



2017 U.S. Youth Sailing Championship
(a qualifying event for 2017 World Sailing Youth World Championship)

June 24 – 28, 2017

Organizing Authority US Sailing
Hosted by Corpus Christi Yacht Club, Corpus Christi, TX



NOTICE OF RACE
posted January 26, 2017
amended February 22, 2017

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, and the Prescriptions of US Sailing.
- 1.2. The following documents shall apply:
 - 1.2.1. US Sailing Regulation 10. An alleged breach of US Sailing Regulation 10 shall not be grounds for a protest by another boat. However, when a Protest Committee believes that a competitor may have breached Regulation 10.01.C.2, it shall follow the process described in the Championships' Code of Conduct.
 - 1.2.2. The Conditions for the Youth Championship and the US Sailing Conditions for Championships.
 - 1.2.3. The US Sailing Championship Support Vessel Policy.
<http://www.ussailing.org/racing/championships/coaching-and-support-boat-policy/>. This will be a Grade 1 Coaching event.
 - 1.2.4. US Sailing Regulation 12.03, Protected Competitions [see NOR 21 and 22].
- 1.3. RRS Appendices
 - 1.3.1. Appendix B – Windsurfing Competition Rules shall apply for the Windsurfing Events, except as changed by the Sailing Instructions or this Notice of Race.
 - 1.3.2. Appendix P – Special Procedures for Rule 42 shall apply.
- 1.4. Racing rules will be changed as follows:
- 1.5. Rule 40 is changed so that each competitor shall wear a USCG approved life jacket that is 100% dependent on foam for flotation and the appropriate size for the sailor, at all times while on the water, except for brief periods while adding or removing clothing. (US Sailing Regulation 10)
 - 1.5.1.(b) 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.
- 1.6. Rule 60.3 is changed to permit the Protest Committee to call a hearing under rule 69 when, from its own observation or a report received from any source, it believes a competitor may have committed a breach of good conduct, or sportsmanship, or may have brought the sport or the event into disrepute. A Protest Committee may call representatives from the Organizing Authority and/or Regatta Committee as witnesses.



- 1.7. Rule 64.1 is changed to allow the Protest Committee to impose penalties for hearings held under rule 60.3. Such penalties may range in severity from a reprimand to a dismissal from the regatta.
- 1.8. Rule 77 is changed so that a boat is not required to display national letters, however, competitors shall be required to comply with applicable class sail numbering rules, and the entrants in the Girls Singlehanded Dinghy, Girls Doublehanded Dinghy and Girls Windsurfer events are required to display a Red Rhombus on their sails per NOR 8.2.
- 1.9. The Sailing Instructions may also change other racing rules.

2. ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority.

3. EVENTS

The regatta shall include the following events utilizing the following class compliant equipment:

Event	Class
Girls Doublehanded Dinghy	I 420
Boys Doublehanded Dinghy	I 420
Girls Skiff	29er
Boys Skiff	29er
Open Multihull	Nacra 15
Girls Singlehanded Dinghy	Laser Radial
Boys Singlehanded Dinghy	Laser Radial
Open Singlehanded Dinghy	Laser
Boys Windsurfer	Techno293 Plus (8.5m ² sail)
Girls Windsurfer	Techno293 Plus (8.5m ² sail)

4. ELIGIBILITY

- 4.1. Applicants (skippers and crews) shall not reach their 20th birthday by December 31, 2017.
- 4.2. Applicants must be individual or family members of US Sailing at the time of application and of the event.
- 4.3. Applicants must be US Citizens or eligible permanent residents with written authorization from World Sailing for an exemption under World Sailing Regulation 24.5.4, unless the Organizing Authority grants an exception to this requirement based upon a written request to do so. Requests will not be considered for permanent residents who have resided for less than five (5) contiguous years in the United States. Requests should be sent to the US Sailing Championships Director (Championships@ussailing.org) by February 28. Requests received after that time will not be considered.

5. APPLICATIONS

- 5.1. Applications shall only be made by completing the online forms at: <http://www.ussailing.org/racing/championships/youth/youthchamps/> AND submitting a non-refundable on-line application fee of \$50 per event applied to by the applicant.
- 5.2. To be considered complete, applications must include all requested information of both helm and crew (where applicable).
- 5.3. Applications shall be submitted no later than 2359 (CDT) March 15, 2017 for all sailors including those who received early acceptance.

- 5.4. All applicants (helm & crew) regardless of nationality must present a valid passport and if applicable, proof of their World Sailing exemption **upon application**. Proof must be scanned and emailed to championships@ussailing.org BY April 1. **NO EXCEPTIONS**.
- 5.5. Applicant pools of fewer than five (5) boats within a class will not be considered and their application fees refunded.
- 5.6. The Organizing Authority will review all valid applications and issue invitations to “Invited Competitors”. Invitations will be sent electronically to the competitor from US Sailing by May 1, 2017 along with additional information, including, but not limited to, medical waivers and housing requests. Telephone calls or email inquiries as to the status of applications will not be accepted by US Sailing or the Event Host.
- 5.7. Eligible sailors who have qualified through the posted early invitation regattas will automatically receive an invitation, provided they apply per NOR 5.1, 5.2, 5.3 and 5.4.

6. ENTRY

- 6.1. Invited Competitors per NOR 5.6 shall submit completed entry forms online, including non-refundable online payment of fees, and send any remaining forms no later than the dates indicated on the letter of invitation. Forms should be scanned and emailed to the Host at the address on the forms and NOT to US Sailing.
 - 6.1.1 Absent a written extension from the Organizing Authority, online entries and registration forms from Invited Competitors shall be completed by midnight (CDT), May 15, 2017.
 - 6.1.2 Failure to submit all forms by the deadline provided in the letter of invitation absent written approval from the national chair could result in the withdrawal of an invitation to compete and will result in the loss of regatta-provided housing.
- 6.2. Invited Competitors seeking an extension should send such requests to Championships Director at championships@ussailing.org . Invitations to compete will be withdrawn if entry is not made or an extension has not been granted by this date.
- 6.3. Classes with fewer than five (5) boats registered will not be included and their registration fee refunded.
- 6.4. Competitors not intending to accept their invitation must notify US Sailing no later than May 15, 2017.
- 6.5. The Entry Fee is \$425.00 USD per competitor for all events, which includes regatta shirt, coaching, meals and entertainment. There will be no refund of entry fees after May 26, 2017.
- 6.6. HOUSING IS VERY LIMITED AND NOT GUARANTEED. Information about housing and housing request deadlines will be provided to accepted sailors. Information about alternative housing, airport transportation and charter sources will be provided upon acceptance.
 - 6.6.1. If a competitor is awarded and accepts housing and they withdraw from housing at any time prior to or during the event, they will be withdrawn from competition unless express written consents of both the regatta chairman and the National Chair are provided.
- 6.7. This regatta is eligible for a US Sailing Sailorship. Requests must be received by June 1. See <http://www.ussailing.org/racing/championships/youth/sailorships/>

7. PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE (subject to change)

- 7.1. Competitors shall not arrive at the venue before 1200 Saturday, June 24, 2017 unless they have been given prior written permission from the National Chairman of the Championship. These will only be granted in unusual circumstances. See NOR 13.

Saturday, June 24	1430-1800	Registration for sailors and coaches
Sunday, June 25	0800 - 0900	Registration for sailors and coaches
	0915	Mandatory Coaches Meeting and Credential distribution
	1015	Mandatory Spectator Meeting and Credential distribution
	1030	Mandatory Competitors Meeting
	1200	First Race Warning
Monday, June 26	0900	Morning Briefing
	1100	First Race Warning
Tuesday, June 27	0900	Morning Briefing
	1100	First Race Warning
Wednesday, June 28	0900	Morning Briefing
	1100	First Race Warning
	1530	No Warning after 1530
	As soon as practical	Pack-up boats/Awards Ceremony

- 7.2. Awards presentation will be made as soon as practicable following the conclusion of racing and pack-up. **Attendance at the Awards Ceremony is MANDATORY for all competitors.**
- 7.3. All competitors who have chartered boats are expected to assist with the pack up session and their damage deposit may be withheld if they do not.
- 7.4. Competitors should not plan to depart the venue until **after 1930 hrs** on Wednesday, June 28.
- 7.5. Requests for early and late arrivals and departures **MUST** be made in writing to the National Chairman of the Championship, usyouthchamps@gmail.com no later than June 1, 2017.

8. RISK, DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY & PERSONAL CONDUCT

- 8.1. Competitors participate in the regatta at their own risk. See rule 4 (Decision to Race). The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.
- 8.2. **The competitor will accept full responsibility for all his/her actions during any activity related to the event. This includes on-shore activities before, during, and after the regatta until such time as they either leave the venue for home or the airport**
- 8.3. **All competitors are expected to maintain the highest levels of conduct throughout the entire event until such time as they either leave the venue for home or the airport. Enforcement of discipline and conduct shall be conducted as per the Racing Rules of Sailing (rule 69.1), the Championships' Code of Conduct and/or the policies and procedures of US Sailing (Regulation 15.01).**

9. MEASUREMENT

- 9.1. 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 or the Organizing Authority.
- 9.2. Competitors in the Girls Singlehanded Dinghy, Girls Doublehanded Dinghy and Girls Windsurfer events are required to have a red rhombus on each side of their sail (back to back). The rhombus size, shape and location shall comply with the class rules.

10. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available at check-in and preliminary Sailing Instructions may be posted at <http://www.ussailing.org/racing/championships/youth/youthchamps>

11. VENUE

The regatta will be sailed on Corpus Christi Bay. Diagram A.

12. COURSES

The courses shall be prescribed in the Sailing Instructions and may include windward-leeward, triangle and trapezoid course types.

13. BERTHING

Early arrival at the venue will not be permitted. The official arrival policy and berthing instructions will be sent to all Invited Competitors.

14. PENALTY SYSTEMS

For the Doublehanded Skiff and Multihull Events (sailing the International 29er and the Nacra 15) rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

15. SCORING

- 15.1. The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply with the following changes.
 - 15.1.1. Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
 - 15.1.2. When fewer than five (5) races have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
 - 15.1.3. 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.
- 15.2. For Techno 293 Plus changes to rule A8 (series ties) in Appendix B8 shall not apply.

16. SUPPORT & SPECTATOR BOATS

Accredited Private Spectator Boats will be permitted with specific conditions outlined to invited sailors and in the Sailing Instructions. A host provided spectator boat may be available for at least one day of racing. Additional opportunities for spectators may be available onshore. Details will be provided to invited sailors.

17. COACHING

- 17.1. This is a Grade 1 Event as defined in the US Sailing Coaching and Support Boat Policy.



- 17.2. The private coaching policy is posted on the Event Website --
<http://www.ussailing.org/racing/championships/coaching-and-support-boat-policy/>. Coaches are expected to wear PFDs while on the water.
- 17.3. Coaches must register by June 1, 2017. Private Coaches registering after June 1, 2017 are unlikely to receive on the water coaching credentials.
- 17.4. Private Coaches are responsible for their own housing and support boat. Information about docking, trailer storage and meal costs will be provided to accepted sailors and registered coaches.

18. PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES (US Sailing Regulation 10.03) STATES

- B. For Junior and Youth events or for junior or youth competitors in any US Sailing championship, no participant or competitor shall use or possess, either on or off the water: marijuana or any other substance if possession is illegal under state or federal law; or any alcoholic beverages.
- C. An alleged breach of one of these regulations shall not be grounds for a protest. However, when the protest committee believes that a competitor may have breached one of these regulations, it shall follow the process described in the Championships Code of Conduct. If a competitor found to have breached one of the elements within the Code of Conduct, they 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. PROCEDURES FOR PROTECTED COMPETITIONS

- 19.1. Although one or more events may not actually be used for selection to the 2017 Youth World Championships, for consistency, all events at the 2017 US Youth Championships will be treated as protected events.
- 19.2. US Sailing Regulation 12.03 Protected Competitions, will be in effect for this event, as follows. US Sailing shall ensure that the Organizing Authority includes the following rules and procedures in the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions for a Protected Competition:
 - a) The US Sailing prescriptions to rules 60, 63.2, and 63.4 shall apply to a Protected Competition, except that the words "when practicable" in the first sentence of the prescription to rule 63.4 are deleted.
 - b) Protest committees shall include 20% "sailor-athlete" representation. "Sailor-athlete" has the meaning of "athlete" set forth in USOC Bylaw, Section 8.8.2 (the 10-year rule) or Level A or B Sailor-Athlete as defined by US Sailing Sailor Athlete Council (SAC) Bylaws 3.3.1 and 3.3.2 (except that the US Sailing member class referred to in SAC Bylaw 3.3.2.3 shall be an international class recognized by World Sailing at the time of the sailor-athlete's qualification).
 - c) The right of appeal will not be denied under rule 70.5 (a), (b), or (c), but an expedited appeal process may be used that balances the needs of the competitor for certainty with respect to berths in future competitions and sufficient time to prepare the arguments and evidence for the appeal.
 - d) Any boat that is a party to a redress hearing may be represented by up to two individuals.
 - e) If a hearing is scheduled after the event is concluded and after the sailors and officials have left the venue, it will be scheduled as soon as possible, and in a place and manner chosen with deference to the competitor's preferences or circumstances; and parties to the hearing

have the right to be present telephonically or via video feed as appropriate, provided all participants can hear and speak to each other.

19.3. The following rule changes shall be made:

- a) Rule 65.2 is changed as follows: “seven days” is changed to “24 hours”; and “promptly” is changed to “, within 24 hours”.
- b) Rule 66 is deleted and replaced by:

Rule 66 REOPENING A HEARING

- i. 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. However, if an appeal of its decision has been sent to the national authority, the hearing shall not be reopened unless the national authority requires reopening under rule R5.4 or decides the appeal cannot be considered.
 - ii. A party to the hearing may ask for a reopening no later than 24 hours after being informed of the decision.
 - iii. When a hearing is reopened, a majority of the members of the protest committee shall, if possible, be members of the original protest committee.
- c) Rule 70.2 is deleted, as permitted in rule 86.3.
 - d) Rule R1.4 is changed, as permitted in rule 86.3 - The director will forward an appeal of a decision of a protest committee acting under rule 69.1, an appeal of a decision of a protest committee of a US Sailing national championship, a request by such a committee for confirmation or correction of its decision, and an appeal of a decision of a protest committee of a US Sailing Protected Competition (as defined in US Sailing Regulation 12.03) to the US Sailing Appeals Committee.

20. Rule R8, APPEALS OF PROTEST COMMITTEE DECISIONS OR PROCEDURES AT PROTECTED COMPETITIONS will be used, as permitted in rule 86.3.

21. EXPEDITED APPEALS PROCEDURE

21.1. Rule R8 is added as follows:

R8 EXPEDITED APPEALS

These provisions may be used as an expedited appeals process for US Sailing Protected Competition, as defined in US Sailing Regulation 12.03 and permitted by Regulation 12.03, Section B, Procedures for Protected Competitions. For more information, go to:

<http://www.ussailing.org/race-officials/rules-and-appeals/expedited-appeals/>

APPELLANT’S RESPONSIBILITIES

R8.1 An appeal of a protest committee’s decision or its procedures shall be sent by e-mail to the US Sailing Race Administration Director (director) at raceadmin@ussailing.org, with a copy to the protest committee chairman.

R8.2 The appeal shall be sent no later than 24 hours after the protest time limit on the last day of the event, or 24 hours after receiving the written decision being appealed or the protest committee’s decision not to reopen a hearing, whichever is latest.

R8.3 The appeal shall include: a) the grounds for the appeal; i.e., why the appellant believes the protest committee’s decision or its procedures were incorrect; and b) the names and e-mail addresses of the parties to the hearing and the chairman of the protest committee.

R8.4 US Sailing charges a fee of \$25 for an appeal by a member of US Sailing or another national authority, and \$75 for all others. The fee must be paid before the appeal will be considered, and can



be paid by credit card online: http://bit.ly/appeal_fee . The fee can also be paid by contacting the director.

US SAILING RACE ADMINISTRATION DIRECTOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES

R8.5 Upon receipt of the appeal, the director will as soon as reasonably possible forward the appeal to the US Sailing Appeals Committee, send a written acknowledgement of the appeal via email, and send a copy of the appeal via email to the parties to the hearing and the protest committee chairman unless satisfied that they already have received it. In the acknowledgement letter, the director will inform the parties and protest committee chairman of the name and contact information of the chairman of the appeals committee.

PROTEST COMMITTEE'S RESPONSIBILITIES

R8.6 The protest committee shall e-mail to the chairman of the appeals committee as soon as reasonably possible the following documents and information:
a copy of the decision being appealed;
the written protest(s) or request(s) for redress;
a diagram if relevant, prepared or endorsed by the protest committee, that conforms to rule R2.2(c);
the notice of race, sailing instructions, any other documents governing the event, and any changes to them, unless previously sent to the appeals committee chairman; and
any other relevant documents.

R8.7 The protest committee shall, within the deadline set by the appeals committee, supply any additional documents, facts or other information when requested to do so by the appeals committee. If directed to do so by the appeals committee, the protest committee shall at the first reasonable opportunity conduct a hearing of the protest or request for redress, or reopen the hearing of the protest or request for redress. The appeals committee may direct the protest committee to conduct a hearing to consider redress for the appellant or other party to the hearing.

COMMENTS

R8.8 The parties to the hearing and the protest committee may make comments on the appeal or on any of the documents listed in rule R8.6 and R8.7. Comments shall be sent by e-mail to the appeals committee, with copies to the parties to the hearing and the protest committee chairman. The comment period for the appeal and each document is 72 hours from the time the appeals committee sends the appeal or document unless the appeals committee sets a different deadline.

APPEALS COMMITTEE'S RESPONSIBILITIES

R8.9 The appeals committee shall send by e-mail to all parties to the hearing, and to the protest committee, copies of all relevant documents and comments it has received, except those supplied by that party or committee.

R8.10 The appeals committee shall accept the protest committee's finding of facts except when it decides they are inadequate. In that case it shall require the protest committee to provide additional facts or other information, or to reopen the hearing and report any new finding of facts, and the protest committee shall do so at the first reasonable opportunity.

22. PRIZES



- 22.1. Depending on class size, US Sailing Championship medals may be awarded to competitors who finish first through fifth overall in classes greater than 25 and first through third overall in classes greater than ten. In classes with ten or less, first and second will be awarded.
- 22.2. The Manton D Scott Memorial Trophy will be awarded to the winning Doublehanded Dinghy (I420) team.
- 22.3. The Robert L. Johnstone III Trophy will be awarded to the winning Open Singlehanded (Laser Standard) competitor.
- 22.4. The Robert and Ann Conner Trophy will be awarded to the winning Singlehanded – Light (Laser Radial) competitor.
- 22.5. The Arthur D Stevens Trophy will be awarded to the winning Multihull team
- 22.6. The Major Hall Trophy will be awarded to the winning Windsurfing competitor.
- 22.7. The David M. Perry Perpetual Sportsmanship Trophy will be awarded, as well as sportsmanship keepers, in each class.
- 22.8. Competitors in the following events: Girls Singlehanded Dinghy and Boys Singlehanded Dinghy (Laser Radial), Girls Doublehanded Dinghy and Boys Doublehanded Dinghy (I-420), Girls Skiff and Boys Skiff (29er), who are under the age of 19 years on 31 December 2017 (Born after 31 December 1998) may be eligible to qualify for the US Youth World Team to compete at the 2017 World Sailing Youth World Championships. See <http://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/YWQ-2017-Selection-FINAL.pdf>
- 22.9. Competitors finishing in first place overall in the Open Multihull who are under the age of 19 years on 31 December 2017 (Born after 31 December 1998) will qualify for the US Youth World Team to compete at the 2017 World Sailing Youth World Championships.
- 22.10. Additional US Youth World Team Representatives may be decided according to US Sailing Regulation 12.01

23. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 23.1. All official applications, notices, forms, lists and results will be posted at <http://www.ussailing.org/racing/championships/youth/youthchamps/>
- 23.2. For further information please contact
US Sailing, Box 1260, Portsmouth, RI, 02871 (401) 683-0800, or championships@ussailing.org.
National Youth Championships Committee Chair, Malinda Crain at usyouthchamps@gmail.com.

Diagram A: Possible Racing Areas



Scale 1"=approximately 1NM