1 Support person vessels shall conspicuously display identification of the team being coached.

11.2 Support persons shall stay approximately 100m from the racing area while boats are racing or comply with reasonable requests from the officials.

11.3 The OA will provide berths for support person vessels.

12 [NP] MEDIA, IMAGES, and SOUND

12.1 If required by the OA:

- (a) Media personnel and equipment (or dummies) supplied by the OA shall be carried on board while racing.

12.2 Competitors shall not interfere with the normal working of the OA supplied media equipment.

13 DATA PROTECTION

Section unused.

14 RISK STATEMENT

RRS 3 states: ‘The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.’ By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

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PRIZES

Prizes will be given as follows: 1st, 2nd and 3rd place teams.

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FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact us at dave@clanfergus.net