



AREA K Semi Final for

The US Sailing CHUBB U.S. Junior Championships

The U.S. Junior Triplehanded Sailing Championship for the Sears Cup

The U.S. Junior Doublehanded Sailing Championship for the Bemis Trophy

The U.S. Junior Singlehanded Sailing Championship for the Smythe Trophy

July 5 - 8 — Traverse City, Michigan — West Grand Traverse Bay

Organized by — US SAILING

Co-Hosted by —

Traverse Area Community Sailing (TACS)
& The Grand Traverse Yacht Club (GTYC)



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SIs)

(final - dated July 02, 2011 - 1213 hrs)

1 - RULES —

1.1 - The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).

1.2 - The following documents shall apply:

- a) US SAILING Regulations. <http://about.ussailing.org/Assets/Bylaws/US+SAILING+Regs08.pdf>
- b) The Conditions for the United States Junior Sailing Championships.
<http://championships.ussailing.org/Youth/ChubbJrChampionships/Conditions.htm>
- c) The US SAILING Championship Support Vessel Policy.
http://championships.ussailing.org/Youth/Coaching_and_Support_Vessels.htm

1.3 - In case of conflict between the Notice of Race (NOR) and the SIs, the SIs will prevail. This changes RRS 63.7.

2 - NOTICES TO COMPETITORS — will be posted on the official notice board located in the lobby of GTYC.

3 - CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS — Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted by 0900 hrs or no later than twenty (20) minutes following the close of the morning briefing on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by the end of the protest time limit on the day before it will take effect.

4 - SIGNALS MADE ASHORE —

4.1 - Signals made ashore will be displayed from the GTYC flag pole.

4.2 - When Flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced by 'not less than forty (40) minutes' in Race Signal AP. This changes RRS Race Signal AP.

5 - SPECIAL SIGNALS —

5.1 - At a finish, code flag H displayed under the Blue 'on station' flag, means 'Proceed to shore for lunch and/or further instructions'.

5.2 - At a finish, code flag A displayed under the Blue 'on station' flag, means 'No more racing today'.

6 - SCHEDULE OF RACES — ten (10) races are scheduled with no more than four (4) races to be completed per day.

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Tuesday	Jul 05	1300	Clinic and borrowed boat orientation (see Attachment A, p. 4)
		1700	Competitors Meeting
Wednesday	Jul 06	1030	First Warning
Thursday	Jul 07	1030	First Warning
Friday	Jul 08	1030	First Warning (no warning past 1330 hrs)
			Awards (following racing)

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- 6.1 - To alert the fleets that a sequence will begin soon, a series of short blasts will precede the first warning signal by one (1) minute.
- 6.2 - When a Postponement or General Recall has been signaled, the removal of that flag will be a series of short horn blasts followed in one (1) minute by the next warning signal. This changes RRS Race Signals AP and First Substitute.

7 - CLASS FLAGS —

- Triplehanded (Sears)..... Green
- Doublehanded (Bemis) Yellow
- Singlehanded (Smythe)..... White

8 - RACING AREA — will be West Grand Traverse Bay. (Attachment B, p. 5)

9 - THE COURSES — (see Attachment C, p. 5 & 6) Course selection will be displayed from the stern of the RC Signal Boat prior to or with the first warning signal for each race along with the approximate compass bearing to the first mark.

10 - MARKS —

- 10.1 - Primary marks, #s 1, 2, & 3, will be 4 ft orange cylinders.
- 10.2 - Offset marks, Mark 1A, when used, will be small yellow balls.
- 10.2 - New marks, as in SI 13, will be 3 ft yellow cylinders.
- 10.3 - The start mark will be a 4 ft orange cylinder with a yellow band.
- 10.4 - The finish mark will be a 3 ft yellow ball.

11 - THE START —

- 11.1 - The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC boat at the starboard end and the course side of the start mark at the port end.
- 11.2 - A boat starting later than four (4) minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.

12 - RECALLS — will be signaled as in RRS 29.

- 12.1 - In the event of Individual Recalls, the RC will attempt to hail OCS boats via loud hailer. The following are not grounds for redress: failure of the RC to hail any or all boats; failure of the RC to accurately hail one or more boats; failure of a boat to hear its hail; timeliness of the hail; or the order of boats within the hail. This changes RRS 62.1.
- 12.2 - When a General Recall has been signaled, the recalled division will clear the starting area immediately and start after all other divisions have started. The Warning Signal for the next division will follow the removal of the First Substitute by one (1) minute. This changes RRS 29.2.

13 - CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE — To change the next leg of the course, the race committee 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 by an original mark.

14 - THE FINISH — The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC boat at the starboard end and the course side of the finish mark at the port end.

15 - TIME LIMITS — this changes RRS 35.

- 15.1 - The time limit for any race will be ninety (90) minutes for the first boat to finish.
- 15.2 - Boats not finishing within fifteen (15) minutes after the first boat sails the course in accordance with rule 28.1 and finishes will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing and scored as in SI18.3. This changes RRS 35, 63.1, A4, and A5.

16 - PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS —

- 16.1 - Protests forms are available in the Race Office located in the GTYC Commodores Room and shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 16.2 - The protest time limit is sixty (60) minutes after the RC Signal Boat docks. This time will be posted on the official notice board.
- 16.3 - Notice of actions taken by the RC or PC will be posted prior to the Protest Time Limit.
- 16.4 - Notices will be posted within fifteen (15) minutes following the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the Race Office.
- 16.5 - 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 or
 - b) no later than thirty (30) minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day. This changes RRS 62.2 and 66.
- 16.6 - A boat is not permitted to protest another boat for breaking SIs 19.2, 19.3, 20, or 21. The penalty for breaking these SIs will be at the discretion of the PC. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

17 - US SAILING REQUIREMENTS FOR AN AREA ELIMINATION REOPENING —

17.1 - Under RRS 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 RRS 69.1(a) may be appealed. Email and phone contact information for each boat entered and for the chairs of the PC and RC shall be posted at all times.

17.2 - RRS 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 PC no later than the protest time limit on the last day of racing or one (1) hour after being informed of the decision, whichever is later. The committee shall then, within two (2) hours, hand-deliver the information to the *party* including, when relevant, a diagram of the incident prepared or endorsed by the committee.

17.3 - RRS 66 is changed as follows —

a) 66.1 - A hearing may be reopened when the protest committee decides that it may have made a significant error or when significant new evidence becomes available within a reasonable time.

b) 66.2 - The PC may reopen the hearing. A *party* to the hearing may ask for a reopening no later than one (1) hour after being informed of the decision. When a hearing is reopened under 66.2, a majority of the PC shall, if possible, be members of the original PC.

c) 66.3 - Area Elimination Reopening —

i) - A *party* to a hearing of a *protest* or request for redress may request an Area Elimination Reopening. The request shall be in writing and include the significant error that the *party* believes the PC 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 PC, shall be sent by email to the US Sailing Championships Director, lizwalker@ussailing.org, and the US Sailing Championships Chair, wrigs@earthlink.net.

ii) - The PC for an Area Elimination Reopening shall consist of the Chair of the original PC plus four (4) certified judges appointed by US Sailing. A majority of the committee's members shall be Senior or International Judges. US Sailing will appoint its chairman.

iii) - An Area Elimination 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 practically possible and not 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 PC, the time and date of the hearing, the process for joining the call, and any other relevant documents.

18 - SCORING —

18.1 - For all divisions, ten (10) races are scheduled and three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a regatta.

18.2 - Series Scores — This changes RRS A2 and the NOR.

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

b) 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.

18.3 - A boat that does not finish (DNF), retires after finishing (RAF), or is scored TLE as in SI15 will be scored two (2) more points than the last boat to finish in that race. This changes RRS A4.2.

19 - SAFETY REGULATIONS AND PERSONAL EQUIPMENT —

19.1 - All competitors shall wear a US Coast Guard Approved Type III or Type V Personal Flotation Device (PFD) that depends 100% on foam for flotation while on the water except for brief periods while adding or removing clothing. The PFD must be worn outside of all clothing except a thin shirt may be worn over the PFD to prevent snagging.

19.2 - Before the warning signal of the first race in which they intend to compete each day, boats shall check in by sailing in single file on starboard tack past the stern of the RC Signal Boat* and hail their -

a) team letter designation (for the Triplehanded Division)

b) bow number (for the Doublehanded Division)

c) or last 4 digits of their sail number (for the Singlehanded Division -

until acknowledged by the signal boat. Failure to check in may result in a penalty.

* CAUTION - Please be aware that the RC Signal Boat may be backing up at times to set their anchor.

19.3 - A boat retiring from a race shall notify the RC before leaving the racing area or immediately upon reaching shore.

19.4 - The only gear, rigging, or equipment that a team may take aboard a boat shall be - magnetic card compass, flags, plastic bucket or bailer, normally equipped ditty-bag, personal effects including PFDs and clothing.

19.5 - Electronic fluxgate compasses and GPS devices of all varieties are specifically banned.

20 - REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT — substitution, repair, or replacement of hulls, sails, or equipment requires written approval of

the Protest Committee either prior to, if possible, or within the protest time limit at the end of each day.

21 - TRASH DISPOSAL — boats shall not put trash in the water. Trash may be placed aboard support and race committee boats.

22 - COACHING AND OUTSIDE CONTACT —

22.1. This is a Grade 2 Event as defined in the US SAILING Championship Support Vessel Policy.

22.2. 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 clinic or racing days, except in venue supplied spectator boats.

22.3. Outside contact with competitors is prohibited on clinic and racing days commencing with the competitor's arrival at the host club and shall continue until dismissed by the clinic coach on clinic days, or released by the Protest Committee on racing days.

22.4. Outside contact is defined as a parent, family member, spectator, or coach. Competitors shall not receive advice, instruction, or any type of outside assistance (other than that provided by US SAILING) including electronic communication devices while at the sailing venue during the clinic and racing days. It is the intent of this rule to prohibit contact between competitors and any person, who, in the opinion of the Protest Committee, is a coach, instructor or advisor.

22.5. The coaches provided by US SAILING will offer individual on-the-water instruction and group commentary/advice on land following each racing day. This coaching will be given to all competitors on an as equal basis as possible.

22.6. The Protest Committee may protest and disqualify a competitor for breaking the rules of this Sailing Instruction from all races on the day of the infringement.

23 - DISCIPLINE —

23.1. For Junior and Youth events or for junior or youth competitors in any US SAILING championship, no participant or competitor shall use, either on or off the water: marijuana or any other controlled substance (as defined in 21 U.S. Code 802) the possession of which is unlawful under 21 U.S. Code 841, or alcoholic beverages (distilled spirits, wine and beer, each as defined in chapter 51 of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code and intended for beverage use).

23.2. An alleged breach of this requirement shall not be grounds for a protest. However, when the protest committee believes that a competitor may have breached the above requirement, it shall follow the process described in RRS 69.1, and a competitor found to have breached this requirement 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.

24 - PRIZES —

24.1 - The top scoring team in the Triplehanded Division and the top two (2) scoring teams in the Doublehanded and Singlehanded Divisions will qualify for the National Finals.

24.2 - Prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd overall in each division.

25 - DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY — Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, 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.

Attachment A - BOATS

A1 - Boats for the Triplehanded Division will be provided for all competitors who shall not modify them or cause them to be modified in any way except that —

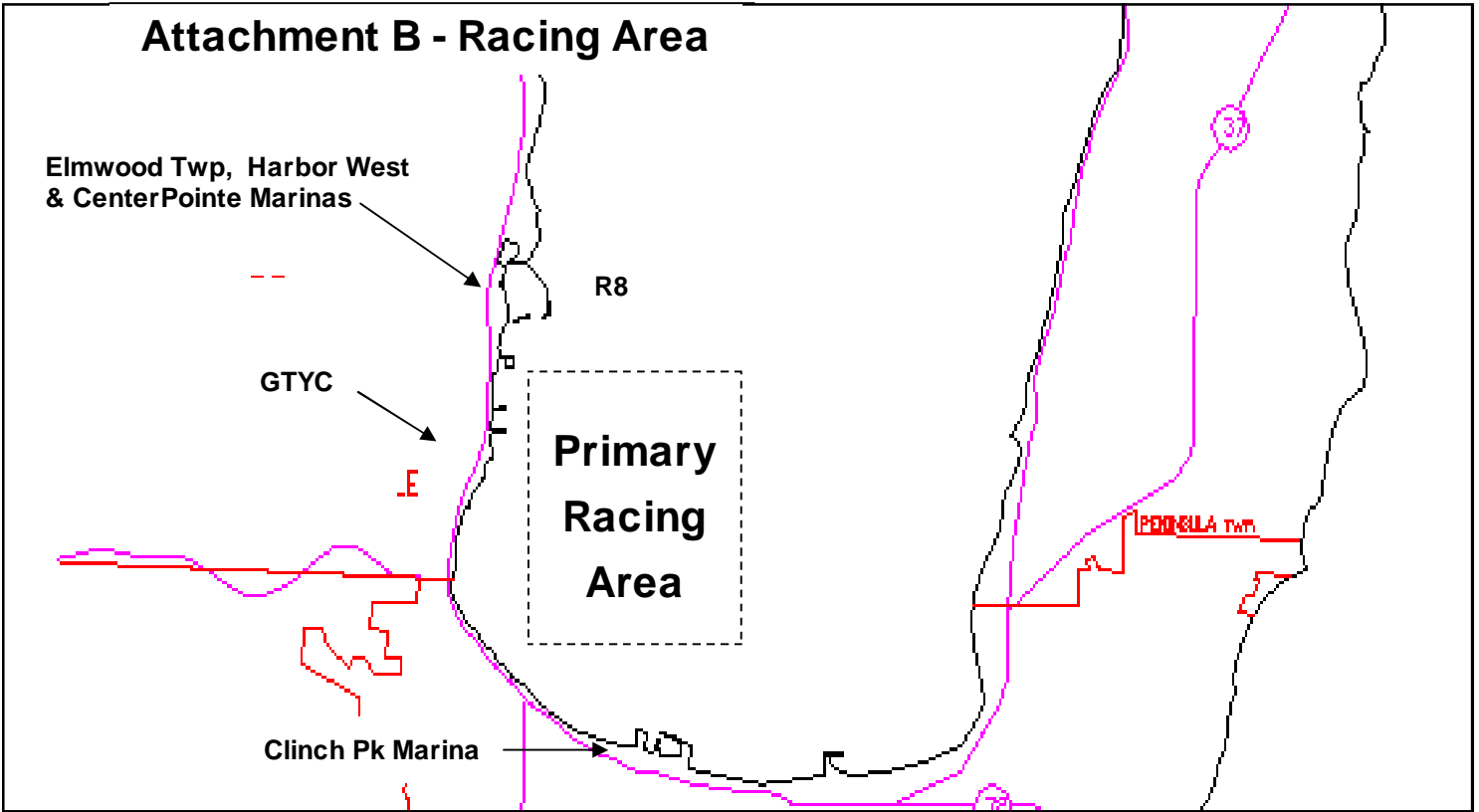
- a) a compass may be tied or taped to the hull or spars.
- b) wind indicators, including yarn or thread, may be tied or taped anywhere on the boat.
- c) hulls, centerboards, and rudders may be cleaned, but only with water.
- d) adhesive tape may be used anywhere above the water line.
- e) all fittings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

A2 - All equipment provided with the boat for sailing purposes shall be in the boat while afloat.

A3 - The penalty for not complying with one of the above instructions will be disqualification from all races sailed in which the instruction was broken.

A4 - 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 instruction, unless the PC is satisfied that the competitor made a determined effort to comply, will be disqualification from the race most recently sailed.

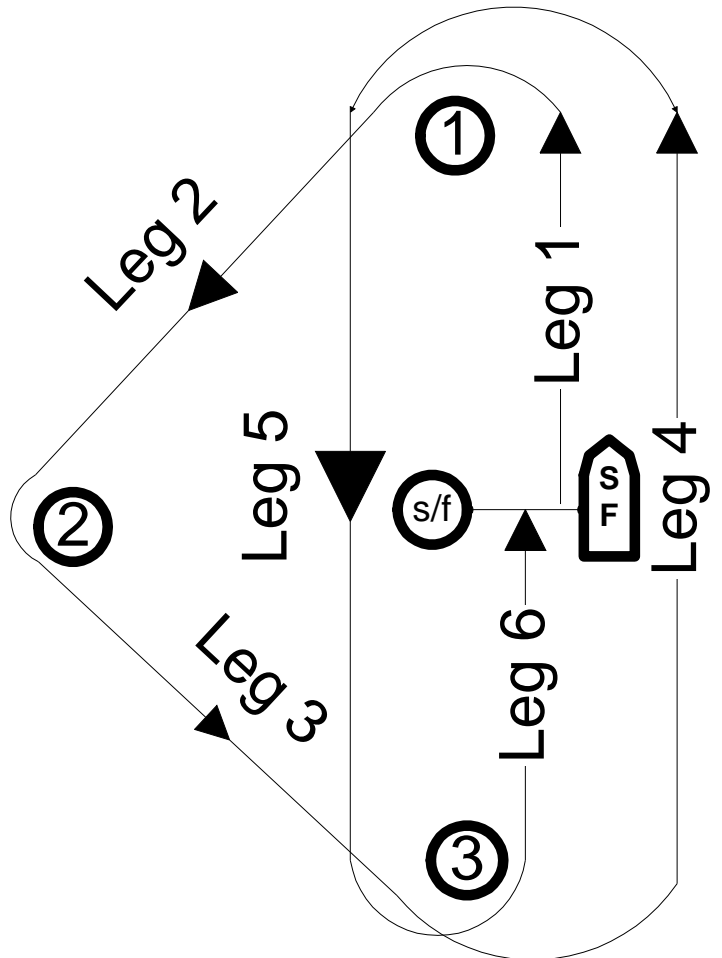
Attachment B - Racing Area



Attachment C - Courses

Course O

- Start, 1, 2, 3, 1, 3, Finish
- All marks left to Port
- see Start/Finish Line detail on next page.



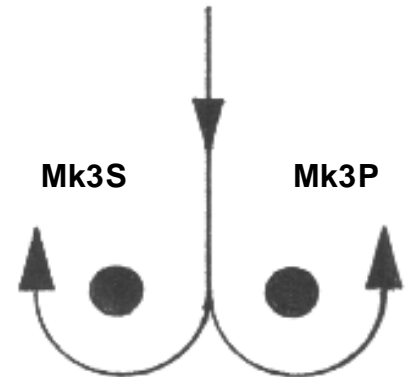


Course W

- Start, 1, 1A, 3S or 3P*, 1, 1A, 3S or 3P*, Finish
- * when the gate is not present, boats shall leave Mk 3 to port.
- all marks shall be left to port, except at Mk 3 when a gate is in place. See explanation on this page.
- see details of the Start/Finish Line on the this page.

Mark 3 - GATE

- for Course W, a Gate, consisting of 2 marks placed approx. 100 - 150 feet apart may be used at all times at Mark 3.
- when in place, boats shall sail between the marks and round either 3P to port or 3S to starboard.
- when the Mark 3 Gate is changed as in SI 13, only one of the marks will be yellow.



Start/Finish Line —

- For both course O & W, the Start/Finish line will be located approximately 1/3 to 1/2 way between Mks 1 & 3.
- The Finish Mark will be located approx. 1/3 to 1/2 way between the RC Boat and the Start Mark and may be in place during the starting sequence, but has no standing at that time and may be passed on either side.
- After the start on subsequent legs of the course, boats may not pass between the RC Signal Boat and the Finish Mark, except to finish.

