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2023 Chubb U.S. Youth Triplehanded Championship Area F Qualifier

Organizing Authority: US Sailing & Bay Access Sailing Foundation
May 13, 2023
Lakewood Yacht Club

NOTICE OF RACE

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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). 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. 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.
- 1.4. 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, removing or adjusting clothing. (US Sailing Regulation 10) [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 66 is changed, see Protests and Appeals section of this Notice of Race.
- 1.7. Supplied charter RS21s must adhere to Class Rule C.1.2 regarding supplied equipment (<https://www.rs21sailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/RS21Class-Rules-V.1.16-220921-AS.pdf>), Lakewood Yacht Club Charter Agreement, and specific systems operation per RS21 Fleet Manager. However, competitors may not use their own ropes (including mainsheet, control lines, halyard) or tiller extension, this changes Class Rule C.1.2. [DP]

2. ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1. Competitors meeting the following criteria are eligible to compete in U.S. Youth Triplehanded Championship Area Qualifier. 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. 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. ENTRY, FEES, and CHARTERS

- 3.1. Registration for eligible teams is available online:
https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_registration_form.php?regatta_id=26331
- 3.2. The registration period will be open until the entry deadline of May 12, 2023.
- 3.3. A minimum of three (3) boats must be registered by the entry deadline of May 12, 2023, or the event will be rescheduled or cancelled at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.
- 3.4. The registration fee of \$150 dollars per boat includes entry and charter. This discounted charter fee is made possible with support from Bay Access Sailing Foundation. Registration is not complete until the registration fee is paid.
- 3.5. All boats will be chartered from the Lakewood Yacht Club RS21 Fleet.
- 3.6. All charterers shall provide their own handheld VHF radio and PFDs.



- 3.7. 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.
- 3.8. Liability and damage waiver for skipper and each crew must be complete prior to sailing.
- 3.9. \$1,000 security deposit must be paid prior to sailing with a supplied credit card number or bank cheque.
- 3.10. Charter Agreement and deposit will be coordinated directly with LYC RS21 Fleet Manager after registration.

4. BOATS and EQUIPMENT

- 4.1. This Area Qualifier will be sailed in RS21 Class Boats with a crew of four (4). Boats will be provided by the Organizing Authority and host club.
- 4.2. The boat rotation, if any, will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

5. SCHEDULE

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| 900 | Report Time – Rig Boats |
| 945 | Mandatory Competitors Meeting
RS21 checkout and operation briefing immediately following Competitors Meeting |
| 1000 | Launch for on the water boat familiarization. |
| 1130 | Warning signal for first race |
| 1800 | No first warning signal after this time |

Number of Races – A minimum of three races to be sailed. Up to seven races may be sailed.

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 6.1. The sailing instructions will be available online by May 11, 2023 at the latest.

7. VENUE

- 7.1. The regatta will sailed on the waters of Clear Lake, in the vicinity of Lakewood Yacht Club. In the event of insufficient water depth the regatta may be moved to Galveston Bay in the area between Red Bluff and Eagle Point.

8. PROTEST AND APPEALS

- 8.1. 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.
- 8.2. 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 available from the OA by request at all times during the event.
- 8.3. 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.
- 8.4. 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 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.

9. COACHING AND SUPPORT BOATS [DP]

- 9.1. 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.
9.2. Coaching is not allowed. Spectator boats may be allowed at the discretion of the race committee, however spectator boats will be required to welcome parents and other interest parties of all teams on board.

10. EQUIPMENT

- 10.1. 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]
10.2. GPS devices of all varieties, styles and combinations and VHF radios are specifically banned.

11. ADVERTISING

- 11.1. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA.

12. 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.

13. RISK STATEMENT

- 13.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely 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 the regatta.
13.2. All crew members' legal parent or guardian shall individually sign crew waivers which shall be supplied no later than the Competitors' briefing.

14. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 14.1. 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. No boat shall participate in this race unless the skipper and all crew members have submitted a Waiver and Release of Liability no later than at the Competitors' Briefing.
14.2. Waivers are included in the registration process.

15. PRIZES AND NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFICATION

- 15.1. The top two finishing eligible team(s) will qualify for the Chubb U.S. Youth Triplehanded Championship for the Sears Cup. Eligibility is defined by the [National Championship NoR](#). 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).
15.2. Teams who qualify for the National 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.

16. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION]

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