



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

Area D Junior Championships & Qualification for US SAILING's Chubb U.S. Junior Championships

The U.S. Junior Triplehanded Championship for the Sears Cup
The U.S. Junior Doublehanded Championship for the Bemis Trophy
The U.S. Junior Singlehanded Championship for the Smythe Trophy

Organized by US SAILING and the Atlanta Yacht Club

Hosted by the Atlanta Yacht Club

NOTICE OF RACE

June 3-5, 2011

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 Regulation 10

- <http://about.ussailing.org/Assets/Bylaws/US+SAILING+Regs08.pdf>

- 1.2.2. The Conditions for the United States Junior Sailing Championships.

- <http://championships.ussailing.org/Page770.aspx>

- 1.2.3. The US SAILING Championship Support Vessel Policy.

- http://championships.ussailing.org/Youth/Coaching_and_Support_Vessels.htm

- 1.3. These Championships are not being conducted as a sanctioned or class association event. Only the Equipment Measurement Rules for the Thistle, C420 and Laser classes will apply. However, US SAILING encourages sailors to join the Thistle, C420 and Laser class Associations to support their efforts.

- 1.4. Racing rules will be changed as follows:

RRS 40 is changed so that competitors shall wear a US Coast Guard (USCG) approved Type III or V Personal Floatation Device (PFD), inherently buoyant (i.e. not inflatable) while on the water, except for brief periods while changing clothing.

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.

RRS 61.1(d) is added 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 identification number of the boat(s) being protested.

RRS 64.1 is changed to allow penalties for breaking RRS 60.3 to range from a reprimand to a dismissal from the regatta.

When Borrowed Boats are provided for the competitors in a series, the Breakdown Procedure of Appendix D5 shall be utilized. Appendix D5.1 is changed to substitute a yellow flag for signaling a breakdown on the boat. Yellow flags will be provided to each boat.



These changes will appear in full in the sailing instructions. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.

2. ADVERTISING

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

3. DISCIPLINES

- 3.1. The regatta shall include the following disciplines utilizing the following class compliant equipment:

3.1.1. Singlehanded Dinghy -- BYOB Laser Radial

3.1.2. Doublehanded Dinghy -- BYOB Club 420 with Spinnaker and Trapeze

3.1.3. Triplehanded Dinghy -- Borrowed Thistles

- 3.2. A minimum of three boats are required to be registered per fleet by June 1st or the division will not be sailed.

4. ELIGIBILITY

- 4.1. Competitors must have reached their 13th birthday but not their 19th birthday during the calendar year in which the event is held.
- 4.2. Competitors must be individual or family members of US SAILING at the time of their respective first qualification event.
- 4.3. Competitors must be a member of a Local Sailing Organization (LSO) that is a member of US SAILING and its Regional Sailing Association (RSA). Membership can be checked at <http://www1.ussailing.org/membership/memberlookupfname.aspx>
- 4.4. For the Doublehanded and Triplehanded Championships - other crew member(s) do not need to be members of the same LSO as the helm; however they must be members of a LSO that is 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.

5. QUALIFICATION

- 5.1. This Area will qualify one (1) team for the Triplehanded discipline and two (2) teams for both the Singlehanded and Doublehanded disciplines.
- 5.2. A Team is defined as all contestants listed on the entry form for a specific LSO, 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 for 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.

6. REGISTRATION and ENTRY

6.1. Registration may only be made by *completing the online forms at:*

<http://championships.ussailing.org/Youth/ChubbJrChampionships/AreaSemiFinals.htm> .

6.2. Registrations shall be submitted on-line no later than midnight (EDT), May 31, 2011.

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 includes the cost of registration and meals for each sailing team (Friday lunch and dinner; Saturday breakfast, lunch and dinner; Sunday breakfast and lunch). Entry fees are as follows:

6.4.1. Sears: \$ 140 per 3-person team.

6.4.2. Bemis: \$100 per 2-person team.

6.4.3. Smythe: \$60 per competitor.

6.5. Additional meals may be ordered as a part of completing the on-line registration.

6.6. The entry fee shall be paid *by credit card* online at the time of registration.

6.7. 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 by May 31, 2011.

6.8. No refunds of the entry fee will be made after May 31, 2011.

6.9. Housing options are as follows:

6.9.1. Camping at AYC: Tent sites and hot showers are available at the club. Sorry, but no pets are permitted.

6.9.2. Guest housing in AYC private cabins may be available. Email Steve Guebert (steveguebert@yahoo.com) for more information.

6.9.3. Hotels - there are several hotels to choose from at I-75 Exit 277. All are about 10 minutes from the club.

7. BORROWED (or) CHARTERED BOATS



7.1. Boats for the Triplehanded Discipline will be borrowed from members of the Atlanta Yacht Club and Thistle Fleet 48. 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.

7.2. There will be a \$250 damage deposit per each team borrowing boats which will be required during check-in. Checks should be made payable to The Atlanta Yacht Club. As long as borrowed boats are returned in the same condition, the full amount of the deposit will be refunded at the conclusion of the event. If damage is caused by the competitor, the cost of repairing that damage may be charged against the deposit. However, the damage deposit is not a limit to the liability of the Competitors, and Competitors agree that they are responsible for the full cost of repairs.

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

8. SCHEDULE

FRIDAY	
10 am - Noon	Registration desk is open
11:00 am - Noon	Borrowed Boat orientation
Noon - 1:00 pm	Lunch
1:00 - 5:00 pm	Clinic with practice race(s)
6:00 - 8:00 pm	Dinner & Clinic Debrief
SATURDAY	
8:00 - 9:00 am	Breakfast
9:00 am	Competitor's meeting at the pavilion
10:30 am	Warning for Sears race (Bemis and Smythe to follow). Additional race(s) may follow at discretion of Race Committee.
Approximately Noon	Lunch The timing of the lunch break will be made at the discretion of the Race Committee and may be earlier or later than noon.

After lunch	Additional race(s) to follow at discretion of Race Committee.
6:00 - 8:00 pm	Dinner
SUNDAY	
8:00 - 9:00 am	Breakfast
10:00 am	Warning for Sears race (Bemis and Smythe to follow)
12:30 pm	Lunch and Trophy presentation

9. CLINIC

- 9.1. A clinic will be held preceding the championship elimination. 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 through US SAILING. Permission to miss the clinic must be requested of the Area Representative (Samson Vasquez 228-323-1336, sam@gulfportyachtclub.org) in writing and in advance and will only be granted for extenuating circumstances.

10. MEASUREMENT

- 10.1. 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.

11. TRIPLEHANDED DISCIPLINE

- 11.1. For This Discipline ONLY, every effort will be made to conduct the event as a full Round Robin.
- 11.2. 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.
- 11.3. Teams shall not clean the bottoms of wet-sailed boats during an event without the prior consent of the Protest Committee.
- 11.4. Each skipper in a round-robin event shall be supplied with a yellow breakdown flag.

12. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 12.1. The sailing instructions will be available at registration.



13. VENUE

- 13.1. The regatta will be sailed out of the Atlanta Yacht Club on Lake Allatoona.

14. BERTHING

- 14.1. Early arrival at the venue will not be permitted. The arrival policy will be sent to all competitors.

15. Appendix P – Special Procedures for Rule 42 will apply.

16. SCORING

- 16.1. The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply.
- 16.2. Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 16.3. When five (5), or fewer, races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 16.4. 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.
- 16.5. A maximum of ten (10) races will be sailed.

17. PROTEST AND APPEALS

- 17.1. The following material shall be placed in both the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions in the Rules sections. (If this material is not placed in both the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, then the right to appeal shall not be denied.)
- 17.2. Under rule 70.5(a), there shall be no appeal of the decision of a protest or request for redress. However, a decision following a hearing under rule 69.1(a) may be appealed.
- 17.3. E-mail and phone contact information for 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.
- 17.4. Rule 65.2 is changed as follows:

65.2 A *party* to the hearing is entitled to receive the above information in writing, provided they ask for it in writing and hand-delivers their 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.

- 17.5. Rule 66 is changed as follows:

66 REOPENING A HEARING

66.1 A hearing may be reopened when the protest committee decides that it may have made a significant error, or when significant new evidence becomes available within a reasonable time.

66.2 The protest committee may reopen the hearing. A party to the hearing may ask for a reopening no later than one hour after being informed of the decision. When a hearing is reopened under rule 66.2, a majority of the members of the protest committee shall, if possible, be members of the original protest committee.

66.3 Area Elimination Reopening

(a) A party to a hearing of a protest or request for redress may request an Area Elimination 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 that is available. 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 Chairman, wrigs@earthlink.net.

(b) The protest committee for an Area Elimination 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 Senior or International Judges. US SAILING will appoint its chairman.

(c) An Area Elimination Reopening will be conducted by telephone 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.

18.SUPPORT & SPECTATOR BOATS

18.1. Spectator boats may be available via sign-up at the venue for Race Days.

19.COACHING

19.1. This is a Grade 2 Event as defined in the US SAILING Championship Support Vessel Policy. http://championships.ussailing.org/Youth/Coaching_and_Support_Vessels.htm

19.2. 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 venue supplied spectator boats.



- 19.3. 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 clinic coach on clinic days, or released by the Protest Committee on racing days.
- 19.4. 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.
- 19.5. 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.
- 19.6. The Protest Committee may protest and disqualify a competitor for breaking the rules of this section of the NOR from all races on the day of the infringement.

20. PERSONAL FLOATATION DEVICES (PFD) AND PERSONAL EQUIPMENT

- 20.1. 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 either be a USCG Type III or Type V device that depends 100% on foam for flotation. No modifications of the PFD are permitted. The PFD must be worn outside of all clothing except that a thin shirt may be worn over the PFD to prevent snagging.
- 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, permission is granted to bring Fast-pins, and the 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.

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, either on or off the water: marijuana or any other controlled substance (as defined in 21 U.S. Code 802) the possession of which is unlawful under 21 U.S. Code 841, or alcoholic beverages (distilled spirits, wine and beer, each as defined in chapter 51 of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code and intended for beverage use).
- 21.2. 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 RRS 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.



22. CONDUCT OF COMPETITORS

- 22.1. All competitors are expected to maintain the highest levels 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. 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. PRIZES

- 23.1. The top finishing, eligible teams will qualify for US SAILING's Chubb U.S. Junior Sailing Championships. Registration may only be made by completing the online forms at: <http://championships.ussailing.org/Youth/USJrChampionships.htm> (the "Event Website").

24. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 24.1. For further information please contact Samson Vasquez – (228)323-1336, sam@gulfportyachtclub.org.
 - 24.2. Junior Sailing Championships Committee Chair is Samson Vasquez – (228)323-1336, sam@gulfportyachtclub.org.
 - 24.3. Event Chair is Steve Guebert – (404) 277-2492, steveguebert@yahoo.com.
25. All official applications, notices, forms, lists and results for the finals will be posted at <http://championships.ussailing.org/Youth/ChubbJrChampionships.htm>