



## NOTICE OF RACE

Organizing Authority: US Sailing  
Hosted by: Pensacola Beach Yacht Club,  
Pensacola Beach, FL  
Sponsored by Rolex Watch USA, Gill North America  
and Hobie Performance Sunglasses  
amended 9/26/12



### RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the 2009 – 2012 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the Formula 16 Class Rules (as amended), the U.S. Multihull Championship Conditions and the US Sailing Regulations.
- 1.2. The organizing authority is US Sailing.

### ADVERTISING

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

### ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1. Membership in US Sailing is required at all levels of competition for US citizens and resident aliens entries (helm and crew). Other nationalities must be members of their NGB.
- 3.2. Teams may enter online at <http://championships.ussailing.org/Adult/USMHChampionship.htm>

### FEES

- 4.1. The entry fee is \$325 and is payable by credit card only at the time of registration. Registration is defined as complete when helm and crew are registered and fees paid. Entry deadline is Oct. 19, 2012
- 4.2. Any qualified team who has not registered by Oct. 19, 2012 will forfeit their spot.
- 4.3. The entry fee is not refundable after Oct. 19, 2012 unless the event is cancelled.

### CHARTERS

- 5.1. Charter boats may be available. Teams wishing to charter boats should contact Eric Witte at [ericwittect@aol.com](mailto:ericwittect@aol.com) for information regarding availability. It will be the responsibility of the lessee and the boat owner to work out all costs and logistics. The Organizing Authority will have no role or responsibility regarding chartered boats.

### SCHEDULE OF RACES

#### Wednesday 11/14

0900 - 1600 check-in @ regatta site

1830 – Skipper's Meeting - PBYC

#### Thursday 11/15

1025 First warning. More races to follow.

#### Friday 11/16

1025 First warning. More races to follow.

#### Saturday 11/17

First warning 1025. More races to follow.

1830 - Sailor's Dinner at Hemmingway's Restaurant

#### Sunday 11/18

First warning 1025. More races to follow.

No race will start after 1400

Awards to follow





### **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 7.1. The Official Sailing Instructions will be available at check in.
- 7.2. Preliminary Sailing Instructions may be posted at <http://championships.ussailing.org/Adult/USMHChampionship.htm>

### **MEASUREMENT**

- 8.1. Pursuant Formula 16 Catamaran Class Rule B.1.1, each boat shall produce a valid measurement certificate which is recorded on the F16 class on-line database.
- 8.2. If an entrant cannot produce a valid measurement certificate, the entrant shall submit a written request for a hardship extension to the Organizing Authority prior to the close of registration. The Organizing Authority will have the sole responsibility for determining if the reason for the extension is acceptable. For boats granted a hardship extension, on-site measurement for certification shall be provided, at a cost of \$100 (or \$100 plus the current F16 class documentation and certification fee, whichever is greater).
- 8.3. Each boat shall comply with the class rules and may be inspected for compliance at any time during the regatta either on or off the water at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.

### **VENUE**

- 9.1. The championship will be sailed in Pensacola Bay or Santa Rosa Sound dependent on weather conditions.

### **THE COURSES**

- 10.1. Buoy racing courses will be used, configuration to be determined by the Principal Race Officer

### **PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 11.1. RRS 44.1 and 44.2 are amended by substituting “one turn” for “two turns.”

### **SCORING**

- 12.1. Appendix A is amended so that when fewer than seven (7) races have been completed, a team’s series score will be the total of all scores. When seven (7) or more races have been completed, a team’s series score will be the total of its race scores excluding its worst excludable score.
- 12.2. Sixteen races are scheduled of which three races must be completed to constitute a Championship.

### **SUPPORT BOATS**

- 13.1. Support boats are not allowed. This event is a Grade 3 event as defined in US Sailing’s Support Vessel Guidelines at [http://championships.ussailing.org/Adult/Support\\_Vessels.htm](http://championships.ussailing.org/Adult/Support_Vessels.htm).

### **PERSONAL FLOATATION DEVICES (PFD) AND PERSONAL EQUIPMENT**

- 14.1. 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. No modifications of the PFD are permitted. Competitors from outside the U.S. may wear a PFD approved by their nations’ certification authority to the extent permitted by international treaty. The PFD must be worn outside of all clothing except that a thin shirt may be worn over the PFD to prevent snagging.

### **PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES**

- 15.1. For adult US Sailing championship events, no 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.
- 15.2. 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).

- 15.3. 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 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.

**COMMUNICATION**

- 16.1. Competitors are permitted to carry VHF radios while racing. Except for emergencies or retirement from a race, a boat shall not make VHF radio transmissions while racing. A boat shall not receive radio communications that are not available to all boats.

**PRIZES**

- 17.1. US Sailing medals will be awarded to the first, second and third place teams. Other specialty awards may be presented.
- 17.2. The winning team will be presented the Hobie Alter Trophy. The winning eligible team will be named 2012 U.S. Multihull Champions.

**DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

- 18.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority, host club, sponsors and their respective employees, agents or appointees will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death

**FOR MORE INFORMATION**

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