



2015 Chubb U.S. Junior Championships
for the Sears Cup, Bemis Trophy and Smythe Trophy
August 2nd – 6th

Organizing Authority: US Sailing

Host: Wianno Yacht Club

Osterville, MA

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Notice of Race

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1 - RULES — The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

1.1 - The following documents shall apply:

a - US Sailing Regulations 2, 10, 13

c - The US Sailing Championship Conditions and the Conditions for the United States Junior Sailing Championships.

d - The US Sailing Championship Support Vessel Policy —

<http://www.ussailing.org/racing/championships/coaching-and-support-boats-policy/>

1.2 - These Championships are not being conducted as a sanctioned or class association event. Only the Equipment Measurement Rules for the Wianno Senior, C420 and Byte CII classes will apply. However, US Sailing encourages sailors to join the Wianno Senior, C420 and Byte CII class Associations to support their efforts.

1.3 - Racing rules will be changed as below. These changes will appear in full in the sailing instructions. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.

a - RRS 40 is changed so that competitors shall wear a US Coast Guard (USCG) approved Personal Flotation Device (PFD), inherently buoyant (i.e. not inflatable) while on the water, except for brief periods while changing clothing. The PFD shall depend 100% on foam for flotation and shall be the appropriate size for the sailor.

b - RRS 60.1(a) is changed to prohibit a boat from protesting another boat for an alleged breach of any class rule other than class equipment measurement rules.

c - RRS 64.1 is changed to allow penalties imposed by the Protest Committee under RRS 60.3 to range from a reprimand to a dismissal from the regatta.

2 - ADVERTISING — Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

3 - DISCIPLINES — The regatta will include these disciplines utilizing the following class compliant equipment:
Singlehanded - Byte CII, Doublehanded - Club 420 w/ Spinnaker & Trapeze, Quadruplehanded - Wianno Senior

4 - ELIGIBILITY —

4.1 - Competitors must have reached their 13th birthday but not their 19th birthday during the calendar year of competition.

4.2 - All competitors and alternates must be individual or family members of US Sailing at the time of their respective first qualification event.



4.3 - The helm must be a member of a Local Sailing Organization (LSO)* that is a member of its Regional Sailing Association (RSA) and US Sailing.

4.4 - Crew member(s) must be members of a LSO which is a member of US Sailing within the same RSA as the helm.

4.5 - All the members of a crew shall reside in or regularly compete in the same RSA where the club is geographically located.

4.6 - An Alternate is named on the entry form at the first level of competition, and may not be changed in the competitive year.

**An LSO is defined to include a yacht club, sailing club, community sailing program or other sailing organization*

5 - QUALIFICATION —

5.1 - Each Area, as defined by US Sailing, may qualify one (1) team for the Quadruplehanded discipline and two (2) teams for both the Singlehanded and Doublehanded disciplines with the exception of Areas H and L which may qualify only one (1) team for each of the three disciplines.

5.2 - A Team is defined as all contestants listed on the entry form for a specific RSA, except the alternate.

5.3 - The skipper must remain the same throughout the series of qualifying events within and through his/her Area Qualifying event and including the National Championship. If the skipper is unable to continue, then the runner-up team will be named to replace the winning team.

5.4 - A crew member may be substituted with the named alternate only with the approval of the Protest Committee or, if between events, by the next-level Protest Committee. Once so named, the alternate shall compete as a named member of the team for the rest of the competitive year. An alternate, once used, may not be replaced or substituted for, without the written permission of the next level Protest Committee prior to the event.

5.5 – Quadruplehanded Team Defined: teams looking to participate in the Quadruplehanded division must have FOUR crew members (including the skipper) AND have a combined minimum weight of 520lbs (dry weight with gear).

6 - REGISTRATION and ENTRY —

6.1 - Registration for qualified teams may only be made by completing the online forms at:
<http://www.ussailing.org/racing/championships/youth/juniorchamps/>. (the “Event Website”).

6.2 - Registrations shall be submitted online **no later than 72 hours after qualification**.

6.3 - If requested by the Organizing Authority, an applicant shall send a copy of his or her birth certificate or passport to complete the application.

6.4 - The entry fee is \$625 per competitor, which includes housing, charter boat, coaching, daily transportation to and from the host club, meals and entertainment

6.5 - The entry fee shall be paid by credit card on-line at the time of registration.

6.6 - A completed entry is defined as all forms having been completed on-line and all appropriate entry forms having been received by the host club by July 23, 2015. The final deadline for all registration materials and travel plans is **2300 hrs. (EST), July 27, 2015**.

6.7 - No refunds of the entry fee will be made after July 27, 2015.

6.8 - Housing is provided and is required for all competitors. Local competitors may be permitted to stay at their own homes in accordance with the criteria detailed in the Conditions.

7 - TRANSPORTATION —

7.1 - Sailors should plan to arrive at WYC on Sunday, August 2nd, between 1 and 6 pm. **Earlier and/or later arrivals must be requested in writing at the time of registration to lizwalker@ussailing.org and approved ahead of time. Approval will only be given in extenuating circumstances.**

7.2 - Transportation to/from the Regatta Site from local airports will be available thru the host organization. Details will be provided to qualified competitors prior to their arrival.

7.3 - Return flights should not be scheduled prior to 1900 hrs. on Thursday August 6th, 2015. Specific details will be available after registration is complete. Those who cannot fly out on Thursday night need to request permission to stay until Friday morning in writing at the time of qualification to lizwalker@ussailing.org.

7.4 – US Sailing members will receive discounted travel through United Airlines for this event. Go to www.ussailing.org/membership/benefits.

8 - CHARTER BOATS –

- 8.1 - All Boats are provided by US Sailing and the Local Host Organizations. Charter fees are included in the Entry Fee.
- 8.2 - A separate Damage Deposit Fee of \$1500 per Quadruplehanded team will be submitted by the team at the time the entry is submitted. A separate damage deposit form will be provided for the Club 420s and Byte CIs. Damage deposits will be taken by credit card form which can be downloaded as part of registration.
- 8.3 - All forms, including the damage deposit form **must** be on file with the host organizations prior to a competitor receiving a charter boat. **No exceptions.**
- 8.4 - The Organizing Authority facilitates the arrangement of charter boats for both the charter company and competitor(s). Charter Agreements are between a competitor and the charter company or host organizations if boats are provided through it.
- 8.5 - Competitors in the Quadruplehanded discipline are reminded that they are not covered or protected by the Borrowed Boat Insurance Program, which exists to protect the owner of the boat, not the sailors/borrowers.
- 8.6 - Charter Boats and Borrowed Boats facilitated by the Organizing Authority will include:
 Singlehanded - provided in race-ready condition;
 Doublehanded - provided in race-ready condition. Competitors shall provide their own trapeze harnesses,
 Quadruplehanded – Wianno Seniors in race-ready condition. Competitors are responsible for ensuring the boats are in shipshape condition each day after racing. If weather conditions permit, Teams will rotate boats after each race. Alternatively, Teams will draw for boats before the start of racing each day.
- 8.7 - A condition of competing is that the competitor agrees to check-in their boat with the Charter Company immediately following the competition and assist in the loading of the charter company’s container. Failure to do so will result in the forfeiture of \$250 from the Damage Deposit and may result in a competitor not being awarded a charter at a future US Sailing event.

9 - SCHEDULE –

Day/Date Time	Location	Event
Sunday/2 nd		
1300-1800	WYC	Registration Open
1830-2030	WYC	Dinner-Welcome Ceremony – ALL sailors Skippers Meeting/Judges Introduction Break off into onshore clinic
2100	WYC	Competitor pick up by hosts
Monday/3 rd		
0745	WYC	Breakfast - prep lunches
0830	WYC	Onshore Clinic
1000	WYC	RIG and Leave Dock/On-Water Clinic
1500	WYC	First Warning for race #1
TBD	WYC	Host Family Dinner
2100	WYC	Competitor pick-up by Hosts
Tuesday/4 th		
0800	WYC	Breakfast-prep lunches
0900	WYC	Harbor Start
1000	WYC	First Warning for Quadruple handed
TBD	WYC	Dinner / Event
2100	WYC	Competitor pick up by hosts
Wednesday/5 th		



0800	WYC	Breakfast - prep lunches
0900	WYC	First Warning Signal for Quadruple handed
TBD	WYC	Dinner – Racing Beyond Youth Sailing
2100	WYC	Competitor pick-up by Hosts
Thursday/6 th		
0730	WYC	Breakfast - prep lunches
0900	WYC	First Warning Signal Quadruple handed
1200	WYC	No start after
1400	WYC	Boat Inspection and return
		Awards presentation with snack as soon as is practical
1500	WYC	Transportation to Logan

10 - MANDATORY PARTICIPATION — Participation in all meals and regatta events is mandatory.

10.1 - A clinic will be held preceding the championship. The purpose of the clinic will be to familiarize the competitors with the local conditions and probable race course. The clinic will include a practice race. Coaches for the clinic will be provided by US Sailing. Permission to miss the clinic must be requested to lizwalker@ussailing.org in writing and will only be granted for extenuating circumstances.

10.2 - Attendance at the pack-up session and the Awards Ceremony is **MANDATORY** for all competitors. Failure to assist in the pack-up will result in forfeiture of a portion of the damage deposit (see 7.6) and may result in a competitor not receiving a charter at a future US Sailing event.

11 - MEASUREMENT – Each boat shall comply with the equipment measurement rules of its class and may be inspected for compliance at any time during the regatta at the discretion of the Protest Committee.

12 - QUADRUPLEHANDED DISCIPLINE — Teams shall not in any way adjust standing rigging of any boat in a round robin series before or during the event, except with the prior consent of the Protest Committee. Teams understand that each boat is rigged within the specifications of the Wianno Senior class and specific sail adjustments may vary from boat to boat. The race committee may change any sailing rule or specification in the sailing instructions with the approval of the Chief Judge provided that the change is fair to all competitors. Examples may include but are not limited to replacing penalty turns with a scoring penalties and the elimination of spinnakers.

13 - SAILING INSTRUCTIONS — Preliminary Sailing Instructions will be posted online at the event website - <http://www.ussailing.org/racing/championships/youth/juniorchamps/>. Registered competitors will be notified by text and/or email as they are amended. The final sailing instructions will be available at registration.

14 - VENUE — Racing will take place in Nantucket Sound, with the race course located on the easterly side of the harbor entrance.

15 - COURSES —

15.1 - The Singlehanded and Doublehanded disciplines will sail a trapezoid course.

15.2 - The Quadruplehanded discipline will sail a windward/leeward course.

16 - PENALTY SYSTEMS – Appendix P – Special Procedures for Rule 42 will apply.

17 - SCORING —

17.1 - Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

17.2 a - When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.



b - When six (6) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

17.3 - Ten (10) races are scheduled for the Singlehanded and Doublehanded disciplines.

17.4 - Eleven (11) races are scheduled for the Quadruplehanded discipline.

18 - SUPPORT & SPECTATOR BOATS Spectator boats may be available via sign-up at WYC. Only flagged spectator boats will be permitted near the race course. **No private coach or spectator boats are permitted.**

19 - COACHING —

19.1 - This is a Grade 2 Event as defined in the US Sailing Championship Support Vessel Policy. Except as provided in the Policy specified above, instructors, coaches and other support personnel and family members shall not go afloat in the defined racing area at any time during the clinic or racing days, except in spectator boats as defined in NOR 18.

19.2 - Outside contact with competitors is prohibited on clinic and racing days commencing with the competitor's arrival at the host club and shall continue until dismissed by the National Coach on clinic days, or released by the Protest Committee on racing days.

19.3 - Outside contact is defined as a parent, family member, spectator, or coach. Competitors shall not receive advice, instruction, or any type of outside assistance (other than that provided by US Sailing) including electronic communication devices while at the sailing venue during the clinic and racing days. It is the intent of this rule to prohibit contact between competitors and any person, who, in the opinion of the Protest Committee, is a coach, instructor or advisor.

19.4 - The coaches provided by US Sailing will offer individual on-the-water instruction and group commentary/advice on land following each racing day. This coaching will be given to all competitors on an as equal basis as possible.

19.5 - The Protest Committee may protest and disqualify a competitor for breaking the rules of NOR 19 from all races on the day of the infringement.

20 - PERSONAL FLOATATION DEVICES (PFD) AND PERSONAL EQUIPMENT —

20.1 - Each competitor shall wear a USCG approved life jacket that is 100% dependent on foam for flotation and the appropriate size for the sailor, at all times while on the water, except for brief periods while adding or removing clothing. No modifications of the PFD are permitted and shall be the appropriate size for the sailor. The PFD must be worn outside of all clothing except that a thin shirt may be worn over the PFD to prevent snagging. These will be checked at registration.

20.2 - The only gear, rigging, or equipment that a team may take aboard a boat shall be - magnetic card compass, flags, plastic bucket or bailer, normally equipped ditty-bag, personal effects, including PFDs and protective clothing. For the events using the C420, competitors are required to bring their own trapeze harnesses.

20.3 - Electronic fluxgate compasses and GPS devices of all varieties, styles and combinations are specifically banned.

20.4 - Quadruplehanded teams are required to have an operational VHF on-board. A VHF is not permitted in other classes.

21 - PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES —

21.1 For Junior and Youth events or for junior or youth competitors in any US Sailing championship, no participant or competitor shall use or possess, either on or off the water:

1. marijuana or any other substance if possession is illegal under state or federal law; or
2. any alcoholic beverages.

21.2 An alleged breach of one of these regulations shall not be grounds for a protest. However, when the protest committee believes that a competitor may have breached one of these regulations, it shall follow the process described in the Championships Code of Conduct. If a competitor found to have breached one of the elements within the Code of Conduct, they shall be excluded from the remaining races of the series and, where practicable, removed from the regatta venue and sent home. The competitor's boat shall be disqualified from all races of the series.

22 - CONDUCT OF COMPETITORS —

22.1 - All competitors are expected to maintain the highest level of conduct throughout the entire event. Enforcement of discipline and conduct shall be conducted as per the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS 69.1) and the policies and procedures of US Sailing (Regulation 15.01).

22.2 - The curfew of the competitors shall be 2130hrs. **NO EXCEPTIONS**

22.3 - Competitors are not permitted to drive any vehicle, including their own, during the event. Competitors that drive themselves to the host club shall leave their vehicle at their host family for the duration of the event.

22.4 - An alleged breach of this requirement shall not be grounds for a protest. However, when the protest committee believes that a competitor may have breached the above requirement, it shall follow the process described in racing rule 69.1, and a competitor found to have breached this requirement shall be excluded from the remaining races of the series and, where practicable, removed from the regatta venue and sent home. The competitor's boat shall be disqualified from all races of the series.

23 - DRESS CODE — Appropriate attire must be worn at all times. Bring one dress outfit (collared shirt and nice shorts/pants for guys and equivalent for girls – aka yacht club casual) for the awards banquet. Shoes must be worn at all times on land.

24 - PRIZES

24.1 - US Sailing Championship medals will be awarded to competitors who finish first through third.

24.2 - The following trophies will be presented —

a - Singlehanded — The Smythe Trophy is the perpetual trophy presented to the winner.

b - Doublehanded — The F. Gregg Bemis Trophy is the perpetual trophy presented to the winning team.

c - Quadruplehanded — The Sears Cup is the perpetual trophy presented to the winning team. The Judges Trophy will be awarded to the second place team.

24.3. Sportsmanship and Seamanship Awards will be presented as follows —

a - Singlehanded — Faye Bennet Sportsmanship Award

b - Doublehanded — Bemis Sportsmanship Award

c - Quadruplehanded — Cox Sportsmanship Award

24.4 - The Seamanship Trophy will be awarded to the Quadruplehanded Team that receives the greatest number of points for neatness and general ship-shape condition of their boats as per USJRSC Condition 7.

24.5 - Additional honors: The top two Youth Champs eligible single and doublehanded teams not already qualified and finishing in the top 30% of competitors will receive early acceptance to the 2015 U.S. Youth Championships in a boat of their choice. Teams must apply for the 2016 U.S. Youth Championship by the 2016 deadline to be eligible.

25 - DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY — Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

26 - FURTHER INFORMATION —

All official applications, notices, forms, lists and results will be posted

<http://www.ussailing.org/racing/championships/youth/juniorchamps/>

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APPENDIX A

Racing Area

