



Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Blind Sailing Worlds and International Championship

Chicago Yacht Club-Belmont Station September 8-13, 2015

When is the event?

- September 8 – 13, 2015

Where is the event?

- Chicago Yacht Club

What is the event?

- Biennially, the International Federation of Disabled Sailing (“IFDS”) stages a Blind Sailing World Championship (the “Blind Worlds”). The Blind Worlds brings together the most talented sight-impaired sailors from around the world.

What is the history of the event?

- This year’s event is the 10th world championship in the past 23 years. Blind sailing has been an internationally recognized event since 1993. Prior venues included: Auckland, New Zealand; Fremantle, Australia; Newport, Rhode Island; and Miura, Japan.

What does the racing entail?

- Participating countries field 3 boats, one in each classification of blindness as determined by the IFDS: Blind 1, being the highest level of impairment; Blind 2 and Blind 3. The visually impaired crews compete with two sighted crew members who may not helm. The scores from each country are combined to reach a team score, the winner of which will earn The Squadron Cup recognizing the country with the strongest combined performance.

What type of boats will they sail?

- Competitors will race in two different types of small keelboats: “Sonars” and Tom 28s.

Where can I learn more?

- <https://www.chicagoyachtclub.org/blindworlds2015>
- https://www.chicagoyachtclub.org/default.aspx?p=.NET_ArticleView&tview=0&plugid=949047&ssid=277997&qfilter=RSC20361&itemID=312080
- <http://www.blindsailinginternational.com>
- [To help sponsor the event please contact the CYC at 312 – 861 – 7777](https://www.chicagoyachtclub.org/contact)