

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

Area B Qualifier

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 sponsored by Zim Sailing

Hosted by Masons Island Yacht Club and Fishers Island Yacht Club/Hay Harbor Club NOTICE OF RACE

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## 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 Byte CII and C420 classes will apply. However, US Sailing encourages sailors to join the Byte CII and C420 class Associations to support their efforts.
- 1.3. Racing Rules will be changed as follows:
  - 1.3.1. 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;
  - 1.3.2. 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 Flotation Device (PFD), inherently buoyant (i.e. not inflatable) while on the water, except for brief periods while changing clothing; The PFD must be worn outside of all clothing except that a thin shirt may be worn over the PFD to prevent snagging.
  - 1.3.3. 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;
  - 1.3.4. 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";
  - 1.3.5. 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;
  - 1.3.6. 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;
  - 1.3.7. 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;
  - 1.3.8. 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 in each division are required to race all races unless there is redress granted. If not, the fleet will not be sailed. The regatta shall include the following disciplines utilizing the following class compliant equipment:
  - 2.1.1. Singlehanded Dinghy--BYOB or Supplied Byte CII (provided by Zim Sailing)Doublehanded Dinghy--BYOB Club 420 with Spinnaker, Trapeze and mainsheet bridle.



# 3. ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1. Competitors must have reached their 13<sup>th</sup> birthday but not their 19<sup>th</sup> 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.
- 3.4. For the Doublehanded Championship other crew member(s) 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 may be named on the entry form at the first level of competition, and may not be changed in the competitive year.
- 4. QUALIFICATION
  - 4.1. This Area will qualify two (2) teams for both the Singlehanded and Doublehanded disciplines. A Team is defined as all contestants listed on the entry form for a specific LSO, except the alternate.
  - 4.2. 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.
  - 4.3. 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
  - 5.1. In the Singlehanded Division only: Four charter boats are held for each RSA until July 2<sup>nd</sup>. After that, any remaining boats will be released to Area B residents on a first come, first serve basis. Late fees will not apply in this division for those with chartered boats.
  - 5.2. Registration may only be made by completing the online forms at: <u>http://championships.ussailing.org/Youth/ChubbJrChampionships/AreaQualifiers.htm</u> (the "Event Website"). Registrations shall be submitted on-line no later than midnight (EDT), July 3rd. Late registration Deadline is Midnight July 7th with a \$10 late fee per sailor.
  - 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 \$70 per sailor in the Byte CII class and \$35 per sailor in the C420 class.
  - 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 and all appropriate entry forms having been received by the host club one week prior to the event.
  - 5.7. Housing is not provided.
- 6. BORROWED (or) CHARTERED BOATS
  - 6.1. Zim Sailing will supply up to 20 Byte CII boats for the Singlehanded qualifier for Area B participants. (see NOR 5.1) Sailors are encouraged to bring their own Byte CII.
  - 6.2. Competitors are responsible for ensuring the boats are in shipshape condition each day after racing.
- 7. SCHEDULE



Wednesday, July 9, 2 8:00 am - 9:00 am 9:00 am - 5:00 pm 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm	2014 Byte CII check-in MANDATORY Byte CII Clinic 420 check-in, boat drop off
Thursday July 10, 2014	
7:30 am - 9:00 am	420 Check-in
	Breakfast/Make your own lunch
	Launch
9:00 am	Skippers' Meeting
	Coaches/Safety Boat Meeting
10:30	First Warning
TBD Lunch	on the water
5:00 pm	No warning signal after 5:00 pm
	Cookout and Awards immediately following racing

# 8. CLINIC

8.1. A mandatory clinic will be held for participating Byte CII sailors. See Schedule for details. Permission to miss the clinic must be requested of the Area Representative (Kevin Broome, kbroome1@gmail.com) in writing and in advance and will only be granted for extenuating circumstances.

#### 9. 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.

#### **10. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

The sailing instructions will be available at registration.

#### 11. VENUE

The regatta will be sailed out of the Mason's Island Yacht Club, Stonington, CT.

## 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. Decisions 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:

66.1 The protest committee may reopen a hearing when it decides that it may have made a significant error, or when significant new evidence becomes available within a reasonable time. A party to the hearing may ask for a reopening no later than 24 hours after being informed of the decision. When a hearing is reopened, a majority of the members of the protest committee shall, if possible, be members of the original protest committee and include at least one National Judge.

- 66.2 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 within a reasonable time. 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, <u>LizWalker@ussailing.org</u> and the US Sailing Championships Chair, <u>swmadero@aol.com</u>. The hearing shall be reopened when the foregoing information is received by the Director and the Chair.
- (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 National or International Judges. The Championship Chair will appoint its chairman.
- (c) An Area Qualifier 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. COACHING

- 14.1. This is a Grade 1 Event as defined in the US Sailing Championship Support Vessel Policy. See <a href="http://championships.ussailing.org/Youth/Coaching\_and\_Support\_Vessels.htm">http://championships.ussailing.org/Youth/Coaching\_and\_Support\_Vessels.htm</a>
- 14.2. The Protest Committee may protest and disqualify a competitor for breaking the Rules of NOR 14 from all races on the day of the infringement.

## 15. PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICES (PFD) AND PERSONAL EQUIPMENT

- 15.1. 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.
- 15.2. 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, and 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.
- 15.3. Electronic fluxgate compasses and GPS devices of all varieties, styles and combinations are specifically banned.



### 16. PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES

- 16.1. 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).
- 16.2. 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.

### **17. CONDUCT OF COMPETITORS**

- 17.1. 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).
- 17.2. 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.

#### 18. PRIZES

- 18.1. 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: <u>http://championships.ussailing.org/Youth/ChubbJrChampionships.htm</u>. (the "Event Website").
- 18.2. Registrations shall be submitted online **within five days of qualification** on the event website unless permission is granted by US Sailing's Junior Championship Chair.

## **19. FURTHER INFORMATION**

For further information please contact Kevin Broome: kbroome1@gmail.com Junior Sailing Championships Committee Chair is Frank Ustach: <u>fustach@gmail.com</u>

20. All official applications, notices, forms, lists and results for the finals will be posted at <a href="http://www.ussailing.org/racing/championships/youth/juniorchamps/">http://www.ussailing.org/racing/championships/youth/juniorchamps/</a>