

NOTICE OF RACE

TEXAS SAILING ASSOCIATION YOUTH CIRCUIT REGATTA – 2022 Chocopalooza Regatta and 2022 Area F Bemis and Smythe Qualifiers for the Chubb U.S. Junior Championships

Rush Creek Yacht Club, 320 Rush Creek Dr., Heath, TX 75032,
(Organizing Authority)

June 18 – 19, 2022

PLEASE NOTE – OPTIMIST Green and RWB fleets, the Notice of Race Details for the USODA MID AMERICA CHAMPIONSHIP can be found at on the USODA Website at <https://usoda.org/regatta/vIUEjFJ367>

The following NOTICE OF RACE details apply to the ILCA 4, ILCA 6, ILCA 7 and C420 classes only. Additional provisions for the 2022 Area F Bemis and Smythe Qualifiers for the Chubb U.S. Junior Championships are found in Addendum A.

The notation [DP] in a rule in the sailing instruction means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the Protest Committee (PC), be less than disqualification. The notation [NP] in a rule in the sailing instructions means that instruction is not grounds for redress by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a) and 64.2.

1. RULES:

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 “The Texas Youth Racing Circuit Conditions” apply and are available on the web site at <http://www.txsail.org/>. A copy will also be available at the regatta site.
- 1.3 The rules for all classes are modified so that membership in a class organization is not required.
- 1.4 A competitor must notify the Race Committee (RC) of their intent to protest another boat, at the finish line, before talking to a coach or a parent. If this instruction is not followed, the protest will be found to be invalid. This is in addition to and modifies the requirements of class rules and RRS 60.1(a).
- 1.5 [DP] All boats shall have sail numbers which match the registration form. Sail numbers meeting class standards are required.
- 1.6 Appendix T, Arbitration, shall be used.

2. ADVERTISING:

[DP] Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

3. ELIGIBILITY:

- 3.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the ILCA 4, 6, 7, and C420 classes. All classes are “bring your own boat”. A minimum of three boats is required to form a class. **OPTIMIST, please access the USODA MID AMERICA CHAMPIONSHIP website <https://usoda.org/regatta/vIUEjFJ367>**
- 3.2 The regatta is open to all junior sailors who are less than twenty (20) years old and who do not turn twenty (20) years of age during this calendar year.

4. ENTRY FEE:

The entry fee is \$75 for each sailor, whether in single or double-handed boats. A late fee of \$25 will be assessed for registrations after Friday at midnight one (1) week prior to the Saturday of the regatta. The entry fee includes the following meals for each sailor: breakfast, lunch and dinner on Saturday and breakfast on Sunday. Meal tickets will be available for non-competitors for an extra charge of \$ 25.00. Make all registration checks payable to Rush Creek Yacht Club.

5. REGISTRATION AND CHECK IN:

- 5.1 Pre-Registration is encouraged and may be completed online at <http://www.txsail.org/>.
- 5.2 Registration for the regatta will end at 12:00 (noon) on Wednesday, June 15, 2022, before the regatta. Late registration may be accepted by the OA at their discretion; however, meals and/or regatta giveaways may not be available to late registrants.
- 5.3 All sailors are required to check in on-site, even if the sailor pre-registered. Check-in at the regatta will be conducted at the registration table on Saturday, June 18, 2022, between 7:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. at the RCYC Clubhouse.
- 5.4 Execution of a **Liability Release Agreement** as set forth in the Registration Form shall be required. Parents are urged to provide a signed **Medical Consent Form** to enable other adults to obtain emergency medical services in the event of the parents' unavailability during the regatta.

6. PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE (subject to change):

6.1 Six (6) or more races are scheduled.

6.2 The schedule for the regatta is:

Friday, June 17, 2022

All Day	RCYC will be open to allow unloading of boats.
17:00 - 19:00	Competitor Check-in and Support Person Registration/Check-in.

Saturday, June 18, 2022

07:30 – 8:30	Breakfast
07:30 – 8:30	Check-in at the Rush Creek Yacht Club (RCYC) Clubhouse
09:15	Coaches Meeting
09:30	Competitors' Meeting at the RCYC Clubhouse (Attendance Mandatory)
09:45	Harbor Launch
10:30	Warning Signal for the first race, additional races to follow
Between Races	Lunch will be served on the water
After Racing	Chocolate Fountain and competitor's dinner

Sunday, June 19, 2022

07:30 - 08:30	Breakfast
08:15	Coaches Meeting
08:30	Harbor Launch
09:30	Warning Signal for the first race, additional races to follow
After Racing	Awards Ceremony

6.3 No initial warning signal for a race will be given after 14:30 on Sunday.

6.4 Attendance at the Skippers' Meeting held at 09:30 a.m. on Saturday of the regatta at the RCYC Clubhouse is mandatory.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:

Sailing Instructions will be provided by 6 pm, Friday, June 17, 2022 ONLINE at the TSA Website (<http://www.txsail.org/>) and posted on the Notice Board on the RCYC Clubhouse west-facing windows.

8. VENUE:

Races will be conducted on the waters of Lake Ray Hubbard.

9. COURSES:

Courses will be described in detail in the Sailing Instructions and may include windward/leeward, triangle, box, or Olympic-style courses.

10. PENALTY SYSTEM:

RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turn Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

11. SCORING:

11.1 The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply with the following changes:

11.1.1 One (1) completed race is required to constitute a regatta.

11.1.2 When four (4) or fewer races are completed, there is no throw-out.

11.2.3 When five (5) to nine (9) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

11.1.4 When ten (10) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two (2) worst scores.

12. SAFETY:

12.1 [DP] RRS 40.1 is in effect so that each competitor shall wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved life jacket (PFD), in good condition, that is 100% dependent on foam for flotation (i.e., inherently buoyant) and the appropriate size for the sailor, at all times while on the water, except for brief periods while adding or removing clothing. 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. A pinnie may be worn outside of the PFD. This changes RRS 64.2.

12.2 Support Boats (including coaches and parents) (support boats) shall have a working VHF radio and monitor the RC channel.

12.3 [DP] All support boats that are required by Texas state law, must wear a safety kill-switch lanyard, especially when in the proximity of and approaching sailors in and on the water. If a support boat is required to use a kill switch and is not equipped with or is not using a kill switch, the support boat may be subject to protest.

13. RISK, DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY & PERSONAL CONDUCT

- 13.1** Competitors participate in the regatta at their own risk. See RRS 3 (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 this event.
- 13.2** Competitors will accept full responsibility for all his/her actions during any activity related to the event. This includes onshore activities before, during and after the regatta until such time as they leave the venue for home or the airport.

14. MISCONDUCT AND PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES

- 14.1** All competitors and support persons (including coaches and parents) are expected to maintain the highest levels of conduct throughout the entire event until such time as they leave for home or the airport. Enforcement of discipline and conduct shall be conducted as per RRS 69 and/or the policies and procedures of US Sailing (Regulation 15.01).
- 14.2** Prohibited Substances
- 14.2.1 Per US Sailing Regulation 10.03 B and 10.03 C, for Junior and Youth events or for junior or youth competitors in any Texas Sailing Association Junior event, 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; 2. Any alcoholic beverages. This regulation is in effect from date and time of arrival through date and time of departure from the locale.
- 14.2.2 An alleged breach of one of these regulations shall not be grounds for a protest. This changes RRS 60.1(a), 60.2(a) and 60.3(a). If a competitor is found to have breached one of these elements, they shall be excluded from the remaining races of the series and, where practicable, be removed from the regatta venue and sent home. When a competitor withdraws from part of an event, the scores of all completed races shall stand for the purposes of determining the seeding or 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.
- 14.2.3 Hearings related to NOR 14.1 and 14.2 will be held in accordance with the recommendations of Appendix M5 of the RRS. The officers for hearing a violation will consist of the Chief Judge, acting as chairman of the hearing, the Protest Committee, and the Chairman of the Texas Sailing Association Junior Committee or his or her designee in the event he or she is not present. The regatta chair shall serve ex officio as a nonvoting member of the panel and will have an open right to express his or her views during the hearing process.

15. TROPHY PRESENTATION:

Trophy presentations will be held on Sunday afternoon approximately one hour after the last race or when protest hearing(s) are completed.

- 16. LODGING:** You are welcome to camp on the club grounds. There is also limited housing available. Additionally, there are several hotels located in Rockwall within 10 minutes of RCYC.

17. DIRECTIONS TO THE CLUB: From Interstate 30, exit Horizon Road, and head south. Turn right on Horizon Road (FM-740). FM-740 will turn right at the Shell gas station. Stay straight at the next 4-way stop onto Hubbard Drive. Turn right onto Rush Creek Drive. RCYC is at the end of Rush Creek Drive.

18. FURTHER INFORMATION:

For further information please contact Alex Porter at rcyc.edu@gmail.com.



Addendum A
Chubb U.S. Junior Championships
Area F Championship

The U.S. Junior Singlehanded Championship for the Smythe Trophy
The U.S. Junior Doublehanded Championship for the Bemis Trophy

Rush Creek Yacht Club
June 18-19, 2022

This Addendum applies only to those boats competing in US Sailing’s Chubb Junior Sailing Area F Championships in the Singlehanded (Smythe) and Doublehanded (Bemis) disciplines.

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.

A1. RULES

A1.1 The following documents shall apply:

A1.1.1 [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) 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](#).

A1.1.2 The sections of the Conditions for the Junior Sailing Championship applicable to the Area Championships.

A1.1.3 [US Sailing’s Safesport Handbook](#)

A1.1.4 [The US Sailing Coaching and Support Boat Policy](#). This will be a Grade 1 Coaching event.

A1.2 This Championship is not being conducted as a sanctioned or class association event. Only the Equipment Measurement Rules for the ILCA and C420 classes shall apply.

A1.3 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.

A1.4 RRS 40 is changed so that each competitor shall wear a USCG approved life jacket, in good condition, 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]

A2. ELGIBILTIY

A2.1 Competitors meeting the following criteria are eligible to compete in US Sailing’s Chubb Junior Area F Championships. All criteria must be met prior to the first race.

- A2.1.1 Competitors must have reached their 13th birthday but not their 19th birthday during the calendar year of competition.
- A2.1.2 Competitors must 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 USOPC or its affiliated organizations.
- A2.1.3 All competitors must be a member 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.
- A2.1.4 For disciplines other than singlehanded, crew member(s) must be members of a LSO which is a member of US Sailing within the same US Sailing Area as the helm.
- A2.1.5 All the members of a crew shall reside in or regularly compete in the same US Sailing Area where the club is geographically located.

A3. QUALIFICATION

- A3.1 A minimum of five (5) boats is required to be both entered by the registration deadline and to start the first race for the single and doublehanded fleets in order for the winners to move on.
- A3.2 Area F will qualify two teams for both the singlehanded and doublehanded disciplines
- A3.3 The team must remain the same throughout the series of qualifying events within and through the Area Qualifying event and including the National Championship. Crew changes shall meet the requirements of the Conditions for the US Junior Championship (See A1.1.2).

A4. PROTEST AND APPEALS

- A4.1 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 69.1(a) may be appealed.
- A4.2 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.
- A4.3 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.
- A4.4 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 (<mailto:mrcrain@gmail.com>) for youth events. The hearing shall be reopened when the foregoing information is received by the Director 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.

A5. COACHING AND SUPPORT BOATS [DP]

- A5.1 This is a Grade 1 Event as defined in the US Sailing Championship Coach and Support Boat Policy. See A1.1.4 for a link to this document.
- A5.2 All coaches and/or support personnel shall register at the check in table located in the RCYC Clubhouse.
- A5.3 Registered coaches at Area Championships are required to have US Sailing Smallboat Level 1 Instructor or higher certification.
- A5.4 Coaches shall wear a USCG-approved life jacket while afloat that is 100% dependent on foam for flotation and the appropriate size for the coach.
- A5.5 An Engine Cut-Off Switch (ECOS) Link must be attached to the coach boat operator, the operator's clothing, or operator's personal floatation device whenever a boat's engine is running.
- A5.6 Parent spectator boats shall not enter the "Field of Play" as defined in the Sailing Instructions. Parents and support persons not meeting the criteria listed above shall not have any contact with sailors while onshore or afloat for the time period defined in the Sailing Instructions.

A6. EQUIPMENT

- A6.1 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. For the C420 discipline, competitors may also bring aboard their personal trapeze harness. [DP]
- A6.2 GPS devices of all varieties, styles and combinations and VHF radios are specifically banned.

A7. 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.

A8. PRIZES

- A8.1 The top two finishing, eligible teams from the C420 and ILCA 6 fleets (two boats from each fleet) will qualify for US Sailing's Chubb U.S. Junior Sailing Championships. Eligibility is defined as per the 2022 Chubb US Junior Championship NoR.

A8.2 Teams who qualify for Chubb U.S. Junior Sailing 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.

A9. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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