

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

TEXAS SAILING ASSOCIATION YOUTH CIRCUIT REGATTA

The Chocopalooza Regatta and the 2002 Area F Bemis and Smythe Qualifiers for the Chubb U.S. Junior Championships

Rush Creek Yacht Club, 320 Rush Creek Drive, Heath, Texas 75032 (Organizing Authority)

June 18 – 19, 2022

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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 [DP] All boats shall have sail numbers which match the registration form. Sail numbers meeting class standards are required.
- 1.5 Appendix T, Arbitration, shall be used.
- 1.6 Addendum A applies only to those boats competing in US Sailing’s Chubb Junior Sailing Area F Championships in the Singlehanded (Smythe) and Doublehanded (Bemis) disciplines.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS:

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the west facing windows of the RCYC Clubhouse.

3. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions (SI) will be posted on the official notice board at least two (2) hours before the first race of each day, except for changes to the schedule of races which will be posted by 19:00 on the day before they take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE:

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the primary flagpole on the lawn at the Club or from the RC signal boat if docked in the harbor.
- 4.2 Code Flag “AP” with two sound signals means the race is postponed. DO NOT leave the club area. The warning signal will not be made sooner than 30 minutes from the lowering of “AP”, accompanied by one signal. This modifies “Race Signals”.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES:

5.1 Six or more races are scheduled.

5.2 Completion of three (3) races shall constitute a TSA Youth Circuit Regatta.

5.3 Schedule:

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

5.4 No warning signal will be given after 14:30 on Sunday.

6. CLASS FLAGS:

The following flags will be used as class flags during starting sequences:

Other Racing Area(s):

Class	Class Flag
ILCA 7 (Standard Rig)	ILCA Logo on a White Background
ILCA 6 (Radial Rig)	ILCA Logo on a Green Background
ILCA 4 (4.7)	ILCA Logo on a Yellow Background
C420	C420 Logo on a White Background

7. RACING AREAS:

One (1) racing area will be set, with all ILCA and C420 class sailing on the same course. The location of the racing areas will be announced at the Mandatory Competitor’s Meeting.

8. CHECK-IN ON THE WATER:

Prior to the first warning signal of the competitor’s fleet of the day, each competitor shall sail past the stern of the RC signal boat on starboard tack, hail their sail number and be acknowledged by the RC. Failure to do so will result in a 20% penalty for the first race of the day.

9. COURSES:

9.1 There may be six (6) types of race courses as defined in Addendum A, Course Diagrams. Multiple times around the course will be designated by a number following the “T, “W” or “L”

- 9.2 For courses L1 and L2, the start line will be on the port side of the Signal Boat and the finish line will be on the starboard side of the finish boat.
- 9.3 For courses W, W2, W3, T, T2 and O, unless a race is shortened in accordance with the RRS, the start/finish line will be in the middle of the race course.
- 9.4 For the ILCA and Double-Handed fleets during the race, if the Race Committee boat is displaying an orange flag on a staff, the start/finish line will be an obstruction, except to finish. Boats that sail through this obstruction will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF), without a hearing.

10. MARKS:

- 10.1 For the ILCA and Doublehanded Fleets, the marks will be Yellow Tetrahedrons. New marks, as provided in SI 10.2 will be Orange Tetrahedrons.
- 10.2 To change the next leg of the course, the RC will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced with the original mark.
- 10.3 To maintain course configuration during a race, the RC may make minor adjustments of the course, up to 10 degrees and .10nm, without signaling a change. This changes RRS 33.

11. THE START:

- 11.1 For all fleets, races will be started in accordance with RRS 26. A series of short signals may be made before any starting sequence begins to attract attention.
- 11.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC signal boat and the course side of the starting mark.
- 11.3 A boat may not start later than four (4) minutes after the starting signal for its class. Boats attempting to start after this time will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS 28.1, A 4 and A 5.
- 11.4 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of both the start line and all boats whose warning signal has been made.

12. RECALLS:

The RC intends to hail the sail numbers of OCS boats after the starting signal. 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. This changes RRS 41 and 62.1

13. THE FINISH:

- 13.1 The finish line for courses W, T and O shall be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC boat and the course side of the finish mark. This modifies the RRS Race Signals.
- 13.2 The finish line for courses L, L2 and B shall be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the RC boat and the course side of the finish mark.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM:

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

15. TIME LIMIT:

- 15.1 The time limit for each race will be seventy (70) minutes for the first boat to finish. If no boat has complied with RRS 28.1, the race shall be abandoned.
- 15.2 The Finishing Window is twenty (20) minutes.
- 15.3 The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized, or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place two (2) more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.
- 15.4 At its discretion, the RC may finish any boat in place, and it will be scored based on its position on the race course. This modifies RRS 32 and 35.
- 15.5 If no boat has rounded the first mark within twenty (20) minutes of the start, the race shall be abandoned. This modifies RRS 32 and 35.

16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS:

- 16.1 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) and 61.1(a).
- 16.2 Protests forms will be made available at the Official Notice Board and delivered to the Judges or their representative. The protest time limit is sixty (60) minutes after the RC signal boat from each Competitors' race course docks.
- 16.3 The protest time limit will be posted. A list of protests will be posted on the official notice board no later than thirty (30) minutes after the end of protest time.
- 16.4 A boat is not permitted to protest another boat for breaking SI 7, 19, 20 and 21. This changes RRS 60.1(a). In addition, penalties for anything other than RRS Part 2 or 3 may be less than disqualification at the discretion of the protest committee.
- 16.5 The person who served as mediator during Arbitration may not serve on the protest committee.

17. SCORING:

- 17.1 The Low Point System of RRS Appendix A shall apply, modified so that:
 - 17.1.1 When five (5) to nine (9) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race score excluding her worst
 - 17.1.2 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.
- 17.2 The regatta shall be scored as a whole with all boats receiving scores according to recorded finish position. "Overall Scoring" shall be used to determine the finish place of each junior aged sailor for purposes of junior awards and junior place finish in the regatta.

18. DISPOSAL OF TRASH:

[DP] Per RRS 47, boats observed purposefully discharging trash into the water will either be disqualified from all races sailed on the day the infraction is observed or be subject to other suitable disciplinary action or both.

19. SAFETY:

- 19.1 [DP] RRS 40 is changed 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. See 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. A pinnie may be worn outside of the PFD. This changes RRS 64.2**
- 19.2 [DP]** A competitor who withdraws from a race or does not intend to start a race shall inform the RC as soon as possible. This may also be accomplished by the competitor notifying a member of the RC ashore.
- 19.3** Sailors of Double-Handed fleet boats are encouraged, but not required, to carry an emergency safety line cutter, such as an "S-Cutter" tool or harness webbing cutter.

20. SUPPORT BOAT RESTRICTIONS:

- 20.1** Support Boats (including coaches and parents) (support boats) shall have a working VHF radio and monitor the RC channel.
- 20.2 [DP]** Support boats shall keep at least two hundred (200) feet away from all competitors and shall not communicate with any racing competitor from the time of the competitor's preparatory signal until after the competitor has finished, or the RC signals a postponement or abandonment. The RC, at its discretion, may deem a violation of this provision to be a violation of RRS 2 and may impose a penalty which will be a scoring penalty per RRS 44.3(c.) applied to the finishes in the next race sailed of all boats associated with the support boat who has violated this provision.
- 20.3** Failure of support boats to keep wakes down, remain outside the race course while boats are racing, may result in the RC limiting where support boats may go during a race.
- 20.4 [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.

21. RISK, DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY & PERSONAL CONDUCT

- 21.1** 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.
- 21.2** 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.
- 21.3** All competitors, 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 69.1 and/or the policies and procedures of US Sailing (Regulation 15.01).

22. PRIZES:

Trophies should be awarded to at least the top three in each class.

Above all, BE SAFE and HAVE FUN!

ADDENDUM A – 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)

	Course T – Triangle, Windward Finish	
	<i>Signal</i>	<i>Mark Rounding Order</i>
	T	Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – Finish
	T2	Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 2 – 3 – Finish
	T3	Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 2 – 3 – Finish

	Course O (Olympic) – Triangle, Windward/Leeward, Windward Finish		
	<i>Signal</i>	<i>Mark Rounding Order</i>	
	O	Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 3 – Finish	

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

		Course L2 (Leeward Gate/Finish) – Windward, Leeward Gate – Windward - Finish	
		<i>Signal</i>	<i>Mark Rounding Order</i>
L2	Start – 1* – 2s/2p – 1 – Finish	<p>* - if an offset mark (1a) is present, sailors will leave the offset mark to port after rounding the windward mark (1)</p>	

		Course B – Box, Reach Finish	
		<i>Signal</i>	<i>Mark Rounding Order</i>
B	Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – Finish		



**Sailing Instructions 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 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 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]

A1.5 Rule 66 is changed, see section A2.4.

A2. PROTEST AND APPEALS

A2.1 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.

A2.2 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.

A2.3 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.

A2.4 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.

A3. COACHING AND SUPPORT BOATS [DP]

A3.1 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.

A3.2 All coaches and/or support personnel shall register at the check in table.

A3.3 Registered coaches at Area Championships shall have US Sailing Smallboat Level 1 Instructor or higher certification.

A3.4 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.

A3.5 An Engine Cut-Off Switch (ECOS) Link shall be attached to the coach boat operator, the operator's clothing, or operator's personal flotation device whenever a boat's engine is running.

A4. REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT

A4.1 Substitution or repair or replacement of hulls, sails or equipment will not be allowed without prior written approval of the PC. [DP]

A5. 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.

A6. PRIZES

A6.1 The top finishing, eligible team(s) will qualify for US Sailing's Chubb U.S. Junior Sailing Championships. Eligibility is defined by the 2022 Chubb US Junior Championship NoR.

A6.2 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.

A7. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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