



**Chubb U.S. Junior Championship
Area F Championship**

The U.S Junior Triple-handed Championship for the Sears Cup

Notice of Race

Bay Access Sailing Foundation at Lakewood Yacht Club
Organizing Authority: Bay Access Sailing Foundation
May 28, 2022

NOTE: It is the responsibility of the competitors, coaches, parents, and all interested parties to be familiar with the rules, conditions, and regulations governing these championships. Links to these documents are provided within this Notice of Race.

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the NoR means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules defined in *The Racing Rules of 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; this changes rules 60.1(a), 60.2(a), 60.3(a). However, when a protest committee believes that a competitor may have breached Regulation 10.03, it shall follow the process described in the [Championships Code of Conduct](#).
 - 1.2.2. The sections of the Conditions for the Junior Sailing Championship applicable to the Area Championships.
 - 1.2.3. [US Sailing's Safesport Handbook](#)
 - 1.2.4. [The US Sailing Coaching and Support Boat Policy](#). This will be a Grade 3 Coaching event.
- 1.3. This Championship is not being conducted as a sanctioned or class association event. Only the Equipment Measurement Rules for the RS21 class shall apply except as specifically stated in this NOR.
- 1.4. RRS 60.1(a) is changed to prohibit a boat from protesting another boat for an alleged breach of any class rules other than class equipment measurement rules.
- 1.5. Each competitor shall wear a USCG approved life jacket, in good condition, that is 100% dependent on foam for floatation 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). A violation of this instruction may be protested by race officials or a competitor; however a breach of this instruction may receive a penalty less than disqualification at the discretion of the protest committee. This changes rule 64.2. [DP]
- 1.6. RRS 66 is changed, see NoR section 9.4.



2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

2.1. Competitors meeting the following criteria are eligible to compete in US Sailing's Chubb Junior Area F Championships. All criteria shall be met prior to the start of the first race.

2.1.1. Competitors shall have reached their 13th birthday but not their 19th birthday during the calendar year of competition.

2.1.2. Competitors shall be individual or family members, all in good standing, of US Sailing at the time of application, registration, and of the event and not otherwise ineligible to compete under the laws, regulations, policies and rules of the USOPC or its affiliated organizations.

2.1.3. All competitors shall be members of a Local Sailing Organization (LSO) and US Sailing. An LSO is defined to include a yacht club, sailing club, community sailing program or other sailing organization that is a member of US Sailing.

2.1.4. For disciplines other than singlehanded, crew member(s) shall be members of an LSO that is a member of US Sailing within the same US Sailing Area as the helm.

2.1.5. All members of the crew shall reside in or regularly compete in the same US Sailing Area where the club is geographically located.

3. QUALIFICATION

3.1. A minimum of three (3) boats is required to be entered by the registration deadline and on the starting line in the triple-handed fleet in order for the winner to qualify for the National Championship.

3.2. Area F will qualify one (1) team for the triple-handed discipline to compete in the Chubb Championship.

3.3. Teams shall remain the same from the initial qualifying event through the end of the National Championship. Crew changes shall meet the requirements of the Conditions for the US Junior Championship (see 1.2.2).

4. FEES, CHARTERS, AND REGISTRATION

4.1. Registration is online <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/24642>

4.2. The firm registration deadline is 23:59 Wednesday May 25.

4.3. The registration fee of 110 dollars per boat includes entry and charter. This discounted charter fee is made possible with support from Bay Access Sailing Foundation.

4.4. Registration is not complete until the registration fee is paid.

4.5. All boats will be chartered from the Lakewood Yacht Club RS21 Fleet.

4.6. All charterers shall provide their own handheld VHF radio and PFDs.

4.7. Entry to the event is subject to completion of the Lakewood Yacht Club Charter Agreement for supplied boats by an adult 18 years or older who is responsible for each team and charter.

4.8. Liability and damage waiver must be complete prior to sailing.

4.9. \$1,000 security deposit must be paid prior to sailing with a supplied credit card number or certified bank cheque.

4.10. Charter Agreement and deposit will be coordinated directly with LYC RS21 Fleet Manager after registration.

5. SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 28

10:00-1030 Check-in at the Seahorse Clubhouse



10:30	Competitors' Meeting at the Seahorse Clubhouse (Attendance Mandatory) RS21 checkout and safety / engine / RS21 specific boat handling briefing immediately following Competitors Meeting
11:30	Sail/Tow from Harbor
12:30	Approximate start practice race
13:00	πApproximate start first race
17:00	No race shall start after this time

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

6.1. The sailing instructions will be available at registration prior to the competitors meeting.

7. VENUE

8. Races are intended to be on upper Galveston Bay. Should weather or sea state be a limiting factor for safety of competitors or to prevent damage to equipment then races may be moved to Clear Lake.

9. SCORING

9.1. Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

9.2. When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

9.3. 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.

10. PROTEST AND APPEALS

10.1. Under rule 70.5(a), there shall be no appeal of the decision of a protest or request for redress. However, a decision following a hearing under rule 69.2 may be appealed.

10.2. Email and phone contact information for the helm of each boat entered and for the chairs of the Protest Committee and the Race Committee shall be posted on the official notice board at all times during the event.

10.3. Rule 65.2 is changed as follows:

65.2 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.

10.4. Rule 66 is changed as follows:

66 REOPENING A HEARING

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.

66.2 Area Qualifier Reopening

66.2(a) A party to a hearing of a protest or request for redress may request a US Sailing Championship 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 that is available. 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 US Sailing Youth Competition Manager John Pearce (youthchampionships@ussailing.org) and Youth Championships Committee Chair Malinda Crain (mrcrain@gmail.com) for youth events. The hearing shall be reopened when the foregoing information is received by the Staff and Chair.

66.2(b) The protest committee for a US Sailing Championship 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. US Sailing will appoint the committee's chairman.

66.2(c) A US Sailing Championship Qualifier Reopening will be conducted by telephone conference call. The time and date for the conference call shall be established by the chairman as soon as practicable and no later than seven days after the request for reopening is emailed. The chairman will email 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.

11. COACHING AND SUPPORT BOATS [DP]

11.1. This is a Grade 3 Event as defined in the US Sailing Championship Coach and Support Boat Policy. See 1.2.4 for a link to this document.

12. EQUIPMENT

12.1. The only gear, rigging, or equipment that a competitor may take aboard a boat is: a refillable water bottle, class-legal compass, flags, plastic bucket or bailer, normally equipped ditty-bag, personal effects, PFDs and protective clothing. [DP]

12.2. GPS devices of all varieties, styles and combinations and VHF radios are specifically banned.

13. PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES-US SAILING REGULATION 10.03 B AND 10.03 C, STATE:

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

C. An alleged breach of one of these regulations shall not be grounds for a protest; this changes rules 60.1(a), 60.2(a) and 60.3(a). 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 is 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.

14. PRIZES

14.1. The top finishing eligible team will qualify for the Chubb U.S. Junior Sailing Championship. Eligibility is defined by the 2022 Chubb U.S. Junior Championship NoR.

14.2. Teams who qualify for the Chubb U.S. Junior Championship shall submit their registration to the event within seven days of qualification. Failure to register within the deadline may lead to the berth being offered to the next eligible boat.



15. RISK STATEMENT

- 15.1. RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.
- 15.2. [DP] [NP] All crew members or their legal parent or guardian shall individually sign crew waivers which shall be supplied no later than the Competitors' Meeting.

16. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 16.1. Sailing is an activity with inherent risks of damage and injury. Competitors in this event participate entirely at their own risk – see RRS 3, DECISION TO RACE. The race organizers (Bay Access, Lakewood Yacht Club, the LYC race committee, protest committee, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

17. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION]

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