

**27<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL KNICKERBOCKER CUP**  
**Manhasset Bay Yacht Club**  
**KNICKERBOCKER CUP FOUNDATION**  
**August 26 to 30, 2009**

**NOTICE OF RACE**

**1. The Organizing Authority:**

The organizing authority (OA) will be the Manhasset Bay Yacht Club.

**2. Venue:**

The venue will be Port Washington, New York, USA.

**3. Event Grading:**

The event is an ISAF Grade 2 event. 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. Provisional Program:**

4.1 The provisional program for this event is the following:

The race office will be located at Manhasset Bay Yacht Club (MBYC)

Wednesday August 26

0900-1200: Registration and crew weighing  
1200: Practice sessions begin  
1630: Umpire briefing  
1800: Skipper briefing  
1900: Welcome Cocktail Party

Thursday August 27

**QUALIFYING ROUNDS**

0730: Continental Breakfast  
0800: Skippers briefing  
0930: Racing  
Post racing: Debrief and Press conference  
2000: TBA Presentation

Friday August 28

**QUALIFYING ROUNDS**

0730: Continental Breakfast  
0800: Skippers briefing  
0930: Racing  
Post racing: Debrief and Press conference  
2000: Team Barbeque and Pool Party

Saturday August 29  
QUALIFYING ROUNDS

0730: Continental Breakfast  
0800: Skippers briefing  
0930: Racing  
Post racing: Debrief and Press conference  
1900: Knickerbocker Cup Dinner/Dance

Sunday August 30  
FINALS

0730: Continental Breakfast  
0800: Skippers Briefing  
0930: Racing  
Post racing: Press conference  
Knickerbocker Cup Awards Ceremony within one hour after completion of racing.

- 4.2 Unless excused by the organizing authority, attendance at the following is mandatory:
- (a) The initial and daily briefings for skippers.
  - (b) The daily press conferences, for skippers sailing that day.
  - (c) The Knickerbocker Cup Dinner/Dance on Saturday night.
  - (d) The Awards Ceremony for the skippers and crews on Sunday.

## **5. Skippers Eligibility:**

- 5.1 Up to 12 skippers will be invited. Only skippers invited by the OA will be eligible to enter this event. If you wish to be invited, please complete the form on line at <http://regatta.manhassetbayyc.org> to request an invitation from the OA. Invitations will be issued by the OA as soon as possible.
- 5.2 To remain eligible, a skipper shall confirm acceptance of invitation on line at <http://regatta.manhassetbayyc.org> by the date specified in the letter of invitation.
- 5.3 The on line payment of a non-refundable entry fee of US \$750 at <http://regatta.manhassetbayyc.org> must accompany the acceptance of invitation to remain eligible.
- 5.4 All competitors shall meet the eligibility requirements of ISAF Regulation 19.2.
- 5.5 The registered skipper shall helm the boat at all times while racing, except in an emergency.
- 5.6 The winner of the Ficker Cup 2008 and of the USMRC 2008 will each be invited.
- 5.7 All skippers 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.
- 5.8 Each skipper shall pay US \$100 on line at <http://regatta.manhassetbayyc.org> no later than August 01, unless extended by the OA, for insurance for the regatta. This amount is not refundable.
- 5.9 A Social fee of US \$75.00 per team member shall be paid on line at <http://regatta.manhassetbayyc.org> no later than August 01, unless extended by the OA.

## **6. Entries:**

- 6.1 The skipper shall be entered on completion of registration, crew weighing and the payment of all fees and deposits. Payments at registration shall be made by Credit Card. Personal Checks

will not be accepted.

6.2 **Damage deposit:**

- (a) An initial deposit of US \$2,000.00 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. A credit card imprint will be taken at registration.
- (b) The OA will make every effort to return any remaining deposit within 30 days of the end of the event.
- (c) 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.

**7. Rules:**

- 7.1 (a) The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), including Appendix C.
  - (b) Any prescriptions of the national authority that will apply shall be posted on the official notice board.
  - (c) The Sailing Instructions will take precedence in the event of any conflicts between it and the Notice of Race. This changes RRS 63.7.
  - (d) The rules for the handling of boats will apply, and will also apply to any practice sailing.
  - (e) Competitors may be required to wear USCG approved PFDs. Competitors shall supply their own PFDs.
- 7.2 An international jury (IJ) will be appointed in accordance with Appendix N.
- 7.3 The OA may place an observer on each boat at any time during the event.

**8. Boats and Sails:**

- 8.1 The event will be sailed in Colgate 26 type boats however, the OA reserves the right to change the boat type prior to the event.
- 8.2 The following sails will be provided for each boat: Mainsail, Jib and Spinnaker.
- 8.3 Boats will be allocated by draw, either daily or for each round as decided by the Race Committee.
- 8.4 Class rules of the Colgate 26 Class will not apply.

**9. Crew (including skipper):**

- 9.1 The number of crew (including the skipper) shall be four, except that an all-women's team may elect to sail with four or five. All registered crew shall sail all races.
- 9.2 The maximum total crew weight, determined prior to racing, shall be 350kg. (770 pounds) when wearing at least shorts and shirts.
- 9.3 When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the event, the IJ may authorize an original crew member to substitute.
- 9.4 When a registered crew member is unable to continue in the event, the IJ may authorize a substitute, a temporary substitute or other adjustment.

**10. Event Format:**

- 10.1 The intended format for this event is:

- (a) Stage 1: Round Robin
- (b) Stage 2: Quarter Finals: round robin of the top eight from Stage 1.
- (c) Stage 3: Semi Finals: knockout; top four from Stage 2.
- (d) Stage 4: Petit Finals
- (5) Stage 5: Finals

10.2 The event format will be set forth in Appendix B of the Sailing Instructions.

10.3 The organizing committee may change the format, terminate or eliminate any round, when conditions are not expected to permit the completion of the intended format.

## **11. Course:**

11.1 The course will be windward/leeward with optional offset legs in the event of cross course current, resulting in either port or starboard rounding and finishing downwind.

11.2 The intended course area will be Manhasset Bay, Long Island, New York.

## **12. Advertising:**

12.1 As boats and equipment will be supplied by the OA, ISAF Regulation 20.3.2 applies. Each boat will be required to display advertising as required by the OA.

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

12.3 Boats shall not be permitted the right to protest for infringements of any rules regarding advertising (this changes RRS 60.1).

## **13. Prizes:**

13.1 The principal prize for first place will be a plaque with the winners name placed on the Knickerbocker Cup Trophy and a keeper trophy. First, second and third place teams will receive trophies.

13.2 The winner of the Knickerbocker Cup will be invited to the 2009 Bermuda Gold Cup.

13.3 The event will provide prize money up to US \$19,000 if sufficient sponsorship is obtained.

## **14. Media, Images and Sound:**

The OA may require television personnel and equipment (or dummies) to be carried on board while racing and may require competitors to be available for interviews. The organizing authority shall have the right to use any images and sound recorded during the event free of any charge.

## **15. Coach Boats:**

There shall be no coach boats allowed.

## **16. Disclaimer:**

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

**17. Further Information:**

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