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

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

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

May 10, 2023

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. 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.
(<https://www.rs21sailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/RS21Class-Rules-V.1.16-220921-AS.pdf>)
- 1.5. 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]
- 1.6. 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.
- 1.7. RRS 66 is changed, see Protests and Appeals section of this Sailing Instructions.
- 1.8. 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.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 1.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official regatta notice board located at the RS21 Sail Storage Shed.

3. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS



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- 3.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted no later than 20 minutes after the close of the morning briefing on the day it takes effect, except that during a postponement ashore a change may be posted no less than 15 minutes before the AP flag is removed. Any change to the schedule of racing 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 signal mast near the pool.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 30 minutes" in the race signal AP. This changes Race Signals.

5. SAFETY

- 5.1. Before the warning signal of the first race in which they intend to compete each day, boats shall check in by sailing by 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]

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1. Schedule

Saturday, May 13

09:00-09:30	Check-in at the RS21 Sail Storage Shed
09:45	Competitors' Meeting at the RS21 Sail Storage Shed area (Attendance Mandatory) RS21 checkout and briefing immediately following Competitors Meeting
10:00	Approximate sail/Tow from Harbor
11:00	Approximate start practice race (optional)
11:30	Approximate start first race
18:00	No race shall start after this time

- 6.2. There is a maximum of 6 races scheduled.
- 6.3. The warning signal for succeeding races will be made as soon as possible after finish of preceding race.
- 6.4. To alert boats that a race will begin soon, an orange flag will be displayed with one sound at least 1 minute before a warning signal is displayed.
- 6.5. 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. Any such special procedures shall be approved by the Protest Committee (PC).

7. CLASS FLAGS

- 7.1. Class flag will be an RS21 Class insignia flag.

8. RACING AREA



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- 8.1. Races will be conducted on Clear Lake adjacent to Lakewood Yacht Club, or if weather or tide conditions dictate on Galveston Bay in the proximity of the Clear Lake Channel.

9. THE COURSE

- 9.1. The diagram in Attachment B shows the courses.
- 9.2. No later than the warning signal, the RC signal boat will display the course designation and the approximate compass bearing for the first leg.
- 9.3. If one of the gate marks is missing, the mark in position will be rounded to port.

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 signaling 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

- 11.1. 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 RRS 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 four (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 sail numbers of OCS boats after the starting signal. This changes rule 29.1.
- 13.2. 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. CHANGES TO THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 14.1. To change the next leg of the course, except as allowed by SI 10.2, the RC will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the old marks as soon as practical.



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15. THE FINISH

- 15.1. The finish 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. The Finishing Window will be 20 minutes. 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 Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, and A5.2.

17. PROTESTS AND APPEALS

- 17.1. Protest forms will be available at and returned to RS21 Sail Storage Shed.
- 17.2. The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the RC signal boat docks.
- 17.3. Notice of actions taken by the RC or PC and a list of boats penalized under Appendix P will be posted on the official notice board.
- 17.4. 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.
- 17.5. 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.
- 17.6. 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.
- 17.7. Rule 66 is changed as follows:

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 (championships@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.

18. SCORING

18.1. The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply.

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

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

18.4. 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

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

20. COACHING AND SUPPORT BOATS

20.1. 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.

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.



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22. PRIZES

- 22.1. 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).
- 22.2. 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.



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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 in this Attachment 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 jury is satisfied that the competitor made a determined effort to comply, will be disqualification from the race most recently sailed.

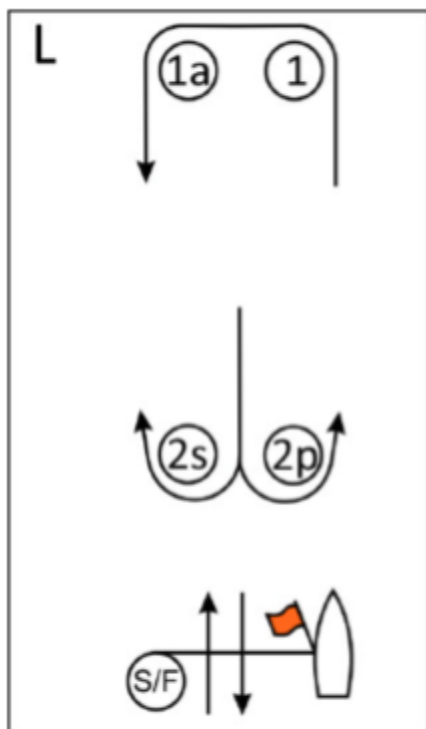
A1.5 When Borrowed Boats are provided for the competitors in a series, the Breakdown Procedure of Appendix D5 shall be utilized. Appendix D5.2 is changed to substitute a yellow flag for signaling a breakdown on the boat. Reference to umpire is replaced with PC.



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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	
<p>* - if an offset mark (1a) is present, sailors will leave the offset mark to port after rounding the windward mark (1)</p>			



Course LA – Windward/Leeward with Offset Mark, Leeward Finish	
<i>Signal</i>	<i>Mark Rounding Order</i>
LA2	Start – 1 – 1a* – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a* – Finish
LA3	Start – 1 – 1a* – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a* – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a* – Finish
LA4	Start – 1 – 1a* – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a* – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a* – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a* – Finish

* if an offset mark (1a) is present, sailors will leave the offset mark to port after rounding the windward mark (1).