





CHUBB U.S. JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

US Sailing's Chubb U.S. Junior Sailing Championships
Area F Qualifier
The U.S. Junior Singlehanded Championship for the Smythe Trophy
April 19-20, 2014

Organized by US Sailing
Hosted by:

Fred Schroth, Schroth Fiberglass, at Austin Yacht Club, 5906 Beacon Drive, Austin, Texas 78734

NOTICE OF RACE

Posted March 18, 2014

(This Notice of Race is subject to modification.)

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.
 - 1.2.2. The Conditions for the United States Junior Sailing Championships.
 - 1.2.3. The US Sailing Championship Support Vessel Policy.
http://championships.ussailing.org/Youth/Coaching_and_Support_Vessels.htm
 - 1.2.4. These Championships are not being conducted as a sanctioned or class association event. Only the Equipment Measurement Rules for the Laser class will apply at this qualifier event. However, US Sailing encourages sailors to join the ILCA-NA class Association 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 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;
 - 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 five (5) boats 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:
 - Singlehanded Dinghy - BYOB Laser Radial



CHUBB U.S. JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

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. This regatta is a championship between LSOs.
- 3.4. Competitors shall reside in or regularly compete in the same RSA where the club is geographically located.

4. QUALIFICATION

- 4.1. This Area will qualify two (2) teams for the Singlehanded discipline.
- 4.2. A Team is defined as all contestants listed on the entry form for a specific LSO, except the alternate.
- 4.3. 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. REGISTRATION and ENTRY

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

<http://championships.ussailing.org/Youth/ChubbJrChampionships/AreaQualifiers.htm> (the "Event Website").

As an additional registration requirement, competitors must also register their Laser Radial for the 31st East Torch / Laser Regatta at <http://schrothfiberglass.com/easter.htm#NOR> (the "Easter Laser Regatta Website").

- 5.1. Registrations shall be submitted on-line no later than midnight (EDT), April 11, 2014 . There will be no on-site registration.
- 5.2. A minimum of five (5) boats are required to be both entered by the April 11, 2014 registration deadline and also be on the starting line. If not, there shall be no racing in this qualifier event. Sailors will be contacted as soon as possible after the registration deadline if a minimum fleet size has not been established.
- 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 \$ 30.00 per competitor.
- 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. A completed entry is defined as all forms having been completed on-line on the Event Website by the April 11, 2014 registration deadline, payment of all registration and entry fees for this qualifier event by the April 11, 2014 registration deadline, complete all forms and pay the entry fees for the Easter Laser Regatta, the submission of a signed and fully completed Competitors Agreement at the on site check-in, as well as the completion of any other forms required at check-in.
- 5.7. Housing is not provided and is required for all competitors. *Local competitors may be permitted to stay at their own homes in accordance with the criteria detailed in the Conditions.*

6. SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 19, 2014	7:30 a.m.-9:00 a.m.	On-Site Competitor Check-In
	9:00 a.m.	Competitor's Briefing



CHUBB U.S. JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

First Warning Signal for racing as soon as possible after Competitor's Briefing with additional races to follow.

Sunday, April 20, 2014 9:00 a.m.

First Warning Signal for racing with additional races to follow. No warning signal after 2:00 p.m.

Awards will be held along with those for Easter Laser Regatta

7. CLINIC

No clinic will be held preceding the championship qualifier.

8. 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.

9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available at registration.

10. VENUE

The regatta will be sailed in Lake Travis at Austin Yacht Club as part of their venue for the Easter Laser Regatta.

11. PENALTY SYSTEMS

Appendix P – Special Procedures for Rule 42 may apply.

12. SCORING

12.1. The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply.

12.2. 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.

13. PROTEST AND APPEALS

13.1. 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.

13.2. 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.

13.3. 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.

13.4. Rule 66 **REOPENING A HEARING** is changed as follows:



CHUBB U.S. JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

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.

Area Elimination Reopening

- (a) A party to a hearing of a protest or request for redress may request an Area Semi Final 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 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/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.

14. SUPPORT & SPECTATOR BOATS

Spectator boats may be available via sign-up at the venue for Race Days. No private support boats are permitted.

15. COACHING

- 15.1. This is a Grade 2 Event as defined in the US Sailing Championship Support Vessel Policy. See http://championships.ussailing.org/Youth/Coaching_and_Support_Vessels.htm
- 15.2. 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 18.1.
- 15.3. 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.
- 15.4. 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.
- 15.5. 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.
- 15.6. The Protest Committee may protest and disqualify a competitor for breaking the rules of NOR 19 from all races on the day of the infringement.

16. PERSONAL FLOATATION DEVICES (PFD) AND PERSONAL EQUIPMENT

- 16.1. 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



CHUBB U.S. JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

permitted. The PFD must be worn outside of all clothing except that a thin shirt may be worn over the PFD to prevent snagging.

16.2. 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.

16.3. Electronic fluxgate compasses and GPS devices of all varieties, styles and combinations are specifically banned.

17. PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES

17.1. 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).

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

18. CONDUCT OF COMPETITORS

18.1. 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 15.01)

18.2. 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.

19. PRIZES

19.1. 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/ChubbJrChampionships.htm>. (the "Event Website").

19.2. Registrations shall be submitted online no later the date listed on the Notice of Race for the U.S. Junior Championships

19.3. U.S. Sailing medals will be awarded to all members of the top two finishing teams.

20. FURTHER INFORMATION

20.1. For further information please contact the Event Chair for this Area Qualifier Event, U.S. Sailing's Junior Championships Committee Area F Representative, Yolanda Cortes Mares at ymares@earthlink.net or (254) 493-0875.

20.2. Junior Sailing Championships Committee Chair is Frank Ustach fustach@gmail.com

20.3. Event Chair is Cissy Yoes cyoes@UTMB.EDU

21. All official applications, notices, forms, lists and results for the finals will be posted at

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