



U.S. ADULT SAILING CHAMPIONSHIP

The United States Adult Sailing Championship
Area A qualifier for the
Clifford D. Mallory Trophy
May 17-18, 2014
Organizing Authority: US Sailing
Hosted by: Piers Park Sailing Center, Boston, MA

NOTICE OF RACE posted April 1

1. RULES

- 1.1. The National Finals as well as all qualifying events will be governed by the rules as defined in the 2013-2016 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the current US Sailing Adult Championship *Conditions* and its qualifiers and US Sailing Regulation 2.
- 1.2. The Area Representatives administer the qualifying events.
 - 1.2.1. This Championship is not being conducted as a Sonar class sanctioned or class association event.
- 1.3. The following Sonar Class Rules will be enforced [Sonar Class Rules link](#):
 - 1.3.1. Hiking restrictions under Crew limitations: Section C.2.1c-e
- 1.4. **RRS 60.1 (a)** is changed: A boat shall not protest another boat for an alleged breach of a class rule requiring class membership.

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1. Boats will be required to display advertising in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20 chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND CREW

- 3.1. Membership in US Sailing is required at all levels of competition for all competitors and the clubs they represent.
- 3.2. Boats & Crews: The boat for the Area A qualifier for the Adult Sailing Championship will be Sonars supplied by Piers Park Sailing Association. The minimum number of crew for the event shall be three (3) including the helmsperson.
- 3.3. Eligibility Conditions: Entrants may refer to Eligibility in the *Conditions* located on the U.S. Adult Sailing Championship web page at the following link: <http://championships.ussailing.org/Adult/USAdult.htm>
- 3.4. The selection process for all competitors at the Area (Semi Finals) and Finals level is described in the "*Conditions*" for the event.

4. BOATS / REGISTRATION

- 4.1. Sonars supplied by Piers Point Sailing (X number of Sonars will be available to the first X registrants).
 - 4.1.1. 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
 - 4.1.2. Teams shall not clean the bottoms of wet-sailed boats during an event without the prior consent of the Protest Committee.



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4.2. Competitors shall register in advance by completing the online registration forms at: https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_registration_form.php?regatta_id=8095

4.3. The deadline for on-line registration is midnight May 1, 2014

5. FEES

5.1. The entry fee is \$90 per boat and shall be paid by credit card on-line at the time of registration.

6. MEASUREMENT

6.1. Sonar Class Rules will not apply. Boats will be supplied by Piers Park Sailing Center

7. QUALIFICATION

7.1. This event will qualify one team for the US Adult Sailing Championship to be held in J/22s at Fort Worth Boat Club, Fort Worth Texas on September 24-27, 2014

7.2. The qualified team must meet the eligibility requirements set forth in the US Adult Sailing Championship Conditions and the Notice of Race for the Adult Sailing Championship

8. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Saturday May 17, 2014:	0900	Check-in and Boat orientation
	0945	Competitors' Meeting
	1030	Warning Signal
Sunday May 18, 2014: (if necessary)	0930	Warning Signal
	1600	No warning signal after this time

7. **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS** - Sailing Instructions will be available at registration.

8. NUMBER OF RACES

8.1. The regatta will be conducted using a round-robin format. If possible, each team will race each boat one (1) time.

8.2. A maximum of 5 races may be sailed in one day. More than 5 races shall only be run with the concurrence of the Protest Committee and the Area representative to the championship.

8.3. 2 races will constitute a series.

8.4. At any level of competition, ties shall be decided in a single sail off race between the tied teams using boats which the series has demonstrated to be the most evenly matched. The boats so selected shall be drawn by lot. If, in the opinion of the Protest Committee, conditions do not permit a sail off race, the tie shall be decided in favor of the crew breaking the tie in accordance with Appendix A, A8.1 & A8.2 "Series Ties."

9. RACING AREA AND COURSES

9.1. Racing area will be on Boston Harbor. Courses will be Windward - Leeward .

10. SCORING

Appendix A2 is modified such that all races will be scored for this event.



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11. PROTESTS AND APPEALS

- 11.1. This event will be used to determine qualifiers for the next stage of the US Adult Sailing Championship
- 11.2. 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.
- 11.3. 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.
- 11.4. Rule 65.2 is changed as follows:
65.2 A *party* to the hearing is entitled to receive the above information in writing, provided 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.
- 11.5. 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 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 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, swmadero@aol.com.

(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 Senior or International Judges. US Sailing will appoint its chairman.

(c) An Area Qualifier 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.



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12. SAFETY

- 12.1. Per US Sailing Regulation 10.01D Competitors in US Sailing championships or qualifiers for US Sailing championships shall wear a U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) approved personal floatation device (PFD) while on the water, other than for brief periods while adding or removing clothing.
- 12.2. A boat retiring from a race shall notify a Race Committee vessel before leaving the course, or when that is impossible, the Race Committee immediately after arrival ashore.

13. COACHING

- 13.1. This is a Grade 3 event as defined by US Sailing's Coaching and Support Boat Policy. http://championships.ussailing.org/Championships_Home/Champ_Mgmt/Coaching_and_Support_Vessels.htm . No private coaching of any competitor while on the water shall be permitted.

14. SPECTATOR BOATS

Spectator boats will not be supplied.

15. PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES

- 15.1. Per US Sailing Regulation 10.01 C1. 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. Per US Sailing Regulation 10.01 C3. 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 will follow the process described in racing rule 69.1, and a competitor found to have breached one of these regulations 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.

16. PRIZES

- 16.1. Prizes will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place teams

17. FURTHER INFORMATION:

Name, **Area A Representative to the U.S. Adult Sailing Championship**, email address, phone:
Linda Epstein, **Chairperson of the US Adult Sailing Championship Committee**, email:
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18. For qualifying events, please refer to the information posted under Area Qualifiers at:

<http://championships.ussailing.org/Adult/USAdult.htm>

19. REGATTA CHAIRMAN:

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