



April 28, 2015

Dear 2015 U.S. Youth Championships Competitor and Parents,

On behalf of US Sailing, our host, the Roger Williams University (RWU), Bristol Yacht Club (BYC) and our sponsors, we congratulate you on your selection to the 2015 U.S. Youth Championships. We have been planning for this event for some time, and we hope that you have a great sailing experience and that your stay in Bristol, Rhode Island, will be a memorable one. We are looking forward to your arrival in Bristol on Monday, July 6th.

ENTRY AND REGISTRATION

Sailors must register and pay their entry fee online by **May 15th** or the deadline in your acceptance e-mail at <http://www.ussailing.org/racing/championships/youth/youthchamps>. All paperwork must be submitted either via scan, email, or USPS by May 31st or within ten days of notification if you have come off the waiting list.

When you register, you will receive an e-mail receipt via Regatta Network. **It is very important that you do not lose this.** This link will allow you to go in and update your travel plans.

Make sure you enter the following information into your online registration:

- Your personal e-mail (this is **not** your parents, but yours)
- Your **personal** cell phone number so we can reach you during the event
- Your parent's e-mail (and it must NOT be the same as yours)
- Your parent's phone number so we can contact them before or during the event
- The full name of your sailing organization – no initials please
- Your travel plans if known. Please do not enter flight information until you have purchased your ticket.

WEBSITE:

Registration, results and all official regatta information can be found on <http://www.ussailing.org/racing/championships/youth/youthchamps>.

TRAVEL INFORMATION:

The Roger Williams University is located at One Old Ferry Road, Bristol, RI 02809

Early arrivals at Roger Williams or Bristol Yacht Club will not be permitted, and there will be **no exceptions** to this rule. Being "invited" by a student of the Roger Williams University or a member of Bristol Yacht Club is *not* an exception to this rule.

Sailors wishing to practice early may be able to access the water from:



- Colt State Park, Rt. 114, Bristol, RI (11 minutes from campus) (http://bristolri.us/documents/harbor/Bristol_ColtStatePark.pdf)
- Mt. Hope Boat Ramp, 118 Annawamscutt Drive, Bristol, RI (7 minutes from campus)
- Independence Park, Bristol, RI (6 minutes from campus)
- The Carnegie Abbey Club, 379 Willow Lane, Portsmouth, RI (8 minutes from campus)

Arrival for all competitors at Roger Williams University will be from 1000-1700 on Monday, July 6. **Early arrivals at the event site will not be permitted.**

Attendance at the Awards Ceremony is **mandatory**. Departure from the sailing center for all competitors will be after 1700 on Friday, July 10th, unless prior arrangements are made and approved at least two weeks before by the US Youth Championship National Chair, usyouthchamps@gmail.com. Exceptions will only be granted in unusual circumstances.

All boats and trailers must be gone from the facility by 2000 hours on Friday, July 10th.

TRAVELING BY AIR:

TF Green Airport (PVD) is the airport competitors arriving by air will need to use. Competitors traveling from or to Boston will need to make their own arrangements. It is approximately two hours from Boston's Logan Airport. There are several companies who offer this service. First Class Limousine 401-413-4565 or Rhode Island Limousine 888-359-7767.

Please indicate your transportation plans on the online registration form. Plan your arrival at PVD no later than 1600 hours if you plan on utilizing the buses running to the Roger Williams University on Monday, July 6th. There is no charge for using these buses. If your flight will arrive after 1600, you will need to contract a private company (see above) to get you to the Roger Williams University.

Competitors arriving at PVD must make their way to the baggage claim area to be met by regatta transportation volunteers. There is a large boat in the arrivals area where you can gather.

Please advise your parents to make appropriate arrangements with the airlines if you will be flying as an Unaccompanied Minor and to indicate that on your online registration form. We will contact Unaccompanied Minors the day before you depart to let you know who will be meeting you in Providence. If you are traveling as an Unaccompanied Minor or are 15 years old or under, please be sure to bring a credit card to pay the separate Unaccompanied Minor fee at check in for your return flight. There have been instances where sailors have flown out on their own but not been allowed by the airlines to fly back on their own.

Plan your airline departure no earlier than 1900 hours on Friday, July 10th. **No event housing will be provided to competitors after the regatta finishes on Friday.**

Don't forget to include RWU's name, address, and phone number on your luggage tag in the event your bags are delayed: Roger Williams University, One Old Ferry Road, Bristol, RI 02809

FOR YOUR OWN SAFETY, DO NOT USE transportation other than that provided or recommended by Roger Williams University.

TRAVEL DELAYS OR QUESTIONS:



It is imperative that regatta organizers receive accurate travel information for every participant. Please do not enter flights on the registration form until they have been booked and confirmed. Even if a sailor does not require airport transportation or regatta housing, we need to know travel plans.

Add your arrival and departure information to your online registration form **no later than Thursday, June 9, 2015**. Updates and changes may be made there at any point until June 25, 2015. Any changes regarding transportation, airlines, or changes to your travel schedule after June 25, 2015 should be directed to the Registrar, Donna Flannery at dflannery@rwu.edu.

If there is a flight delay or problems with your itinerary on the day of travel, please call Scott Yonan at 401-255-7337.

ON SITE CHECK-IN AND REGISTRATION:

Registration will be open on Monday, July 6th from 1200 – 1830 hours, and Tuesday, July 7th from 0800 – 0900 for sailors who have been given permission for late arrivals. Upon arrival at RWU, proceed directly to registration at the sailing center where the registration team will review that all forms have been correctly submitted.

Your life jacket will be inspected at registration. **Bring a USCG approved pfd.** Please refer to the NOR for requirements.

If you are not staying in regatta provided housing, the responsible adult named in your Alternate Housing Form must appear with you at registration.

Competitors will be expected to install the provided hull stickers and the hull and/or sail numbers following registration. Competitors' sails must be numbered in accordance with class rules. Country code is not required.

WAIVERS:

Each competitor must complete and submit all of the required waivers and forms to: Donna Flannery/ Administrative Assistant/Department of Athletics/Roger Williams University/ One Old Ferry Road/ Bristol, RI 02809 or via e-mail to dflannery@rwu.edu

If you were accepted off the waiting list, please submit your paperwork within ten days of notification.

If any medical issues change, it is the responsibility of the parent/competitor to notify the Regatta Registrar, Donna Flannery at dflannery@rwu.edu. It is highly recommended that you bring a copy of your medical Insurance card with you.

HOUSING:

Housing is not guaranteed, and you *will need to request it upon registration*. We will make every attempt to house as many sailors as possible. First priority will be given to competitors sixteen and under traveling alone. Additional available beds will be allotted based on date requested and distance traveled criteria. Sailors who will be housed will receive notification on or before June 1. You will be notified of your housing placement at registration. Please remember that you will be a guest in someone's home so no wet towels on the floor, clothes everywhere, special meal requests or the like. Competitors are separated by gender.



GUEST/ACCOMMODATIONS:

Competitors who are not given housing, or those who would prefer to arrange their own local accommodations, may contact Nancy Medeiros for reservations at the Baypoint Inn and Conference Center at 401-254-7300. This is the closest accommodation. If space is unavailable, rooms are also available in the Homewood Suites in Middletown, approximately a 20 minute drive away. Rooms can be reserved online at http://homewoodsuites.hilton.com/en/hw/groups/personalized/N/NPTMIHW-USS-20150706/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG. This rate expires on June 1.

CHARTERS:

Competitors are **strongly** encouraged to bring their own boats. Charters are not guaranteed and are limited, especially in the Laser and Radial fleets. Charter contracts are between the charter provider and the sailor. Do not book a flight until you are certain you have secured a boat.

Please complete the charter form located at:

<http://www.ussailing.org/racing/championships/youth/youthchamps/>

MEALS:

Meals for competitors will be provided throughout the regatta. Breakfast and dinner will be served at Roger Williams University. Lunches will be prepared before launch and served on the water.

GUEST MEALS: Lunch and dinner are available for purchase. Credit cards **are not accepted**.

PARKING AT THE VENUE:

A Driver Release form signed by a parent or guardian must be on file for all sailors intending to drive a car to the venue. Parking for competitors' cars and guest cars will be designated by on-site staff during the course of the regatta. Competitor and spectator cars may not be left at Roger William University overnight.

EVENT SCHEDULE and AWARDS CEREMONY:

Attendance at all post-racing dinners and events of the Youth Champs as well as the Awards Ceremony on Friday, July 10th in the afternoon is MANDATORY for all competitors.

COMPETITOR'S OWN SAILBOATS:

Competitors who intend to bring their own sailboats may not arrive at Roger Williams University before 1000 hours on Monday, July 6th. You will be directed upon arrival where to put your boat and where to park your trailer. Coach boats and trailers may be stored off site.

CREW CHANGES:

Occasionally unanticipated situations may make it necessary for teams to change crew. Crew changes will be granted **only if** there is a valid reason (see the Championship Conditions for specifics). Sailors who wish to change sailing partners must submit a request in writing stating the reason and provide a sailing resume for the proposed alternate. Requests should be e-mailed to the Youth Champs National Chair, Malinda Crain, at usyouthchamps@gmail.com. We encourage you to plan well in advance in an effort to retain your original team unless a true emergency arises.



PRIVATE COACHES:

US Sailing will be providing coaches to assist all competitors participating in the Youth Champs; however, private coaches are permitted. **Private Coaches with competitors in attendance must register by June 20th at <http://www.ussailing.org/racing/championships/youth/youthchamps/>** and on the day of registration at the host venue to receive coaching credentials.

US Sailing Level 3 certification or the equivalent from another NGB and proof of current First Aid and CPR will be required for all private coaches. Numerous certification courses are available through US Sailing, and more information may be found at <http://www.ussailing.org/education/training-courses/>. Foreign coaches will need to provide proof of insurance in the United States.

NOTE: US Sailing certified coaches have \$10 million in coverage with their certification.

There is a package available for private coaches who would like housing in the “coaches’ village” and/or to have meals onsite. See website for more information or e-mail dfannery@rwu.edu.

There is no motor boat launching available at RWU. Private coaches will have to provide their own coach boats and will launch from:

- Colt State Park, Rt. 114, Bristol, RI (11 minutes from campus)
- Mt. Hope Boat Ramp, 118 Annawamscutt Drive, Bristol, RI (7 minutes from campus)
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SPECTATOR BOATS:

It is our intent to provide a spectator boat for those wishing to go on the water on race days. Spectators will be requested to sign up at least the day before they want to go on the water. Space may be limited. Priority is for those who register online at www.ussailing.org/racing/championships/youth/youthchamps/. On site sign up will be at the Roger Williams University Waterfront Office. Spectators are encouraged to bring their own water and lunch. No alcohol will be allowed on the spectator boats. Please bring your own personal flotation device.

Private spectator boats will be permitted and must abide by all rules and regulations as stated in **US Sailing’s Support Boat policy and the Sailing Instructions**. Private spectator boats must register with regatta organizers prior to going on the water.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:

Sailing Instructions will be distributed at registration and preliminary Sailing Instructions will be posted online.

WEATHER:

Weather in July in Bristol, RI averages a daily high of 80 and waters are 10 -15 degrees cooler. Please refer to your favorite weather site for real time weather information. Hats, sun glasses, sunscreen, rash guards (for sun protection), etc., are essential. It is very important to stay hydrated.



ALCOHOL and DRUGS:

US Sailing Regulation 10 is in effect from the moment you arrive at the venue in any capacity until the moment you leave the venue either for the airport or to drive home. The use of alcohol or any illegal drug by a competitor will not be tolerated during this period. Offenders will be dealt with strictly as stated in the Notice of Race and Code of Conduct. Please take a moment to read the Code of Conduct carefully.

CURFEW:

There will be a 10pm curfew during the event, meaning that ALL competitors must be “home” where they are being housed by 10pm each night. These regulations are in effect from Monday, July 6th through Friday, July 10th. There will be no exceptions. We are not trying to make the event less fun; we are simply concerned for your safety.

TREATING THE HOST SITE PROPERLY:

The Youth Champs Organizing Committee has been planning and working on this event for many months. We take the Youth Championships regatta very seriously as the premier youth regatta on the 2015 sailing calendar, and you can be assured that we have planned the best possible event for you, and as our guests we hope that you appreciate our efforts. You are expected to follow all Roger Williams University rules at all times. Please be as self-sufficient as possible, and help others as needed. We expect that you will jump in and help without being asked!

PERSONAL GEAR:

Mark all your belongings in advance! We continually find clothes and equipment that competitors leave around throughout the event. All items with a name clearly on them usually get returned. Take a few minutes with an indelible marker and put your name on everything you will be bringing. Also, clearly paint or otherwise mark your own spars and other personal boat equipment.

WE SUGGEST THAT YOU BRING THE FOLLOWING:

- USCG approved PFD that is the right size for your height and weight. NO EXCEPTIONS
- Your water bottle – labeled with your name. This will be a green regatta.
- Sunscreen, sunglasses, hat, and rash guard (for sun protection)
- Tools and parts for privately owned boats
- 30-foot Tow Line (required for all boats)
- Notebook, pen, rulebook
- Personal entertainment (e.g. books, Frisbee, iPod)
- Appropriate sailing gear and clothing for the conditions

We are looking forward to seeing you in a few short months, for four days of great competition!

Sincerely,

Malinda Crain – National Chair

Amanda Callahan – Roger Williams University