



**US Sailing's Chubb U.S. Junior Sailing Championships
Area F Championship**

The U.S. Junior Triplehanded Championship for the Sears Cup

Organized by
Houston Yacht Club, 3620 Miramar Drive, Shoreacres, Texas 77571
And
US Sailing

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 Regulations 2, 10 and 13.
 - 1.2.2. [The Conditions for the United States Junior Sailing Championships.](#)
 - 1.2.3. [The US Sailing Championship Support Vessel Policy](#)
 - 1.2.4. These Championships are not being conducted as a sanctioned or class association event. Boats and sails will be supplied by the OA. The Equipment Measurement Rules for the Flying Scot class will be waived. However, US Sailing encourages sailors to join their class Associations to support their efforts.
 - 1.2.5. [US Sailing SafeSport Handbook](#)
 - 1.2.6. [US Sailing Code of Conduct](#)
- 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 preambles to Part 4 and rule 40 are changed so that 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 depend 100% on foam for flotation. No modifications of the PFD are permitted and it shall be the appropriate size for the sailor;
 - Rule 60.1(a) is changed to prohibit a boat from protesting another boat for an alleged breach of any class rule including 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 (RC) finish boat of her intention as soon as possible after finishing, including the boat identification number of the boat(s) being protested";
 - Rule 64.4 (b) is changed to require a hearing before any action is taken.
 - Rule 77 is changed such that a boat is not required to display national letters; however, competitors may be required to apply supplied recall numbers to their boat or sail. If recall numbers are required, they will be supplied by the OA;
 - 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. A yellow flag will be supplied by the OA for all teams.These changes will appear in full in the Sailing Instructions (SIs). The SIs may also change other racing rules.



2. DISCIPLINES

2.1. A minimum of three (3) boats for the triplehanded (Sears) 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:

2.1.1. Triplehanded -- Fying Scots - Provided by the OA (HYC)

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 competitors 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. 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 LSO 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 calendar year in which the event is held. The alternate will attend the Championship only if a crew member withdraws.

4. QUALIFICATION

- 4.1. A minimum of five (3) boats are required to be both entered by the NOR registration deadline and on the starting line in order for the winners to move on.
- 4.2. Area F will qualify one (1) team for the triplehanded discipline.
- 4.3. A Team is defined as all competitors listed on the entry form for a specific LSO, except the alternate.
- 4.4. 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.
- 4.5. A crew member may be substituted with the named alternate, with the approval of the Area Representative or National Chair, or if between events, by the next-level OA. Once so named, the alternate shall compete as a named member of the team for the calendar year in which the event is held. An alternate, once used, may not be replaced or substituted for, without the written permission of the National Chair prior to the event.

5. REGISTRATION and ENTRY

- 5.1. Registration may only be made online at <http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/14737>. Registrations shall be submitted on-line no later than midnight (EDT), June 25, 2017.
- 5.2. If requested by the Organizing Authority (OA), an applicant shall send a copy of his or her birth certificate or passport to complete the application.
- 5.3. The entry fee is \$ 240.00 per team, which includes: continental breakfast, lunch, borrowed boats with sails, and US Sailing medals for the winning team (skipper and crew).
- 5.4. 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.)
- 5.5. A completed entry is defined as all forms completed on-line and all entry fees paid for this Area F Championship by the registration deadline, and all appropriate entry forms, including a signed Code of Conduct included in this Notice of Race, having been received by the Area Representative, Yolanda Cortes Mares, by check-in on the morning of the regatta.

6. BORROWED (or) CHARTERED BOATS

- 6.1. 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.
- 6.2. Competitors are responsible for ensuring the boats are in shipshape condition each day after racing.
- 6.3. A \$500.00 deposit will be collected by the Area Representative during check-in from the helm for each team to cover the insurance deductible for boat owners in case of any damage to a borrowed boat. The boat condition will be reviewed with each team onshore before the regatta and onshore after the regatta by a representative of Houston Yacht Club. Upon receipt by the Area Representative at the end of the regatta of Houston Yacht Club's representative approval evidencing that all borrowed boats have been returned without any damage, the deposits will be returned to the helms.

7. SCHEDULE

July 2, 2017, 8:00 a.m.-8:30 a.m.	On-site check-in; and continental breakfast.
July 2, 2017, 8:30 a.m.-10:00 a.m	Borrowed boat orientation
July 2, 2017, 10:00 a.m	Mandatory Skippers Meeting.
July 2, 2017, 11:30 a.m	First Warning Signal for Racing
	Lunch (on the water)
	Awards following boat return (6.3)

8. BORROWED BOAT ORIENTATION

- 8.1. A borrowed boat orientation will be held preceding the racing at this Area F Championship. The purpose of the borrowed boat orientation will be to familiarize the competitors with the borrowed boats and equipment and for a Host Club representative to review the condition of each boat with each team member initially assigned to it.
- 8.2. *Participation of all competitors in all regatta events, including this borrowed boat orientation and the award ceremony, is mandatory.*

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 PC.

10. TRIPLEHANDED DISCIPLINE

- 10.1. Teams consist of three persons.
- 10.2. For This Discipline ONLY, if the event is sailed in borrowed boats every effort will be made to conduct the event as a full round robin.
- 10.3. Teams shall not in any way adjust standing rigging of any boat in a round robin series during the event, except with the prior consent of the RC.
- 10.4. Teams shall not clean the bottoms of wet-sailed boats during an event without the prior consent of the OA.
- 10.5. Each skipper shall obtain a yellow breakdown flag from the Area Representative during check-in.



11. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The SIs will be available at the on-site check-in on the morning of the regatta.

12. VENUE

The regatta will be sailed on Galveston Bay.

13. SCORING

13.1. The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply. No score shall be excluded.

13.2. 4 races are scheduled.

13.3. One (1) race is required to be completed to constitute a series. A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

14. PROTEST AND APPEALS

14.1. 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 PC 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 PC 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 PC.

14.2. Rule 66 **REOPENING A HEARING** is changed as follows:

66.1 When a hearing is reopened, a majority of the members of the PC shall, if possible, be members of the original PC and include at least one National Judge.

66.2 Expedited Area Qualifier Reopening

- (a) A party to a hearing of a protest or request for redress may also request an Expedited Area Qualifier Reopening. The request shall be in writing and include the significant error that the party believes the PC 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 PC, 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 PC, shall be sent by e-mail to championships@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.
- (b) The PC for an Expedited Area Qualifier Reopening shall consist of the chairman of the original PC plus four certified judges appointed by US Sailing. A majority of the PC's members shall be National or International Judges. The Championship Chair will appoint its chairman.
- (c) An Expedited 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 PC, the time and date of the hearing, the process for joining the call and any other relevant documents.
- (d) A decision from an Expedited Area Qualifier Reopening is final.

15. SUPPORT & SPECTATOR BOATS

Spectator boats may be available via sign-up at the venue for Race Days. See <http://www.ussailing.org/racing/s/coaching-and-support-boat-policy/>

16. COACHING

16.1. This is a Grade 1 Event as defined in the US Sailing Championship Support Vessel Policy. See <http://www.ussailing.org/racing/championships/coaching-and-support-boat-policy/>. Note: Private coaches must have Level 2 coaching certification for this Area F Championship.

- 16.1.1. A private coach is defined as any coach NOT hired by US Sailing or the OA.
- 16.1.2. A private spectator boat is defined as a vessel not provided by the OA in which interested party (parties) reside(s) while on the water and who have direct ties to a competitor or group of competitors.
- 16.1.3. A coach boat is defined as a vessel not provided by the OA in which a coach (or coaches) reside(s) while on the water and who have direct ties to a competitor or group of competitors.
- 16.1.4. A spectator boat is defined as a vessel provided by the OA in which interested party (parties) reside(s) while on the water and who have direct ties to a competitor or group of competitors.
- 16.2. 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 spectator boats as defined in NOR 16.
- 16.3. All competitors and support persons are bound by rules 3.2 and 64.4 as modified in NOR 1.3.
- 16.4. Per rule 64.4, as modified in NOR 1.3, the PC may protest and penalize a competitor for breaking the rules of NOR 16.

17. PERSONAL FLOATATION DEVICES (PFD) AND PERSONAL EQUIPMENT

- 17.1. 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 depend 100% on foam for flotation and be the appropriate size for the sailor (US Sailing Regulation 10). The PFD must be worn outside of all clothing except that a thin shirt may be worn over the PFD to prevent snagging. These will be checked at registration.
- 17.2. 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.
- 17.3. Electronic fluxgate compasses and GPS devices of all varieties, styles and combinations are specifically banned.

18. PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES

- 18.1. For Junior and Youth events or for junior or youth competitors in any US Sailing Area Championship, no participant or competitor shall use, either on or off the water: marijuana or any other controlled substance or alcoholic beverages as defined by state and federal law.
- 18.2. An alleged breach of this requirement shall not be grounds for a protest. However, when the PC believes that a competitor may have breached the above requirement, it shall follow the process described in the US Sailing Championships' Code of Conduct.

19. CONDUCT OF COMPETITORS

- 19.1. All competitors are expected to maintain the highest levels of conduct throughout the entire event. Enforcement of discipline and conduct shall be conducted per US Sailing's Code of Conduct, rule 69.2(a) and the policies and procedures of US Sailing (Regulation 10 and 15.01)
- 19.2. When the PC believes that a competitor may have breached the above requirement, it shall follow the process described in the Code of Conduct .

20. PRIZES

- 20.1. The top finishing, eligible team will qualify for US Sailing's Chubb U.S. Junior Sailing Championships (the "National Championship"). Registration for the National Championship may only be made by completing the online forms at: http://www.ussailing.org/racing/Area_Championships/youth/juniorchamps/ (the "Event Website").
- 20.2. Registrations for the National Championship shall be submitted online **by June 15** or **within three days of qualification**, whichever is closer to the National Championship event, on the Event Website unless permission is granted by US Sailing's Junior Championship Chair. Failure to register within the deadline will mean the next eligible boat moves forward.



20.3. Additional honors: Helm and crew in the top finishing eligible team at this Area F Championship will receive US Sailing medals and a modest cash award in July, after all Area F Championships have concluded, to assist financially with travel expenses to the National Championship.

21. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact -

*Area F US Sailing Junior Championship Committee Representative: Yolanda Cortes Mares (254) 493-0875, ymares@earthlink.net

*Junior Sailing Championships Committee Chair: Matt Dubois msdubois@sbcglobal.net

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

http://www.ussailing.org/racing/Area_Championships/youth/juniorchamps/



Code of Conduct

Introduction

Each competitor in a US Sailing event hereby pledges that he or she agrees to uphold the spirit of this US Sailing Code of Conduct (Code). This Code is not intended to establish a set of rules that will, by inclusion or exclusion, prescribe the appropriate behavior for competitors in every aspect of their participation in a Championship or Qualifier. Rather, the Code offers general principles to guide the conduct of competitors in situations that have ethical implications.

The competitor commits to familiarization with this Code and understands that acceptance of its provisions is a condition of participation in a US Sailing event. Competitors who do not conform to this Code will be subject to the consequences of their actions, as specified below. The competitor has a right to a hearing if charged with a violation of this Code.

Elements of the Code

Each competitor in a US Sailing event pledges they agree to abide by the Regulations and Bylaws of US Sailing with regard to alleged incidences of misconduct, and by the US Sailing SafeSport Handbook. The event is defined as running from on-site registration to departure from the venue at the conclusion of the event.

Participation

> Will abide by *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*, the US Sailing SafeSport Handbook, the US Sailing Regulations and Bylaws, all rules related to the Championship selection procedures as specified by US Sailing, the Championship Conditions, the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions for the Championship or Qualifier.

> Are eligible to compete under all US Sailing rules.

Fair Play and Conduct

> Will abide by RRS 2 and 69, and the US Sailing SafeSport Handbook.

Drugs & Alcohol

> Will abide by the US Sailing SafeSport Handbook.

> Will abide by US Sailing Regulation 10.03 for Prohibited Substances as defined below:

> For Adult US Sailing championship events, no 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

> For Junior and Youth events or for junior or youth competitors in any US Sailing championship, no competitor shall use or possess, either on or off the water:

1. marijuana or any other substance if possession is illegal under state or federal law; or
2. any alcoholic beverages.

Sexual Abuse & Harassment

> Will abide by the US Sailing SafeSport Handbook and US Sailing Regulation 13.04 for Sexual Abuse & Harassment.

Physical Abuse & Assault

> Will abide by the US Sailing SafeSport Handbook and US Sailing Regulation 13.05 for Physical Abuse & Assault.

Bullying & Hazing

> Will abide by the US Sailing SafeSport Handbook and US Sailing Regulation 13.06 for Bullying & Hazing.

Enforcement of the Code

> Compliance with this Code depends primarily upon understanding the Code and voluntary compliance, secondarily upon reinforcement by peers, and, when necessary, upon enforcement through disciplinary action as outlined by the *RRS*, the US Sailing SafeSport Handbook, and the US Sailing Regulations and Bylaws.

> If an incident is brought to the attention of the Organizing Authority, Host and/or the Protest Committee for the event alleging that a competitor has violated this Code, the Protest Committee shall protest the competitor and conduct a hearing that meets the requirements of Part 5, Section B of the *RRS*. The competitor has the right and option to voluntarily withdraw from the event rather than proceeding with a hearing. If the Protest Committee decides that the competitor has violated the Code and is not exonerated, it may

(a) remove some or all of the competitor's event privileges or benefits,

(b) disqualify the competitor's boat from the race or races sailed nearest in time to that of the incident, or

(c) disqualify the competitor's boat from all races in the event and exclude the competitor from the event or venue. Further action may be determined by the Protest Committee if warranted including considering calling a hearing under *RRS* 69.2(b) or remanding it to the US Sailing Review Board.

Scoring

When a competitor withdraws from part of an event pursuant to the Code, the scores of all completed races shall stand for the purposes of determining the seeding of subsequent rounds or stages in the event. However, that competitor's boat/team will no longer be eligible to compete in the event, shall be removed from the final event scores, and each boat/team with a worse finishing place in the event shall be moved up one place. The same scoring applies if a boat is disqualified from the remaining races in an event.

I have read the above Code and agree to abide by it as a condition of my (or if under 18, my child's) participation.

Competitor's Signature

Print Name: _____

Date: _____

Event: _____

If under 18, complete the following:

Parent or Guardian's Signature

Print Name: _____

Date: _____