

2015 Chubb U.S. Junior Sailing Championships
Area J Qualifier for the
The U.S. Junior Doublehanded Championship for the Bemis Trophy &
The U.S. Junior Singlehanded Championship for the Smythe Trophy

Organized by the Southern California Youth Yacht Racing Association

NOTICE OF RACE

December 5, 2014

1. HOST CLUBS & DATES

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| 1.1. | Bemis Trophy Qualifier | | |
| | a. | January 31-February 1, 2015 | SCYYRA Perry #3
US Sailing Center Long Beach |
| | b. | March 7-8, 2015 | SCYYRA Perry #4
Coronado Yacht Club |
| 1.2. | Smythe Trophy Qualifier | | |
| | a. | February 14- 15, 2015 | SCYYRA Frost #3
Ventura Yacht Club |
| | b. | March 28-29, 2015 | SCYYRA Frost #4
California Yacht Club |

2. RULES

- 2.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 2.2. The following documents shall apply:
- a. US Sailing Regulation 10.
 - b. The Conditions for the United States Junior Sailing Championships.
 - c. The US Sailing Championship Support Vessel Policy.
http://championships.ussailing.org/Youth/Coaching_and_Support_Vessels.htm
- 2.3. Racing rules will be changed as follows:
- a. 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;
 - b. the preamble to Part 4 and rule 40 are changed so that competitors shall wear a US Coast Guard (USCG) approved Personal Floatation Device (PFD), inherently buoyant (i.e. not inflatable) while on the water, except for brief periods while changing clothing;
 - c. 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;
 - d. 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";
 - e. 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;
 - f. 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;
- 2.4. These changes will appear in full in the sailing instructions. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.

3. DISCIPLINES

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:

- a. Doublehanded Dinghy-- BYOB Club 420 with Spinnaker, Trapeze and mainsheet bridle.
- b. Singlehanded Dinghy-- BYOB Laser Radial

4. ELIGIBILITY

- 4.1. Competitors must have reached their 13th birthday but not their 19th birthday during the calendar year in which the event is held.

- 4.2. Competitors must be individual or family members of US Sailing at the time of their respective first qualification event.
- 4.3. 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.
- 4.4. For the Doublehanded Championships - other crew member(s) must be members of a LSO that is a member of US Sailing within the same RSA as the helm.
- 4.5. All the members of a crew shall reside in or regularly compete in the same RSA where the club is geographically located.
- 4.6. All skippers shall be a member in good standing of their respective class association (Club 420 Class Association or International Laser Class Association North American Region).

5. QUALIFICATION

- 5.1. This Area will qualify two (2) teams for the U.S. Junior Doublehanded Championship for the Bemis Trophy and two (2) teams for the U.S. Junior Singlehanded Championship for the Smythe Trophy.
- 5.2. A Team is defined as all contestants listed on the entry form for a specific LSO.
- 5.3. 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.
- 5.4. A crew member may be substituted 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.

6. REGISTRATION & ENTRY

- 6.1. Registration shall be made by completing the 2015 Area J Bemis & Smythe Qualifier registration form at www.scyyra.org before the 1st race of the 2nd qualifying event for each class.
- 6.2. The entry fee is \$15 and shall be paid by credit card online at the time of registration. Entry fees are non-refundable.

7. SCHEDULE

The NOR for the individual qualifying events contains the schedule of races and report time for the event.

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 for each qualifying event will be available at registration.

10. SCORING

- 10.1. The scoring of the 2015 Area J Bemis & Smythe Qualifier shall be based on the official results of each series race tabulated only against other 2015 Area J Bemis & Smythe Qualifier entrants.
- 10.2. The series will be scored in accordance with RRS Appendix A9.
- 10.3. Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 10.4. When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 10.5. When from 6 to 10 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 10.6. When 11 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

11. PROTEST AND APPEALS

- 11.1. 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.
- 11.2. 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.

- 11.3. Rule 65.2 INFORMING THE PARTIES AND OTHERS is changed as follows:
- a. 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.
- 11.4. Rule 66 REOPENING A HEARING is changed as follows:
- a. 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.
 - b. 66.2 Area Qualifier Reopening
 - c. 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, LizWalker@ussailing.org and the US Sailing Championships Chair, swmadero@aol.com. The hearing shall be reopened when the foregoing information is received by the Director and the Chair.
- 11.5. 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.
- 11.6. 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.

12. COACHING

- 12.1. This is a Grade 1 Event as defined in the US Sailing Championship Support Vessel Policy. See http://championships.ussailing.org/Youth/Coaching_and_Support_Vessels.htm

13. PERSONAL FLOATATION DEVICES (PFD) AND PERSONAL EQUIPMENT

- 13.1. 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.
- 13.2. Electronic fluxgate compasses and GPS devices of all varieties, styles and combinations are specifically banned.

14. PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES

- 14.1. 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).
- 14.2. 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.

15. CONDUCT OF COMPETITORS

- 15.1. 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)
- 15.2. 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.

16. FURTHER INFORMATION

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