



Windy City Team Race

Team Racing is a very technical branch of sailing that is arguably the most intense and exhilarating form of sailboat racing. It involves two teams of three identical boats and combines the need for boat speed with solid teamwork, communication, and tactical knowledge. Team Racing is popular in high school and college sailing programs and attracts sailors who enjoy the fast-paced action and demanding boat handling skills. This style of racing fosters some of the best sailors in the sport and creates lightning fast reactions that prove extremely valuable for those who go on to compete in Match Racing events.



The Team Racer has two main tactics. Firstly, positioning his boat between the wind and his opponent, thus blanketing their sails which causes them to slow down. Secondly, using the right-of-way rules to his advantage, approaching his opponents in such a way that requires them to change course or incur a penalty. Both of these strategies are deployed even before the start when the maneuvers begin, much as in Match Racing, but with six boats rather than two performing an intricate and aggressive dance.

The Windy City Team Race is a Team Race event held on June 27 & 28 at Chicago Corinthian Yacht Club and sailed in Vanguard 15's. This inaugural event is a US Sailing sanctioned qualifier for the US Team Race Championship for the George R. Hinman Trophy. This two day event will attract 10+ coed teams comprised of over 30 boats and 60 top level sailors from high schools, colleges, and yacht clubs across the country as they battle for the prized Hinman berth under the scrutiny of on-the-water Umpires. Windy City Team Racing has partnered with Windy City Match Racing to promote Team and Match Racing in Chicago. Windy City Match Race is a sister event held in early September sailed in Farr 40's. Both events share many common elements and in some cases, the competitors themselves.

Sponsorship Opportunity

Windy City Team Race is actively pursuing sponsors who are interested in promoting the sport of competitive sailing in Chicago. As a sponsor you will benefit from exposure through a variety of avenues including the event website, banners at the event, competitor uniforms, and public announcements at the competitor meeting, social function, and awards ceremony.

Sliver Sponsorship - \$200

Sponsor's name will appear on event website and banners at the event.

Gold Sponsorship - \$500

Sponsor's name will appear on competitor's uniform. Benefits granted to Silver Sponsor also apply.

Title Sponsorship - \$1500

Sponsor's name will be announced at competitor's meeting, social function, and awards ceremony. A spectator boat will be available Saturday, June 27 for Sponsor and guests to view racing from the water. Benefits granted to Gold and Silver Sponsor also apply.



Windy City Team Race Sponsorship Form

Sponsor Name: _____

Contact: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Desired Sponsorship Level (please circle one):

Gold Sponsor - \$200

Silver Sponsor - \$500

Title Sponsor - \$1500

We agree to provide the sponsorship fee circled above payable no later than May 1, 2009.
Checks should be made payable to *CCYC Vanguard 15 Fleet 67*.

Sponsor Representative

Date

Please mail checks to

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Chicago Corinthian Yacht Club
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