



US Sailing's Chubb U.S. Junior Sailing Championships
Area F Qualifier
The U.S. Junior Triplehanded Championship for the Sears Cup
May 8, 2016

Organized by US Sailing
Hosted by Houston Yacht Club, 3620 Miramar Drive, Shoreacres, Texas 77571

NOTICE OF RACE
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1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing
- 1.2. The following documents shall apply:
 - 1.2.1. US Sailing Regulations 2, 10 and 13.
 - 1.2.2. The Conditions for the United States Junior Sailing Championships.
 - 1.2.3. The US Sailing Championship Support Vessel Policy.
<http://www.ussailing.org/racing/championships/coaching-and-support-boat-policy/>
 - 1.2.4. These Championships are not being conducted as a sanctioned or class association event. Only the Equipment Measurement Rules for the Lightning class may apply. However, US Sailing encourages sailors to join their class Associations to support their efforts.
- 1.3. Racing Rules will be changed as follows:
 - Rule 29.1 and rule 30.1 are changed to permit the hailing of recall numbers. The failure of any boat to hear the hail, an untimely hail of OCS boats, failure to hail any boats, and the order of the boats in the hail shall not be grounds for granting redress;
 - the preamble to Part 4 and rule 40 are changed so that competitors shall wear a US Coast Guard (USCG) approved personal flotation device (PFD) while on the water other than for brief periods while adding or removing clothing. The PFD shall depend 100% on foam for flotation. No modifications of the PFD are permitted and it shall be the appropriate size for the sailor.
 - rule 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;
 - rule 61.1(a) is changed so that "A boat intending to protest about an incident that occurs in the racing area shall notify the Race Committee finish boat of her intention as soon as possible after finishing, including the boat identification number of the boat(s) being protested";
 - rule 64.1 is changed to allow penalties imposed by the Protest Committee, for hearings held under rule 60.3, as changed, which may range from a reprimand to a dismissal from the regatta;
 - rule 77 is changed such that a boat is not required to display national letters; however, competitors may be required to apply recall numbers to their boat or sail;
 - When Borrowed Boats are provided for the competitors in a series, the Breakdown Procedure of Appendix D5 shall be utilized. Appendix D5.2 is changed to substitute a yellow flag for signaling a breakdown on the boat. Reference to umpire is replaced with protest committee;
 - These changes will appear in full in the sailing instructions. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.

2. DISCIPLINES

- 2.1. A minimum of three (3) boats for the triplehanded (Sears) if applicable and five (5) boats for the other divisions are required **to race all races** unless there redress is granted. If not, the fleet will not be sailed. The regatta shall include the following disciplines utilizing the following class compliant equipment:
 - Triplehanded -- Borrowed Lightnings. This regatta will be sailed on privately owned borrowed boats provided by the Host.

3. ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1. Competitors must have reached their 13th birthday but not their 19th birthday during the calendar year in which the event is held.
- 3.2. Competitors must be individual or family members of US Sailing at the time of their respective first qualification event.
- 3.3. All helms must be a member of a Local Sailing Organization (LSO)* that is a member of its Regional Sailing Association (RSA) and US Sailing.
- 3.4. For divisions other than singlehanded, other crew member(s) must be members of a LSO that is a member of US Sailing within the same RSA as the helm.
- 3.5. All the members of a crew shall reside in or regularly compete in the same RSA where the club is geographically located.
- 3.6. An alternate is named on the entry form at the first level of competition, and may not be changed in the competitive year. The alternate will attend the championship only if a crew member withdraws.

4. QUALIFICATION

- 4.1. A minimum of five (5) boats are required to be both entered by the NOR registration deadline and on the starting line for the single and doublehanded fleets in order for the winners to move on. For the remaining fleet a minimum of three (3) boats are required to be both entered by the NOR registration dateline and also be on the starting line.
- 4.2. This Area will qualify one (1) team for the triplehanded discipline and two (2) teams for both the singlehanded and doublehanded disciplines
- 4.3. A Team is defined as all contestants listed on the entry form for a specific LSO, except the alternate.
- 4.4. 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.
- 4.5. A crew member may be substituted with the named alternate, 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. REGISTRATION and ENTRY

- 5.1. Registration may only be made by *completing the online forms at:*
<http://www.ussailing.org/racing/championships/youth/juniorchamps/> (the "Event Website").
- 5.2. Registrations on the Event Website shall be submitted on-line no later than midnight (CDT), May 4, 2016.
- 5.3. If requested by the Organizing Authority, an applicant shall send a copy of his or her birth certificate or passport to complete the application.
- 5.4. The entry fee is \$ 80.00 per competitor, which includes: continental breakfast, a Lightning workshop, lunch and charter fee. The skipper pays the fee on behalf of the team. The day of the event a \$500 security deposit, check required, will also be required of each team, as specified in NOR 6.4.
- 5.5. The entry fee shall be paid *by credit card* online at the time of registration. Entry fees are non-refundable unless a boat is present at the regatta and a fleet is not sailed. (See NOR 2.1.)
- 5.6. NOR 5.7 below is replaced by this NOR 5.6, as follows:
A completed entry is defined as all forms having been completed on-line on the Event Website prior to the deadline in Paragraph 5.2 above, payment of all registration and entry fees for this Qualifier prior to the deadline in Paragraph 5.2 above, payment of the required damage deposit for borrowed Lightnings at the on site Competitor Check-In by check made payable to "Houston Yacht Club", the submission of a signed and fully completed Championship Code of Conduct at the on site Competitor Check-In, together with a Competitor's Agreement, Medical Consent Form, Depiction Release, and



Release of Liability, as well as the completion of any other forms required at the on site Competitor Check-In by the Area Representative.

5.7. 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 one week prior to the event.

6. BORROWED (or) CHARTERED BOATS

6.1. Borrowed boats will be provided by Houston Yacht Club.

6.2. If the boats are borrowed or chartered from any source other than a manufacturer, the competitors 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.

6.3. Competitors are responsible for ensuring the boats are in shipshape condition each day after racing.

6.4. The borrowed boat damage deposit for Lightnings is \$500.00 per team. The damage deposit shall be submitted by the team skipper to the Area Representative at the on-site check-in with a check made payable to "Houston Yacht Club". The damage deposit must be received at check-in prior to a competitor receiving a borrowed boat. No exceptions.

6.5. The condition of each borrowed boat will be reviewed by each competitor and a designated Host Club representative prior to launching and upon return to shore after the regatta. Failure to do so shall result in the forfeiture of the damage deposit. The boat's condition must be approved by the designated Host Club representative before the damage deposit will be returned to a team.

7. SCHEDULE

Sunday, May 9, 2016	0900hr.	Registration and borrowed boat orientation
	1300 hr.	First Warning for Racing
	1800 hr.	No Warnings after this time. Awards as soon as possible.

8. CLINIC

8.1. A clinic may be held preceding the championship qualifier. 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 may be provided through US Sailing. Permission to miss the clinic must be requested of the Area Representative, Yolanda Cortes Mares ymares@earthlink.net, in writing and in advance and will only be granted for extenuating circumstances.

8.2. *Participation in all meals and regatta events is mandatory.*

9. 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.

10. TRIPLEHANDED DISCIPLINE

10.1. For This Discipline ONLY, if the event is sailed in borrowed boats every effort will be made to conduct the event as a full round robin.

10.2. 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.



- 10.3. Teams shall not clean the bottoms of wet-sailed boats during an event without the prior consent of the Protest Committee.
- 10.4. Each skipper shall be supplied with a yellow breakdown flag.

11. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available at registration.

12. VENUE

The regatta will be sailed in Galveston Bay just off of the Houston Yacht Club, in an area bounded by the Shoreacres shoreline on the west, the Morgan's Point shoreline on the north, the Houston Ship Channel on the east and the Bayport Ship Channel on the south. Competitors may not enter the Houston Ship Channel and the Bayport Ship Channel, which are obstructions.

13. PENALTY SYSTEMS

Appendix P – Special Procedures for Rule 42 will not apply.

14. SCORING

- 14.1. The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply.
- 14.2. The number of races scheduled are at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 14.3. Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
 - (a) When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
 - (b) When five (5) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

15. PROTEST AND APPEALS

- 15.1. Decision of the protest committee will be final as provided in rule 70.5. However, a decision following a hearing under rule 69.2(a) may be appealed.
- 15.2. Contact information, including e-mail and telephone number, for the helm of each boat entered and for the chairmen of the Protest Committee and the Race Committee shall be posted on the official notice board at all times during the event.
- 15.3. Rule 65.2 **INFORMING THE PARTIES AND OTHERS** is changed as follows:

A *party* to the hearing is entitled to receive the above information in writing, provided she asks for it in writing and hand-delivers her request to a member of the protest committee no later than the protest time limit on the last day of racing or one hour after being informed of the decision, whichever is later. The committee shall then, within two hours, hand-deliver the information to the *party*, including when relevant, a diagram of the incident prepared or endorsed by the committee.
- 15.4. Rule 66 **REOPENING A HEARING** is changed as follows:
 - 66.1 The protest committee may reopen a hearing when it decides that it may have made a significant error, or when significant new evidence becomes available within a reasonable time. A party to the hearing may ask for a reopening no later than 24 hours after being informed of the decision. When a hearing is reopened, a majority of the members of the protest committee shall, if possible, be members of the original protest committee and include at least one National Judge.
 - 66.2 Area Qualifier Reopening
 - (a) A party to a hearing of a protest or request for redress may request an Area Qualifier Reopening. The request shall be in writing and include the significant error that the party believes the protest committee made or the nature of the significant new evidence within a reasonable time. The request shall be made no later than 24 hours after the hearing or 24 hours after the protest time limit on the last day of racing, whichever is later. The request, along with copies of the original protest or request for redress, the facts found, the decision of the protest committee, any new evidence that cannot be presented verbally, and e-mail and phone contact information for all parties to the hearing as well as



the chairman of the protest committee, shall be sent by e-mail to the US Sailing Championships Director, LizWalker@ussailing.org and the US Sailing Championships Chair, swmadero@aol.com. The hearing shall be reopened when the foregoing information is received by the Director and the Chair.

- (b) The protest committee for an Area Qualifier Reopening shall consist of the chairman of the original protest committee plus four certified judges appointed by US Sailing. A majority of the committee's members shall be National or International Judges. The Championship Chair will appoint its chairman.
- (c) An Area Qualifier Reopening will be conducted by telephone/VOIP conference call. The time and date for the conference call shall be established by the chairman as soon as practicably possible and no later than seven days after the request for reopening is e-mailed. The chairman will e-mail to the parties to the hearing the request for reopening, the facts found, the decision of the protest committee, the time and date of the hearing, the process for joining the call and any other relevant documents.

16. SUPPORT & SPECTATOR BOATS

Spectator boats will not be available. Support and spectator boat requirements are at <http://www.ussailing.org/racing/championships/coaching-and-support-boat-policy/>. Private coaches must have Level 3 Coaching Certification. NO EXCEPTIONS. All coaches and/or support personnel shall register on-site during the Competitor Check-In.

17. COACHING

- 17.1. This is a Grade **1** Event as defined in the US Sailing Championship Support Vessel Policy. See <http://www.ussailing.org/racing/championships/coaching-and-support-boat-policy/>. A private coach is defined as any coach NOT hired by US Sailing.
- 17.2. 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 14 and NOR 15.1.
- 17.3. The Protest Committee may protest and disqualify a competitor for breaking the rules of NOR 17 from all races on the day of the infringement

18. PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICES (PFD) AND PERSONAL EQUIPMENT

- 18.1. Competitors shall wear a US Coast Guard (USCG) approved personal flotation device (PFD) while on the water other than for brief periods while adding or removing clothing. The PFD shall depend 100% on foam for flotation and be the appropriate size for the sailor (US Sailing Regulation 10). 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.
- 18.2. 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.
- 18.3. Electronic fluxgate compasses and GPS devices of all varieties, styles and combinations are specifically banned.

19. PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES

- 19.1. For Junior and Youth events or for junior or youth competitors in any US Sailing championship, no participant or competitor shall use, either on or off the water: marijuana or any other controlled substance or alcoholic beverages as defined by state and federal law.
- 19.2. 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 the US Sailing Championships' Code of Conduct. See Appendix A.



20. CONDUCT OF COMPETITORS

20.1. All competitors are expected to maintain the highest levels of conduct throughout the entire event. Enforcement of discipline and conduct shall be conducted per rule 69.2(a) and the policies and procedures of US Sailing (Regulation 10 and 15.01)

20.2. . When the Protest Committee believes that a competitor may have breached the above requirement, it shall follow the process described in racing rule 69.2 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.

21. PRIZES

21.1. The top finishing, eligible team will qualify for US Sailing's Chubb U.S. Junior Sailing Championships. Registration may only be made by completing the online forms at:

<http://www.ussailing.org/racing/championships/youth/juniorchamps/> . (the "Event Website").

21.2. Registrations shall be submitted online **by June 15** or **within three days of qualification** whichever is closer to the event on the event website unless permission is granted by US Sailing's Junior Championship Chair.

21.3. Additional honors: US Sailing medals will be awarded to all members of the top finishing team (skipper and 2 crew members). Each competitor (skipper and 2 crew members) who submits their registration to the US Sailing Chubb U.S. Junior Sailing Championship (the "National Championship") on the National Championship Event Website by June 15 will also receive a \$250.00 cash prize from the Area Representative.

22. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please the Event Chair for this Qualifier Event, US Sailing's Junior Championships Committee Area F Representative, Yolanda Cortes Mares, at ymares@earthlink.net or (254) 493-0875. Junior Sailing Championships Committee Chair is Matt Dubois msdubois@sbcglobal.net

23. All official applications, notices, forms, lists and results for the finals will be posted at <http://www.ussailing.org/racing/championships/youth/juniorchamps/>

APPENDIX A Championship Code of Conduct

Introduction

Each competitor in a US Sailing Championship or Qualifier hereby pledges to uphold the spirit of this US Sailing Code of Conduct (Code). This Code is not intended to establish a set of rules that will, by inclusion or exclusion, prescribe the appropriate behavior for competitors in every aspect of their participation in a Championship or Qualifier. Rather, the Code offers general principles to guide the conduct of competitors in situations that have ethical implications.

The competitor commits to familiarization with this Code and understands that acceptance of its provisions is a condition of participation in a US Sailing Championship or Qualifier. Competitors who do not conform to this Code will be subject to the consequences of their actions, as specified below. The competitor has a right to a hearing if charged with a violation of this Code.

Elements of the Code

Each competitor in a US Sailing Championship pledges they:

Participation

- > Will abide by *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, the US Sailing Regulations, all rules related to the Championship selection procedures as specified by US Sailing, the Championship Conditions, the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions for the Championship or Qualifier.
- > Are eligible to compete under all US Sailing rules.

Fair Play and Conduct

Will abide by Rules 2 and 69 of the *Racing Rules of Sailing*.

Drugs & Alcohol

- > Will abide by US Sailing Regulation 10.01.C for Prohibited Substances as defined below:
- > For adult US Sailing championship events, no competitor shall use, either on or off the water: marijuana or any other controlled substance as defined by state or federal law.
- > For Junior and Youth events or for junior or youth competitors in any US Sailing championship, no participant or competitor shall use, either on or off the water, marijuana or any other controlled substance, or alcoholic beverages as defined by state or federal law.

Sexual Abuse & Harassment

Will abide by US Sailing Regulation 13.04 for Sexual Abuse & Harassment.

Physical Abuse & Assault

Will abide by US Sailing Regulation 13.05 for Physical Abuse & Assault

Bullying & Hazing

Will abide by US Sailing Regulation 13.06 for Bullying & Hazing.

Enforcement of the Code

> Compliance with this Code depends primarily upon understanding and voluntary compliance, secondarily

upon reinforcement by peers, and, when necessary, upon enforcement through disciplinary action.

> If a competitor has been alleged to have violated this Code, the competitor will be given two options:

- A) Voluntarily withdraw from the Championship or Qualifier where the violation occurred. The competitor shall be scored RET in all races sailed and not sailed. A report will be sent to US Sailing. If the offense warrants, further action will be taken pursuant to Rule 69

or

- B) A hearing will be held and if the Code is determined to have been broken, the hearing panel has the authority to remove the athlete from the venue immediately and mark all races as DSQ. Further action may be taken if needed pursuant to Rule 69.
- C) Before making a decision whether to withdraw from the Championship or Qualifier, or to request a hearing, the competitor will be given the opportunity to consult with an individual of their choice before racing commences, in order to better understand their options and potential outcomes.

I have read the above code and agree to abide by it as a condition of my (or if under 18, my child's) participation.

Competitor's Signature

Print Name: _____

Date: _____

If under 18, complete the following:

Parent or Guardian's Signature

Print Name: _____

Date: _____