



## **2025 Grand Slam Series - US Grade 2**

### **Series Dates:**

1. Oakcliff International: August 4 - 7
2. Thompson Cup: August 9 - 12
3. Chicago Grand Slam: August 15 - 17
4. Detroit Cup: August 21 - 24

## **NOTICE OF SERIES**

### **1. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY**

The Organizing Authority (OA) will be:

- 1.1. Oakcliff International: Oakcliff Sailing
- 1.2. Thompson Cup: Seawanhaka Corinthian Yacht Club
- 1.3. Chicago Grand Slam: Chicago Yacht Club
- 1.4. Detroit Cup: Bayview Yacht Club

### **2. VENUE**

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

- 2.1.1. Oakcliff Sailing in Oyster Bay, NY
- 2.1.2. Seawanhaka Corinthian Yacht Club in Oyster Bay, NY
- 2.1.3. Chicago Grand Slam: Chicago Yacht Club - Belmont in Chicago, IL
- 2.1.4. Bayview Yacht Club in Detroit, MI

#### **2.2. Housing**

Housing may or may not be provided at each event. You must contact the respective event organizers to confirm if housing is available and your number of crew members and travel plans (arrival/ departure dates). Organizers may not be able to provide housing before the practice day of their regatta or after the last day of their regatta.

### **3. EVENT GRADING**

- 3.1. All four (4) events have applied for World Sailing Grade 2.
- 3.2. This grading is subject to review by the World Sailing Match Race Rankings Sub Committee. The event may be re-graded in accordance with WS regulations.

### **4. PROGRAMME**

#### **4.1. Racing Days:**

- 4.1.1. Oakcliff International: August 4 - 7
- 4.1.2. Thompson Cup, SCYC: August 9 - 12
- 4.1.3. Chicago Grand Slam: August 15 - 17
- 4.1.4. Detroit Cup, BYC: August 21 - 24

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



## 5. SKIPPERS ELIGIBILITY

5.1. The expected maximum number of skippers to be invited to each event:

- 5.1.1. Oakcliff International: up to 12
- 5.1.2. Thompson Cup: 10
- 5.1.3. Chicago Grand Slam: 10
- 5.1.4. Detroit Cup: 12

5.2. Only skippers invited by the OA or as defined in section 5.2.2 will be eligible for entry.

5.2.1. Invitations: Requests for invitation can be made for any or all the events at the following link:<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfKwe3SWou6drTYtTkZusNnq49AWeBHgDcrAhiesjL7WFfdEQ/viewform> Invitations will be issued by each OA individually.

5.2.2. Qualifiers: Qualifiers to the Grand Slam events are listed below. Each event awards one invitation to the highest finishing skipper. If the highest finishing skipper cannot accept or has already qualified, drop-downs may be considered at the discretion of the event organizers.

### **For the Oakcliff International:**

- Oakcliff Grade 3 (May 31 - June 1, 2025)
- CYC Grade 3 Spring Invitational (June 21-22, 2025)

### **For the Thompson Cup:**

- Oakcliff Grade 3 (May 31 - June 1, 2025)
- Bayview Grade 3 Spring Invitational (June 28 - 29, 2025)

### **For the Chicago Grand Slam:**

- Oakcliff Grade 3 (May 31 – June 1, 2025)
- CYC Grade 3 Spring Invitational (June 21 - 22, 2025)

### **For the Detroit Cup:**

- CYC Grade 3 Spring Invitational (June 21-22, 2025)
- Bayview Grade 3 Spring Invitational (June 28 - 29, 2025)

5.3. All competitors shall meet the eligibility requirements of World Sailing regulation 19.2.

5.4. All competitors shall obtain a World Sailing Sailor ID by registering online at <https://www.sailing.org/sailors/world-sailing-profile/>. Skippers shall inform the OA of their Sailor ID at registration.

## 6. ENTRIES

6.1. Entry Fees:

- 6.1.1. Oakcliff International: \$1,550.00
- 6.1.2. Thompson Cup: \$1,550.00
- 6.1.3. Chicago Grand Slam: \$1,250.00
- 6.1.4. Detroit Cup: \$1,250.00

6.2. A non-refundable entry bond of \$500 USD must be paid within two-weeks of the skipper's acceptance of invitation and will be applied toward the entry fee.



6.3. Damage Deposits: 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.

6.3.1. Oakcliff International: \$2,500.00

6.3.2. Thompson Cup: \$2,500.00

6.3.3. Chicago Grand Slam: \$2,500.00

6.3.4. Detroit Cup: \$1,000.00

## 7. RULES

7.1. Events will be governed by the rules as defined the Racing Rules of Sailing, including Appendix C.

7.2. 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.

7.3. Any prescriptions of the national authority that will apply will be posted on the official notice board at each regatta.

7.4. Major alterations to the RRS will be in the race documents for each regatta.

7.5. An International Jury (IJ) may be appointed in accordance with RRS Appendix N.

7.6. The OA may place an observer on each boat to provide information to the umpires or to fulfill sponsor requirements.

## 8. BOATS AND SAILS

The events will be sailed in the following types of boats (and number of boats supplied):

8.1. Oakcliff International: Match 40 (10)

8.2. Thompson Cup: Match 40 (10)

8.3. Chicago Grand Slam: Tom 28 (8)

8.4. Detroit Cup: Ultimate 20 type boats (10)

## 9. CREW (INCLUDING SKIPPER)

The number of crew (including the skipper) shall be the following:

9.1. Oakcliff International: 5 or 6 (weight limit 437.5 kg)

9.2. Thompson Cup: 5 or 6 (weight limit 437.5 kg)

9.3. Chicago Grand Slam 5 or 4 (Weight limit 350.0 kg)

9.4. Detroit Cup: 3 or 4 (weight limit 262.5 kg)

## 10. EVENT FORMAT

Skippers will be seeded based on the World Sailing ranking list 30 days prior to the event. The event formats will vary per event, but will generally consist of a seed stage, knockout stages, and finals.

## 11. SERIES SCORING AND PRIZES

11.1. Overall Grand Slam Series Scoring for 2025:

11.1.1. Points will be allocated as noted below for all competitors in their best 3 of 4 events.

11.1.2. The team with the highest score will be the winner of the 2025 Grand Slam and will be invited to compete at the 2026 Congressional Cup. The top team's name will also be etched onto the Grand Slam perpetual trophy.



11.1.3. 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 the first point(s) where there is a difference, the tie shall be broken in favor of the competitor(s) with the best score(s).

11.1.4. 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.

Place Points

First	100
Second	80
Third	65
Fourth	55
Fifth	40
Sixth	35
Seventh	30
Eighth	25
Ninth	20
Tenth	15
Eleventh	10
Twelfth	5

11.2. Additional individual event prizes and prize money:

11.2.1. International Match Race for the Detroit Cup. Event purse is \$7,500. See NOR for details.

11.2.2. Oakcliff International Prize Grant totaling \$10,000. See NOR for details.

**12. PERSONAL FLOATATION DEVICES**

12.1. Chicago Grand Slam and Detroit Cup: All competitors shall wear, while on the water, other than for brief periods while adding or removing clothing, a personal flotation device. Competitors shall supply their own PFD's.

12.2. Oakcliff International and Thompson Cup: Competitors should be prepared to supply their own PFD's in the event the RC signals that they must be worn. For the Oakcliff International, competitors may borrow PFD's from Oakcliff Sailing.

**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, however caused.

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