



2010 U.S. QUALIFYING SERIES

**September 7-11, 2010
Newport, Rhode Island**

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Question 1

Do the same crew members who compete in the U.S. Qualifying Series have to be members of the Invitational Cup crew?

Answer 1

No. Clubs should field their best team for each event. This is a competition between clubs, not individuals.

Question 2

When will the J/22s be used?

Answer 2

The OA anticipates running elimination rounds in both the J/22s and Sonars. The championship series will be sailed in Sonars and a consolation series sailed in J/22s.

Question 3

Will it be possible to practice in both the Sonars and J/22s during the practice session listed on the schedule?

Answer 3

Yes. Teams will be assigned half the practice time in Sonars and the other half in J/22s.

Question 4

Why does the Invitational NOR require approval of the skipper and tactician by the OA (4.5.2)?

Answer 4

In order to secure the charters of the NYYC Swan 42's from their owners, the OA seeks to provide them every comfort that the boats will be safely sailed and not damaged. As NYYC Swan 42's are high performance boats, the experience and qualifications of the skipper and tactician will be of particular interest to the OA; especially as no Group 3 competitors will be allowed. Clubs should carefully consider who from their membership has the experience to fulfill these roles.

Question 5

What is the definition of “year-round full members” in 4.7?

Answer 5

Recognizing the variation in the types of memberships that clubs offer, the OA will review each club's entry including the crew and the club's membership categories, and then qualify the crew if appropriate. Regular members paying full dues would qualify. Other full-time membership categories with different dues levels, such as junior members or senior members, are also expected to qualify. Non-resident members may or may not qualify depending on the club's definition of non-residence membership, the crew member's membership history and other factors. Seasonal or special memberships, such as frostbiting members, are not expected to qualify. The object is to have clubs represented by members that have been active participants in club life and avoid the introduction of one-off ‘ringers’ that are not representative of the club's membership.

Question 6

What is a likely budget for an entry in the 2011 Invitational Cup?

Answer 6

Please contact the Sailing Office; they can give rough guidance based on the experience of 2009.

Question 7

What are the limitations on family members competing?

Answer 7

NOR 4.7.1 permits one of the crew members to be either the spouse of a year-round full member or the child of a year-round full member. The child must be 24 years old or younger as of September 8, 2010. The family member must also be a U.S. citizen, US SAILING member, and have a valid ISAF Sailor Classification of Group 1.

Question 8

Would a member who holds a green card, is married to an American, his kids are all American and he has applied to become a citizen be eligible to compete?

Answer 8

Each eligibility case will be looked at independently. The intention is to have U.S. citizens, but in this case, if documentation were provided showing the citizenship application, it is likely that the member would be eligible. Any request for review of a potential competitor's eligibility can be made to the OA as soon as desired.