



US Sailing's Chubb U.S. Junior Sailing Championships

Area L Championship for
The U.S. Junior Triple-handed Championship for the Sears Cup
June 3-4 at Leshi Marina, Seattle, WA
Organized by The Sailing Foundation and US Sailing

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/Area_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 Thistle class shall apply. However, US Sailing encourages sailors to join said class association to support their efforts.
 - 1.2.5. US Sailing SafeSport Handbook
 - 1.2.6. US Sailing Code of Conduct
- 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 preambles 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 (RC) finish boat of her intention as soon as possible after finishing, including the boat identification number of the boat(s) being protested";
 - Rule 64.4 (b) is changed to require a hearing before any action is taken.
 - Rule 77 is changed such that a boat is not required to display national letters.
 - This event will be sailed in borrowed boats, therefore 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 (SIs). The SIs may also change other racing rules.

2. DISCIPLINES

- 2.1. A minimum of three (3) boats for the Area L Triplehanded Championships are required **to race all races** unless redress is granted. If not, the fleet will not be sailed.
- 2.2. The regatta shall be sailed in Thistles which shall be class compliant and provided by the regatta organizers. This may be supplemented with privately owned boats which are also class compliant at the discretion of the Regatta Organizers.

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 competitors, including the crews, 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. All the members of a crew shall reside in or regularly compete in the same RSA where the LSO is geographically located.
- 3.5. An alternate may be named on the entry form at the first level of competition, and may not be changed in the calendar year in which the event is held. The alternate will attend the Championship only if a crew member withdraws.

4. QUALIFICATION

- 4.1. A minimum of three (3) boats are required to be both entered by the NOR registration deadline and on the starting line in order for the winners to move on.
- 4.2. Area L will qualify one (1) team for the triplehanded discipline.
- 4.3. A Team is defined as all competitors 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 Area Representative or National Chair, or if between events, by the next-level OA. Once so named, the alternate shall compete as a named member of the team for the calendar year in which the event is held. An alternate, once used, may not be replaced or substituted for, without the written permission of the National Chair prior to the event.

5. REGISTRATION and ENTRY

- 5.1. Registration online at <http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/14762>
- 5.2. Registrations shall be submitted on-line no later than 2200 (PDT), June 1, 2017.
- 5.3. The entry fee is \$45 per boat. Entry fees include charter and racing.
- 5.4. 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.)
- 5.5. 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 prior to the event.

6. BORROWED BOATS

- 6.1. At least one charter will be available to residents in each geographic sub-region. These will be allocated on a first come, first served basis by requests from each region. Those intending to charter a boat shall contact Andrew Nelson ysd@thesailingfoundation.org to place a reservation. A boat will be held for each region until May 20, 2016. After that, any remaining boats will be released to other Area L teams on a first come, first served basis. Area L's five sub-regions are defined below:
 - 6.1.1 North- Whatcom, San Juan, Skagit, and Island Counties
 - 6.1.2 Central- King and Kitsap Counties
 - 6.1.3 South Sound- Pierce and Thurston Counties
 - 6.1.4 Columbia- Counties Bordering the Columbia River
 - 6.1.5 Greater Cascadia- The remaining counties of Area L
- 6.2. If a competitor supplies their own class legal Thistle, it will be entered into the round robin boat rotation schedule and will be sailed at times by other competitors.



- 6.3. 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.
- 6.4. Each team, including those that bring their own Thistle, will need to submit a \$300 damage deposit check at check in. This deposit will be returned or destroyed after the regatta, provided they caused no damage. Competitors are responsible for ensuring the boats are in shipshape condition after racing.

7. SCHEDULE

Saturday, June 3	Sunday, June 4
1100-1400 Thistle Clinic & Practice w/ Local Fleet Members (Optional, but Highly Recommended)	900 Gates to Docks Unlocked
1400-1500 Check In/On Shore Debrief from Clinic	1030 First Warning
1500 Skipper’s Meeting	1600 No Starts After this Time
1530 First Warning	After Racing: Boat Check-In/Damage Deposit Return

8. CLINIC

- 8.1. A clinic will be held preceding the Area Championship. The purpose of the clinic will be to familiarize the competitors with the boats, local conditions, and probable race course. The clinic will include a practice race or races with local Thistle fleet members, plus on shore Q&A time with fleet experts. Coaches are welcome on the water during the clinic.

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 PC.

10. TRIPLEHANDED DISCIPLINE

- 10.1. Teams consist of three persons.
- 10.2. Every effort will be made to conduct the event as a full round robin.
- 10.3. Teams shall not in any way adjust standing rigging of any boat in a round robin series during the event, except with the prior consent of the RC.
- 10.4. Teams shall not clean the bottoms of wet-sailed boats during an event without the prior consent of the OA.
- 10.5. Each skipper shall provide a yellow breakdown flag.

11. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The SIs will be available at registration.

12. VENUE

The regatta will be sailed out of Leschi Marina on Lake Washington between the 520 and I90 floating bridges.

13. SCORING

- 13.1. The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply.
- 13.2. 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.

14. PROTEST AND APPEALS

14.1. 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 PC 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 PC 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 PC.

14.2. Rule 66 REOPENING A HEARING is changed as follows:

66.1 When a hearing is reopened, a majority of the members of the PC shall, if possible, be members of the original PC and include at least one National Judge.

66.2 Expedited Area Qualifier Reopening

- (a) A party to a hearing of a protest or request for redress may also request an Expedited Area Qualifier Reopening. The request shall be in writing and include the significant error that the party believes the PC 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 PC, 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 PC, shall be sent by e-mail to championships@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 PC for an Expedited Area Qualifier Reopening shall consist of the chairman of the original PC plus four certified judges appointed by US Sailing. A majority of the PC's members shall be National or International Judges. The Championship Chair will appoint its chairman.
- (c) An Expedited 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 PC, the time and date of the hearing, the process for joining the call and any other relevant documents.
- (d) A decision from an Expedited Area Qualifier Reopening is final.

15. SUPPORT & SPECTATOR BOATS

Private spectator boats are not allowed in or near the racing area.

16. COACHING

16.1. 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/>

16.1.1. A private coach is defined as any coach NOT hired by US Sailing or the OA

16.1.2. A private spectator boat is defined as a vessel not provided by the OA in which interested party (parties) reside(s) while on the water and who have direct ties to a competitor or group of competitors.

16.1.3. A coach boat is defined as a vessel not provided by the OA in which a coach (or coaches) reside(s) while on the water and who have direct ties to a competitor or group of competitors.

16.1.4. A spectator boat is defined as a vessel provided by the OA in which interested party (parties) reside(s) while on the water and who have direct ties to a competitor or group of competitors.

- 16.2. Only coaches with US Sailing Level 2 certification shall be allowed on the water during racing and clinic times. Coaches must stay 100 feet outside of the racing area, except when rendering assistance or at the request of the Race Committee. Family members and other spectators shall not go afloat in the defined racing area at any time during the clinic or racing days. For a full explanation see the US Sailing Championship Support Vessel Policy below:
<http://www.ussailing.org/racing/championships/coaching-and-support-boat-policy/>
- 16.3. All competitors and support persons are bound by rules 3.2 and 64.4 as modified in NOR 1.3.
- 16.4. Per rule 64.4, as modified in NOR 1.3, the PC may protest and penalize a competitor for breaking the rules of NOR 16.

17. PERSONAL FLOATATION DEVICES (PFD) AND PERSONAL EQUIPMENT

- 17.1. 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.
- 17.2. 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.
- 17.3. Electronic fluxgate compasses and GPS devices of all varieties, styles and combinations are specifically banned.

18. PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES

- 18.1. For Junior and Youth events or for junior or youth competitors in any US Sailing Area 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.
- 18.2. An alleged breach of this requirement shall not be grounds for a protest. However, when the PC 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.

19. CONDUCT OF COMPETITORS

- 19.1. All competitors are expected to maintain the highest levels of conduct throughout the entire event. Enforcement of discipline and conduct shall be conducted per US Sailing's Code of Conduct, rule 69.2(a) and the policies and procedures of US Sailing (Regulation 10 and 15.01)
- 19.2. When the PC believes that a competitor may have breached the above requirement, it shall follow the process described in the Code of Conduct .

20. PRIZES

- 20.1. The top finishing, eligible team(s) 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/AreaChampionships/youth/juniorchamps/>.
- 20.2. 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. Failure to register within the deadline will mean the next eligible boat moves forward.

21. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact Area L Championship Chair, Andrew Nelson ysd@thesailingfoundation.org
Further question can be sent to Jr. Sailing Championships Committee Chair: Matt Dubois msdubois@sbcglobal.net
All official applications, notices, forms, lists and results for the finals will be posted at <http://www.ussailing.org/racing/AreaChampionships/youth/juniorchamps/>



Code of Conduct

Introduction

Each competitor in a US Sailing event hereby pledges that he or she agrees 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 event. 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 event pledges they agree to abide by the Regulations and Bylaws of US Sailing with regard to alleged incidences of misconduct, and by the US Sailing SafeSport Handbook. The event is defined as running from on-site registration to departure from the venue at the conclusion of the event.

Participation

> Will abide by *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*, the US Sailing SafeSport Handbook, the US Sailing Regulations and Bylaws, 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 *RRS 2* and *69*, and the US Sailing SafeSport Handbook.

Drugs & Alcohol

> Will abide by the US Sailing SafeSport Handbook.
> Will abide by US Sailing Regulation 10.03 for Prohibited Substances as defined below:
> For Adult US Sailing championship events, no competitor shall use or possess, either on or off the water: marijuana or any other substance if possession is illegal under state or federal law
> For Junior and Youth events or for junior or youth competitors in any US Sailing championship, no 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.

Sexual Abuse & Harassment

> Will abide by the US Sailing SafeSport Handbook and US Sailing Regulation 13.04 for Sexual Abuse & Harassment.

Physical Abuse & Assault

> Will abide by the US Sailing SafeSport Handbook and US Sailing Regulation 13.05 for Physical Abuse & Assault.

Bullying & Hazing

> Will abide by the US Sailing SafeSport Handbook and US Sailing Regulation 13.06 for Bullying & Hazing.

Enforcement of the Code

> Compliance with this Code depends primarily upon understanding the Code and voluntary compliance, secondarily upon reinforcement by peers, and, when necessary, upon enforcement through disciplinary action as outlined by the *RRS*, the US Sailing SafeSport Handbook, and the US Sailing Regulations and Bylaws.

> If an incident is brought to the attention of the Organizing Authority, Host and/or the Protest Committee for the event alleging that a competitor has violated this Code, the Protest Committee shall protest the competitor and conduct a hearing that meets the requirements of Part 5, Section B of the *RRS*. The competitor has the right and option to voluntarily withdraw from the event rather than proceeding with a hearing. If the Protest Committee decides that the competitor has violated the Code and is not exonerated, it may
(a) remove some or all of the competitor's event privileges or benefits,
(b) disqualify the competitor's boat from the race or races sailed nearest in time to that of the incident, or
(c) disqualify the competitor's boat from all races in the event and exclude the competitor from the event or venue. Further action may be determined by the Protest Committee if warranted including considering calling a hearing under *RRS 69.2(b)* or remanding it to the US Sailing Review Board.

Scoring

When a competitor withdraws from part of an event pursuant to the Code, the scores of all completed races shall stand for the purposes of determining the seeding of subsequent rounds or stages in the event. However, that competitor's boat/team will no longer be eligible to compete in the event, shall be removed from the final event scores, and each boat/team with a worse finishing place in the event shall be moved up one place. The same scoring applies if a boat is disqualified from the remaining races in an event.

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: _____

Event: _____

If under 18, complete the following:

Parent or Guardian's Signature

Print Name: _____

Date: _____