



**2009**  
**U.S Match Racing Championship POW Quarterfinal Eliminations**  
**And**  
**GYA Schweppes Regatta**  
**May 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>**  
**Southern Yacht Club**  
**NOTICE OF RACE**

**1 ORGANIZING AUTHORITY:**

The Organizing Authority (OA) is US Sailing's Match Racing Championship Committee, Area D, Gulf Yachting Association, and Southern Yacht Club.

**2 VENUE:**

The venue will be the south shore of Lake Pontchartrain, New Orleans, Louisiana, USA, and Hosted by Southern Yacht Club.

**3 EVENT GRADING:**

The event is not yet graded. Grading is subject to review by the ISAF Match Race Advisory Board. The event may be re-graded when there is clear reason to do so.

**4 PROVISIONAL PROGRAM:**

- 4.1 (a) Registration will be from 1800 -1900 on May8th at SYC on West Deck.
- (b) An invitational only umpires meeting will be held in SYC Board Room @ 1700 hrs.
- (c) A competitor initial briefing followed by an informal match racing seminar (question and answers) will be held on the west deck SYC May 8th@ 1900 hrs.
- (d) May 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Daily skippers briefing will be at 0900 hrs on west deck @ SYC.
- (f) The time of the first race each day will be 1000 hrs.
- (g) Racing Days will be May 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>.
- (h) Daily de-briefs will be held after the last race of each day ASAP after races

and boats are stored for the day.

(i) No race will start after 1400 hrs. on May 10th

(j) Prize giving will be on May 10th as soon after the last race as is possible

4.2 Unless excused by the OA, attendance at the following is mandatory:

(a) Registration of the skippers and crews.

(b) Daily briefing, for skippers.

(d) Prize giving for the final skipper and crew.

## 5 SKIPPERS ELIGIBILITY

(a) Skippers shall have the necessary qualifications as described in the U.S. Match racing Championship 2009 conditions.

<http://championships.ussailing.org/Adult/USMRC/Conditions.htm>

(b) The registered skipper shall helm the boat at all times while racing, except in an emergency.

(c) A skipper shall inform the Event Chairman Jefferson Hampton their intent to sail via fax **504-617-7272** or e-mail [unomas9@yahoo.com](mailto:unomas9@yahoo.com) no later than 1800 hrs on May 6<sup>th</sup>. Entries will be limited to the first 10 qualified requests.

(e) Each member of the crew shall be a US SAILING member and of a club or organization that is a US SAILING member.

(f) Each skipper competing for the GYA Schweppes trophy shall be a member of a GYA member club. There may be more than one member from a club competing for the Schweppes Trophy.

(f) Should a skipper state their intention to sail and later withdraw from this match racing event, a report will be forwarded to ISAF and it is possible a zero score will be applied to the skipper's ISAF ranking for this event.

## 6 ENTRIES

### 6.1 Entry

The skipper shall be entered on completion of registration, crew weighing and payment of all fees. All payments shall be made by check or U.S. currency. All checks should be made payable to the SYC GYA Schweppes regatta.

### 6.2 Entry Fee

A non-refundable entry fee (bond) of US\$125.00 shall be paid at the time of acceptance of the invitation.

## **7 RULES**

- 7.1 (a) This event will be governed by the rules as defined in the 2009-2012 RRS, Appendix C, and the 2009 USMRC Conditions.
- (b) A boat may not protest another boat for an infringement of a class rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- (c) Conflicts between the Conditions for this regatta and this Notice of Race will be resolved in favor of the NOR. If there is a conflict between the NOR and the Sailing Instructions it will be resolved in favor of the Sailing Instructions.
- (d) USGG approved PFD's shall be worn at all times by competitors while on the water, other than brief periods while adding or removing clothing. The 'Y' flag will not be flown. This modifies RRS 40 and the preamble to Part 4. All competitors must supply their own PFD's.

## **8 BOATS AND SAILS**

- (a) The event will be sailed in "bring your own boat" Flying Scots.
- (b) Skippers will sail their own boat throughout the regatta and there will be no provision for breakdowns.

## **9 CREW (INCLUDING SKIPPER)**

- (a) The number of crew (including the skipper) shall be three (3) or four (4).
- (b) All registered crew shall sail all races.
- (c) The minimum total crew weight, determined prior to racing shall be 425 lbs, when wearing at least shorts and shirts. Crews weighing within 5% of the minimum weight may be subject to a reweigh at any time during the regatta.
- (d) With the permission of the jury, a designated alternate may replace any member of a team aboard a boat before any race of a given flight, but only in the event of an emergency affecting a regular team member. If a team does not bring a designated alternate to this regatta, the jury may allow a substitute alternate in the event of an emergency. An injured skipper may be replaced by a regular crew member if unable to sail.

## **10 EVENT FORMAT**

A double Round Robin with knockout series amongst the top 4 teams will be attempted; however this may be altered depending on the sailing conditions.

## **11 COURSE**

- (a) The intended course will be a windward/leeward course with starboard roundings, finishing downwind.
- (b) The intended course area will be the south shore of Lake Pontchartrain, New Orleans Louisiana.

## **12 ADVERTISING**

- (a) Advertising will be restricted to Category A.
- (b) Competitors may be permitted to display advertising ashore at the venue, but this is subject to individual negotiation with the OA.
- (c) Boats shall not be permitted the right to protest for breaches of any rules with regards to advertising (amends RRS 60.1).

## **13 PRIZES**

- (a) The principal prize for first place for the GYA Prince of Wales Finals will be the Schweppes Trophy, a perpetual trophy. A plaque on the trophy will be engraved for the winner. The trophy will be kept by the winning club and the skipped shall sign the GYA accountability form and will then be responsible for returning the trophy to GYA at the time of the 2010 Schweppes regatta. There will be a keeper trophy also awarded to the winning club.
- (b) The top three skippers and crews US Match Racing Championship Area D Quarterfinal Eliminations will receive US sailing medals. The top finishing skipper will be eligible for invitation to the 2009 US Sailing Semi Final Eliminations Area D championship hosted by St. Petersburg Yacht Club and held on August 29th & 30th in Sonars.

## **14 MEDIA, IMAGES AND SOUND**

The OA and/or its sponsors may require competitors to be available for interviews. The OA and its sponsors shall have the right to use any images and sound recorded during the event free of any charge.

## **15 COACH BOATS**

Coach boats will not be permitted.

## **16 DISCLAIMERS**

All those taking part in the event do so at their own risk. The OA and the Southern YC, their sponsors, their agents, employees, representatives, trustees, members, race committee, and officials accept no responsibility for any loss, damage, injury or inconvenience incurred, howsoever caused.

## **17 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Sailing instructions will be available at the 0900 mandatory skippers meeting on Saturday, May 9, 2009.