



## US Grade 2 Grand Slam Series – 2013

### Series Dates:

Chicago Grand Slam: August 16-18

Detroit Cup: August 22-25

Knickerbocker Cup: August 29-September 1

Oakcliff International: September 4-8

### NOTICE OF SERIES

#### **1 ORGANISING AUTHORITY**

The Organising Authorities (OA) will be:

- (a) Chicago Grand Slam: Chicago Match Race Center
- (b) Detroit Cup: Bayview Yacht Club
- (c) Knickerbocker Cup: Manhasset Bay Yacht Club
- (d) Oakcliff International: Oakcliff Sailing Center

#### **2 VENUE**

##### **2.1 Venue Locations**

- (a) Chicago Grand Slam: Chicago Match Race Center in Chicago, IL
- (b) Detroit Cup: Bayview Yacht Club in Detroit, MI
- (c) Knickerbocker Cup: Manhasset Bay Yacht Club in Port Washington, NY
- (d) Oakcliff International: Oakcliff Sailing Center in Oyster Bay, NY

##### **2.2 Housing and Transportation**

Housing will be provided at each event. You must contact the respective event organizers to confirm your number of crewmembers and travel plans (arrival/departure date). If you intend to compete in multiple events, contact Maggie Shea ([Maggie@chicagomatchrace.com](mailto:Maggie@chicagomatchrace.com)) for more information about purchasing an additional hospitality package that assists coordinating transportation between events and extended housing with your host families.

#### **3 EVENT GRADING**

- 3.1 All (4) events are ISAF Grade 2 events.
- 3.2 This grading is subject to review by the ISAF Match Race Rankings Sub Committee. The event may be re-graded when there is clear reason to do so.

#### **4 PROGRAMME**

##### **4.1 Racing days:**

- (a) Chicago Grand Slam: Aug 16-18
- (b) Detroit Cup: August 22-25
- (c) Knickerbocker Cup: Aug 29-Sept 1
- (d) Oakcliff International: Sept 5-8

4.2 All Practice days precede the first day of racing. Event organizers will distribute practice schedules.

#### **5 SKIPPERS ELIGIBILITY**

5.1 The following number of skippers will be invited per event.

- (a) Chicago Grand Slam: 12
- (b) Detroit Cup: August 12
- (c) Knickerbocker Cup: 10
- (d) Oakcliff International: 12

5.2 **Invitations:** Only skippers invited by the OA will be eligible.

- (a) Request for invitation forms can be found at below links and on the [www.usamatchracing.com](http://www.usamatchracing.com) homepage.
  - a. [Chicago Grand Slam](#) / contact: [maggie@chicagomatchrace.com](mailto:maggie@chicagomatchrace.com)
  - b. [Detroit Cup](#) / contact: [thedetroitcup@byc.com](mailto:thedetroitcup@byc.com)
  - c. [Knickerbocker Cup](#) / contact: [KCup@manhassetbayyc.org](mailto:KCup@manhassetbayyc.org)
  - d. [Oakcliff International](#) / contact: [bsimon@oakcliffsailing.org](mailto:bsimon@oakcliffsailing.org)



- (b) Qualifiers to the Grand Slam events are below. Each event awards one invitation to the highest finishing skipper. If the highest finishing skipper cannot accept, drop-downs will be considered at the discretion of the event organizers.
- a. Chicago Grand Slam:
    1. Oakcliff Summer Grade 3 – June 8-9, 2013
    2. US Women’s Match Race Championship – June 13-16, 2013
    3. CMRC Summer Grade 3 – July 18-21, 2013
  - b. Detroit Cup
    1. Oakcliff Spring Grade 3 – May 18-19, 2013
    2. Bayview YC Spring Grade 3 – dates TBD
    3. US Women’s Match Racing Championship - June 13-16, 2013
  - c. Knickerbocker Cup
    1. 2012 US Match Racing Championship
    2. US Women’s Match Race Championship – June 13-16, 2013
  - d. Oakcliff International
    1. Oakcliff Spring Grade 3 – May 18-19, 2013
    2. Oakcliff Summer Grade 3 – June 8-9, 2013
    3. CMRC Summer Grade 3 - July 18-21, 2013
    4. US Women’s Match Racing Championship - June 13-16, 2013

### 5.3 Skipper Eligibility

- (a) All competitors shall meet the eligibility requirements of ISAF regulation 19.2.
- (b) All competitors shall obtain an ISAF Sailor ID by registering online at [www.sailing.org/isafsailor](http://www.sailing.org/isafsailor). Skippers shall inform the OA of their ISAF Sailor ID at registration.

## 6 ENTRIES

### 6.1 Entry Fees: A non-refundable entry fee of the following amounts shall be paid by registration:

- (a) Chicago Grand Slam: \$750.00 or \$1,250.00 (depends on entry fee classification)
- (b) Detroit Cup: \$950.00
- (c) Knickerbocker Cup: \$1,225.00
- (d) Oakcliff International: \$1,100.00

### 6.2 Damage Deposits

- (a) An initial damage deposit of the following amounts shall be paid at registration at each respective event, unless extended by the OA. This deposit is the maximum payable by the skipper as a result of any one incident.
  - a. Chicago Grand Slam: \$2,500.00
  - b. Detroit Cup: \$1,000.00
  - c. Knickerbocker Cup: \$2,000.00
  - d. Oakcliff International: \$2,500.00

## 7 RULES

- 7.1 (a) The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the RRS, including Appendix C.  
(b) The rules for the handling of boats will apply, and will also apply to any practice sailing and sponsor races. Class rules will not apply.  
(c) Any prescriptions of the national authority that will apply will be posted on the official notice board.
- 7.2 **Major 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) RRS C8.6, C6.3 and C 7.4 will be changed in the sailing instructions.
- 7.3 An International Jury (IJ) will be appointed, approved by the national authority, in accordance with RRS Appendix N.
- 7.4 The OA may place an observer on each boat to provide information to the umpires or fulfil sponsor requirements.

## 8 BOATS AND SAILS

The event will be sailed in following type boats (and number of boats supplied):

- (a) Chicago Grand Slam: Tom 28 Max (8)
- (b) Detroit Cup: Ultimate 20 (6)
- (c) Knickerbocker Cup: Swedish Match 40 (6)
- (d) Oakcliff International: Swedish Match 40 (10)



**9 CREW (INCLUDING SKIPPER)**

Number of crew (including the skipper) shall be the following:

- (a) Chicago Grand Slam: 4 or 5 (weight limit 350 kg)
- (b) Detroit Cup: 3 or 4 (weight limit: 262.5 kg)
- (c) Knickerbocker Cup: 5 or 6 (weight limit: 437.5 kg)
- (d) Oakcliff International: 5 or 6 (weight limit: 437.5 kg)

**10 EVENT FORMAT**

Skippers will be seeded based on the ISAF ranking list 30 days prior to the event. The event formats will vary per event, but will consist of a seeding stage, knock-out stages and finals.

**11 PRIZES**

**11.1 Overall Grand Slam Series Scoring for 2013:**

- a) Points will be allocated as noted below for all competitors in their best three of four events.
- b) The team with the highest score will be the winner of the 2013 Grand Slam and will be invited to compete at the 2014 Congressional Cup and the 2014 Chicago Match Cup, an Alpari World Match Racing Tour event. The top team's name will be etched onto the trophy.
- c) If there is a tie between two or more competitors, each competitor's best three of four scores shall be listed in order of best to worst, and at the first point(s) where there is a difference, the tie shall be broken in favour of the competitor(s) with the best score(s).
- d) If a tie remains between two or more competitors, they shall be ranked in order of their scores in the last event, then the next to last event, etc.

<u>PLACE POINTS</u>	
FIRST	100
SECOND	80
THIRD	65
FOURTH	55
FIFTH	40
SIXTH	35
SEVENTH	30
EIGHTH	25
NINTH	20
TENTH	15
ELEVENTH	10
TWELTH	5

**11.2 Additional individual event prizes and prize money:**

- (a) Detroit Cup- highest finisher earns an invitation to 2014 AWMRT Gold Cup in Bermuda
- (a) Knickerbocker Cup- highest finisher earns an entry to 2014 AWMRT Gold Cup in Bermuda, and Prize Money. Event Purse is \$19,000.00.
- (b) Oakcliff International: Prize money. Event purse is \$10,000.00.

**12 Personal Flotation Devices**

- (a) Chicago Grand Slam: Competitors may wear PFD's at their own discretion.
- (b) Detroit Cup: All competitors shall wear, while on the water, other than for brief periods while adding or removing clothing, a U.S. Coast Guard (or member national authority) approved PFD.
- (c) Knickerbocker Cup and Oakcliff International: Competitors should be prepared to supply their own PFD's in the event the RC signals that they must be worn. Competitors may borrow PFD's from Oakcliff Sailing Center.

**13 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, injury or inconvenience incurred, howsoever caused.

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