

Selection Criteria to be used by the Organizing Authority regarding candidates for the 2007 Great Lakes International Challenge Cup P/C Ira G. Ross Great Race for the James H. Righter Trophy / Shore Sails Cup / Stolze Cup.

You are receiving this document to explain how the BYC Organizing Authority will select competitors for the Match Race Event on August 18th & 19th 2007. This is also meant to provide an idea of where we hope to proceed in the future as it regards this Match Racing events.

RECAP OF REQUIREMENTS FOR A GRADE 3 MATCH RACE EVENT

This year's event has requested that ISAF recognize this as a Grade 3 event. To be certified as a Grade 3 event we have to meet the following criteria.

- 1) The event has to be umpired
This event will comply by both having umpires selected by the Chief Umpires and by running an Umpire training Course on Friday August 17th.
- 2) The event Umpires have to include 2 International Ranked Umpires
This event complies by having secured the following International Certified Umpires:
 - a) Kirk Brown, head of the USSailing Umpire Committee
 - b) Andy Wardle from Canada
- 3) The event needs to be sailed in keel boats.
By using J/22's this event complies
- 4) The minimum number for a team (a team shall consist of a skipper and crew) shall be 3.
This event will allow for a total crew, including the skipper of 3 to 4 individuals and so it will comply
- 5) The maximum average team weight for a 3 person team for an open event (which this event is) is 87.5kg/team member or a total team weight of 262.5kg. If you elect to have more than a team of 3 you can not exceed the total team weight of 262.5kg.
- 6) The minimum length of the boat to be used is 5.9 meters LOA.
By utilizing J/22's this event complies.
- 7) There shall be a minimum of 4 boats to be available for competition during the event.
We anticipate having 8 boats.
- 8) The boats to be use are capable of carrying spinnakers
By utilizing J/22's this event complies.
- 9) The event needs to have a minimum of 8 competitors.
 - a) Of the 8 competitors we need to have 1/3 or 3 of the registered skippers be from a country of origin other than the host nation.
 - i) In other words 3 of the skippers entered need to be citizens of a nation other than the US, so Canada, Great Britain, Ireland, Mexico, etc.
 - b) AND/OR
 - c) 3 of the 8 competitors have to travel a distance of greater than 500km to attend the event.
 - i) So a team entering from the Bayview Yacht Club in Detroit, by indicating they drove around the US Side of Lake Erie to reach the event would fit this description. A team from Toledo would not.

In addition to item 9 above the OA has the following constraints in selecting competitors.

- 1) This event comprises two of the Yacht Racing Union of the Great Lakes (YRUGL) feeder races to the Richardson Trophy.
 - a) Since the Richardson Trophy Regatta is accepting 2 entries from each association, in a perfect world it would be good to have 3 competitors from each association competing for their respective trophy (The Stolze Cup for LYRA entries and Shore Sails Cup for ILYA entries).
 - i) Now the LYRA, since it is composed of clubs from both Canada and the US gives us an opportunity to satisfy the "Foreign" requirement fairly easily but not the distance requirement (Sackets Harbor is only 342 km away).

- ii) Now the ILYA Association, (since almost all of its clubs are US clubs) only allows for requirement 9 to be satisfied by the distance and only if the competitors travel from the Detroit area by way of Cleveland.

SYNOPSIS OF DESIRED EVENT GROWTH

The desired growth for this event is for it to become a 12 team event on a regular basis over a 3 – 4 day time frame. It would be great to see the 12 teams be distributed as three colleges, 3 LYRA, 3 ILYA and three unaffiliated.

There is talk about creating an eastern coast USSailing Match Race Circuit which I think this event would work well into.

SYNOPSIS OF APPLICATION SELECTION

So here are the criteria that the OA will be utilizing, up until May 1, to select the teams from all completed and paid applications received by that date.

- 1) We will look to select a minimum of 3 teams for the Stolze Cup Competition.
- 2) We will look to select a minimum of 3 teams for the Shore Sails Cup Competition.
- 3) We need to select three teams that have either traveled >500km or whose skipper is of a national origin other than the US. This can be a portion of items 1 & 2 above.

After May 1, we will accept all teams that help to meet the requirements for a grade 3 event regardless of YRUGL Affiliation.

In the event that we have more applications than we can accommodate and they are equal in the above requirements then we will base the selection criteria on the basis of resume and the date or receipt of the paid application.

Any applications received with payment that are not accepted will be promptly returned. So from now until May 1, the preference will be on YRUGL affiliated teams and teams that help meet the ISAF requirements. After May 1 we will concentrate solely on meeting the ISAF requirements. Should a team apply, pay their fee, be accepted and then withdraw they will forfeit their entrance fee.

We are looking to build the event, I hope you all can appreciate the constraints and I would ask that you apply quickly if you are interested.

Sincerely,

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On Behalf of the Organizing Authority for the International Great Lakes Challenge Cup, The Past Commodore Ira G. Ross for the James H. Righter Trophy, Stolze Cup, Shore Sails Cup