



CHUBB U.S. JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

US Sailing's Chubb U.S. Junior Sailing Championships
Area F Qualifier
The U.S. Junior Doublehanded Championship for the Bemis Trophy
May 3-4, 2014

Organized by US Sailing
Hosted by Rush Creek Yacht Club, 320 Rush Creek Drive, Heath, Texas 75032

NOTICE OF RACE

Posted April 9, 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 Club 420 class will apply at this qualifier event. If all boats and sails are provided at this event, Club 420 class rules regarding sails may be waived. If any BYOB ("bring your own boat") boats are registered, Club 420 class rules shall apply to all boats and sails, whether or not they are borrowed. US Sailing encourages sailors to join the Club 420 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.



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2. DISCIPLINES

2.1. A minimum of five (5) boats are required **to race all races** unless redress is granted. If not, the fleet will not be sailed. The regatta shall include the following disciplines utilizing the following class compliant equipment:

Doublehanded dinghy - Borrowed Club 420's and BYOB Club 420's, with Spinnaker, Trapeze, and mainsheet bridle

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. For the Doublehanded Championship - other crew member must be members of a LSO that is a member of US Sailing within the same RSA as the helm.
- 3.5. All the members of a crew shall reside in or regularly compete in the same RSA where the club is geographically located.
- 3.6. An alternate is named on the entry form at the first level of competition, and may not be changed in the competitive year. If an alternate is named, such alternate shall meet all eligibility requirements for this Area Qualifying Event as though the alternate were a competitor.

4. QUALIFICATION

- 4.1. This Area will qualify two (2) teams for the Doublehanded 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.
- 4.4. A crew member may be substituted 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.

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 borrowed Club 420's or BYOB Club 420's for the Texas Sailing Association Chocopalooza Regatta at Rush Creek Yacht Club www.txsail.org (the "TSA Website").

- 5.1. Registrations shall be submitted on-line no later than midnight (EDT), April 18, 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 18, 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.)



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- 5.6. A completed entry is defined as all forms having been completed on-line on the Event Website and the TSA Website by the April 18, 2014 registration deadline, payment of all registration and entry fees for this qualifier event and for the Texas Sailing Association Chocapalooza Regatta at Rush Creek Yacht Club by the April 18, 2014 registration deadline, payment of the required damage deposit for borrowed Club 420's at the on site Competitor Check-In, the submission of a signed and fully completed Competitors Agreement at the on site Competitor Check-In, as well as the completion of any other forms required at the on site Competitor 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. BORROWED (or) CHARTERED BOATS

- 6.1. Boats for the Doublehanded Discipline may be borrowed / chartered. 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. If a competitor brings their own boat (borrowed or otherwise) they shall enter this boat into the round-robin rotation to be used by all competitor teams and shall also be required to submit the damage deposit described below.
- 6.2. The borrowed boat damage deposit for Club 420's is \$500.00 per team. The damage deposit shall be submitted by the team at the on site Competitor Check-In with a check made payable to "Rush Creek Yacht Club". The damage deposit must be received at the on site Competitor Check-In prior to a competitor receiving a borrowed boat. No exceptions.
- 6.3. Competitors are responsible for ensuring the boats are in shipshape condition each day after sailing.
- 6.4. The condition of each borrowed Club 420 will be reviewed by each competitor and a designated Host Club representative prior to launching and upon return to shore on the last day of the regatta. Failure to do so will result in the forfeiture of the damage deposit.

7. SCHEDULE

Friday, May 2, 2014	5:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.	The Club will be open to allow unloading of boats.
Saturday, May 3, 2014	8:00 a.m.-9:30 a.m.	On-Site Competitor Check-In at the RCYC Clubhouse
	9:45 a.m.	Mandatory Competitor's Briefing at the RCYC Clubhouse
	9:45 a.m.-10:30 a.m.	Mandatory borrowed boat condition review and orientation
	11:00 a.m.-	First Warning Signal for racing with additional races to follow
Sunday, May 4, 2014	9:30 a.m.	First Warning Signal for racing with additional races to follow. No warning signal after 1:00 p.m. Awards will be held along with those for the TSA Chocapalooza Regatta

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 the on site Competitor Check-In.



10. VENUE

The regatta will be sailed on the waters of Lake Ray Hubbard at the Rush Creek Yacht Club as part of their venue for the TSA Chocapalooza 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:

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.



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14. SUPPORT & SPECTATOR BOATS

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

15. COACHING

15.1. For coaching purposes, this is a Grade 1 Event as defined in the US Sailing Championship Support Vessel Policy. Private coaching is permitted; coach and support boats are permitted. All coaches and/or support personnel shall register on-site during the Competitor Check-In. 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 coach or support boats as defined in NOR 15.1, or in spectator boats as defined in NOR 14.

15.3. The coaches provided by US Sailing, if any, 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.

15.4. The Protest Committee may protest and disqualify a competitor for breaking the rules of NOR 15 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 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)

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19. PRIZES

19.1. The top finishing, eligible teams will qualify for US Sailing's Chubb U.S. Junior Sailing Championships.

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19.2. Registrations shall be submitted online no later than June 15th for the U.S. Junior Championships

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

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

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