



**US Sailing's Chubb U.S. Junior Sailing Championships
2022 Area F Triple-handed Championship**

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

Bay Access Sailing Foundation at Lakewood Yacht Club
Organizing Authority (OA): Bay Access Sailing Foundation and US Sailing

**Sailing Instructions
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1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), and the Prescriptions of US Sailing. Applicable Prescriptions will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 1.2. The following documents shall apply:
 - 1.2.1. [US Sailing Regulations 2.02, 4.02, 13, 14.04](#)
 - 1.2.2. [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) and 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.
 - 1.2.3. The sections of the Conditions for the Junior Sailing Championship applicable to the Area Championships.
 - 1.2.4. US Sailing's SafeSport Handbook
 - 1.2.5. [US Sailing's Code of Conduct](#)
 - 1.2.6. [The US Sailing Championship Support Vessel 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 **RS-21** classes will apply.
- 1.4. RRS 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) A violation of this instruction may be protested by race officials or a competitor; however an inadvertent and momentary breach of this instruction may receive a penalty less than disqualification at the discretion of the protest committee. This changes rule 64.1. [DP]
- 1.5. RRS 60.1(a) is changed to add: prohibit a boat from protesting another boat for an alleged breach of any class rule other than class equipment measurement rules.
- 1.6. RRS 61.1(a) is changed to add: "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."
- 1.7. When Borrowed Boats are provided for the competitors in a series, competitors shall continue to sail the boat following any breakdowns if it is safe to do so and shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible of the breakdown. The competitors shall then file a request for redress.



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

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to Competitors will be posted on the official regatta notice board located at the Seahorse Lounge.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Changes to the SIs will be posted no later than 20 minutes after the close of the morning briefing on the day it takes effect, except any change to the schedule of races will be posted no later than the end of the protest time limit on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals ashore will be displayed from the flagpole at the Junior dock.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, “1 minute” is replaced with “not less than 30 minutes” in the race signal AP.

5. SAFETY AND PERSONAL EQUIPMENT

- 5.1. Before the warning signal of the first race in which they intend to compete each day, boats shall check in by sailing on starboard tack of their class’s RC signal boat. Each boat shall hail her recall number until acknowledged by the signal boat. Failure to check in may result in a penalty. [DP]
- 5.2. A boat retiring from a race shall notify a RC vessel before leaving the course, or, when that is impossible, immediately after arrival ashore. [DP]
- 5.3. 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]
- 5.4. GPS devices are specifically prohibited. [DP]

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

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 briefing immediately following Competitors Meeting
11:30	Sail/Tow from Harbor
12:30	Approximate start practice race
13:00	Approximate start first race
17:00	No race shall start after this time

- 6.1. The triple-handed division will attempt to have up to six races.
- 6.2. The warning signal for succeeding races will be made as soon as possible after finish of preceding race.



- 6.3. To alert boats that a race will begin soon, an orange flag will be displayed with one sound for at least 1 minute before a warning signal is displayed.
- 6.4. Weather conditions, the need to protect borrowed boats and equipment, or the need to expedite the completion of the event may require procedures other than those mentioned in these SIs.
- 6.5. Shortened Event. Should wind, weather or other conditions make it impossible to complete the scheduled number of races within the publicized time, the event shall be terminated and the results based on the completed number of races.

7. RACING AREA

Racing will be on Clear Lake or Galveston Bay as conditions permit.

8. THE COURSE

- 8.1. The diagrams in Attachment B show the courses, including the course signals, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on each mark is to be left.
- 8.2. No later than the warning signal, the RC signal boat shall display the course designation and the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.
- 8.3. If one of the gate marks is missing, the mark in position will be rounded to port.

9. CLASS FLAGS

- 9.1. Class flags will be the RS21 flag.

10. MARKS

- 10.1. All marks will be either yellow or orange tetrahedrons or balls. Marks will be described at the Competitor's Briefing and posted on the official notice board.
- 10.2. The Race Committee may make minor adjustments by moving the original marks to new locations (up to 10 degrees and 0.1 NM in length) to the course during a race without signalling a course change. This changes RRS33.
- 10.3. One or the other gate mark may be moved without signal to support the course configuration.
- 10.4. If a buoy is used as a mark at the finish line it will be announced at the Competitor's Meeting.

11. OBSTRUCTIONS

All areas within Clear Lake south of the Clear Lake Channel shall be designated as obstructions. The Clear Lake Channel within Galveston Bay shall be designated as an obstruction.

12. THE START

- 12.1. Races will be started using rule 26.
- 12.2. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC signal boat and the course side of the mark or a staff displaying an orange flag on a RC boat at the port end of the line.
- 12.3. A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS. This changes rules 35, 63.1 and A5.

13. RECALLS



13.1. The RC will attempt to hail the recall numbers of OCS boats after the starting signal. This changes rule 29.1.

13.2. The failure of any boat to hear the hail, promptness of the hail, failure to hail any boats, or the order of boats hailed shall not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1.

14. CHANGE THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

To change the next leg of the course, the RC will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position.

15. THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a RC boat and the course side of the designated finish mark.

16. TIME LIMIT

16.1. The time limit for each race will be 60 minutes for the first boat to finish.

16.2. Finish Window – boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course in accordance with rule 28 and finishes will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired) without a hearing. This changes rules 35, 63.1, A4 and A5.

17. EVENT PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

17.1. A boat is not permitted to protest another boat for breaking SIs 4, 5, 21, or 22. For the Triple-handed Division, a boat is not permitted to protest another boat for an alleged breach of any class rule other than class equipment measurement rules. The penalty for breaking these SIs may be less than disqualification at the discretion of the PC. This changes rule 60.1(a).

17.2. A boat intending to protest about an incident that occurs in the racing area shall notify the RC finish boat of her intention as soon as possible after finishing, identifying the boat(s) being protested. This changes rule 61.1(a).

17.3. A boat intending to protest does not need to display a red flag. This changes RRS 61.1(a)(2).

17.4. Protests forms will be available at and returned to the Seahorse Junior Clubhouse

17.5. The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the RC signal boat docks.

17.6. A protest hearing schedule and the location of the hearings will be posted on the official notice board no later than 15 minutes following the end of protest time.

17.7. Notice of actions taken by the RC or PC and a list of boats penalized under Appendix P will be on the official notice board.

17.8. On the last day of the regatta a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:

a within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day.

b within the protest time limit, or 30 minutes after the decision is announced, whichever is later. This changes rules 62.2 and 66.



18. SCORING

- 18.1. The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply.
- 18.2. Boats scored TLE shall be scored points equal to one more than the finish place of the last boat to finish within the finish window established in SI 16.2. This changes rules 35, 63.1, A4 and A5.
- 18.3. Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 18.4. When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 18.5. 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.

19. REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT

Substitution or repair or replacement of hulls, sails, or equipment will not be allowed without prior written approval of the PC. [DP]

20. COACHING AND OUTSIDE CONTACT

- 20.1. This is a Grade 3 Event as defined in the US Sailing Championship Support Vessel Policy. See <https://www.ussailing.org/competition/resources/coaching-and-support-boat-policy/>
- 20.2. 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 event, except in spectator boats supplied by the Regatta Hosts. [DP][NP]

21. 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.

22. CONDUCT OF COMPETITORS

- 22.1. All competitors are expected to maintain the highest levels of conduct throughout the entire event. Enforcement of discipline and conduct will be conducted as per the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS 69.1) and the policies and procedures of US Sailing.

23. PRIZES

- 23.1. The top finishing, eligible team will qualify for US Sailing's Chubb U.S. Junior Sailing Championships. Eligibility is defined as per the 2022 Chubb US Junior Championship NoR.



23.2. Teams who qualify for Chubb U.S. Junior Sailing Championship must notify their intent to compete to Jeff Brock jeffbrock@me.com by June 2. Failure to notify will mean the next eligible boat may move forward.

Attachment A - Borrowed Boats

A1 BOATS

A1.1 Boats will be provided for all competitors, who shall not modify them or cause them to be modified in any way except that

- (a) a compass may be tied or taped to the hull or spars;
- (b) wind indicators, including yarn or thread, may be tied or taped anywhere on the boat;
- (c) hulls, centerboards and rudders may be cleaned, but only with water;
- (d) adhesive tape may be used anywhere above the water line; and
- (e) all fittings or equipment designed to be adjusted may be adjusted, provided the class rules are compiled with

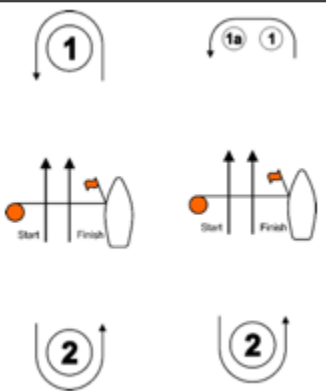
A1.2 All equipment provided with the boat for sailing purposes shall be in the boat while afloat.

A1.3 The penalty for not complying with one of the above SIs will be disqualification from all races sailed in which the SI was broken.

A1.4 Competitors shall report any damage or loss of equipment, however slight, to the Organizing Authority’s representative immediately after securing the boat ashore. The penalty for breaking this SI, unless the PC is satisfied that the competitor made a determined effort to comply, will be disqualification from the race most recently sailed.

A1.5 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 PC.

Attachment B - Course Diagrams

	Course W – Windward/Leeward, Windward Finish	
	<i>Signal</i>	<i>Mark Rounding Order</i>
	W	Start – 1* – 2 – Finish
	W2	Start – 1* – 2 – 1* – 2 – Finish
W3	Start – 1* – 2 – 1* – 2 – 1* – 2 Finish	
* - if an offset mark (1a) is present, sailors will leave the offset mark to port after rounding the windward mark (1)		