



NOTICE OF RACE
AREA D ELIMINATION
for the
2011 U.S. MEN'S SAILING CHAMPIONSHIP
for the Clifford D. Mallory Trophy
July 8 - 10, 2011

Hosted by: Charleston Yacht Club, Charleston, SC

Organizing Authority: US SAILING

1 Rules

- 1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the Prescriptions of US SAILING, and the current US SAILING Championship *Conditions* for the U.S. Men's Sailing Championship and its Eliminations.
- 1.2 The following documents shall apply:
 - 1.2.1 Current US SAILING Regulation 10.
<http://about.ussailing.org/Assets/Bylaws/US+SAILING+Regs08.pdf>
 - 1.2.2 The Conditions for the United States Men's and Women's Sailing Championships.
<http://championships.ussailing.org/Adult/USMensandWomensChampionships/Conditions.htm>
 - 1.2.3 The US SAILING Championship Support Vessel Policy.
http://championships.ussailing.org/Youth/Coaching_and_Support_Vessels.htm
- 1.3 The J/22 Class rules will be used except that RRS 60.1 (a) is changed to prohibit a boat from protesting another boat for an alleged breach of a class rule requiring class membership or imposing a weight limit. This is not an international regatta; therefore, boats are not required to display a country code on their sails under Appendix G.
- 1.4 The class rules regarding sails are waived.
- 1.5 Other Class Rules may be changed by the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.6 Racing rules will be changed as follows:
 - 1.6.1 RRS 29.1 and RRS 30.1 are changed to permit the hailing of recall numbers. 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.
 - 1.6.2 RRS 40 is changed so that competitors shall wear a US Coast Guard (USCG) approved Type III or V Personal Floatation Device (PFD), inherently buoyant (i.e. not inflatable) while on the water, except for brief periods while changing clothing.
 - 1.6.3 RRS 60.1(a) is changed to prohibit a boat from protesting another boat for an alleged breach of any class rule other than class equipment measurement rules.
 - 1.6.4 RRS 60.3 is changed to permit the protest committee to protest a boat when, from its own observation or a report received from any source, it believes a competitor may have committed a breach of good manners, or sportsmanship, or may have brought the sport or the event into disrepute. A protest committee may call representatives from the Organizing Authority and/or Regatta Committee as witnesses.
 - 1.6.5 RRS 61.1(a) is changed so that "A boat intending to protest about an incident that occurs in the racing area shall notify the race committee finish boat of her intention as soon as possible after finishing, including the boat identification number of the boat(s) being protested."
 - 1.6.6 RRS 64.1 is changed to allow penalties imposed by the Protest Committee, for hearings held under RRS 60.3, as changed, which may range from a reprimand to a dismissal from the regatta.
 - 1.6.7 RRS 77 is changed such that a boat is not required to display national letters.
 - 1.6.8 The Breakdown Procedure of Appendix D5 shall be utilized. Appendix D5.1 is changed to substitute a yellow flag for signaling a breakdown on the boat.
 - 1.6.9 These changes will appear in full in the Sailing Instructions. The Sailing Instructions may also change other racing rules.

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4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The skipper for a team competing in the Men's event must be male; members of the crew may include females.
- 4.2 Competitors must have reached their 18th birthday during the calendar year in which the event is held, except for one crew member (not the skipper) may be age fifteen (15) or older in the calendar year of the event.
- 4.3 Competitors must be individual or family members of US SAILING at the time of their respective first qualification event.
- 4.4 The skipper must be a member of a Local Sailing Organization (LSO)* that is a member of its Regional Sailing Association (RSA) and US SAILING.
- 4.5 For other crew member(s), they must be members of the same Area as the skipper.
- 4.6 All the members of a crew shall reside in or regularly compete in the same Area where the club is geographically located.
- 4.7 The boat for this competition will be the J-22, provided by the College of Charleston. The number of crew shall be **3** including helmsman.
- 4.8 Men's Championship Eligibility entrants may refer to Eligibility in the *Conditions* located on the U.S. Men's and Women's Sailing Championships web page at the following link:
- 4.9 The selection process for all competitors at the Area (Semi Finals) and Finals level is described in the *Conditions*.
 - 4.9.1 Per *Conditions* 4.5, the Area D semi-final is an "Open Event".
 - 4.9.2 Number of entries is limited to ten (10) teams.
- 4.10 Competitors shall register in advance by having their entry form forwarded to the Charleston Yacht Club
- 4.11 The copy of the Entry Form mailed to ChYC must be accompanied by a check for the amount of the entry fee plus the Damage Deposit fee. Entries will be confirmed by E-mail. Entries and payment must be received by July 4, 2011.
- 4.12 No refund on any entry will be made after July 6, 2011.
- 4.13 The US Sailing Membership Number for all competitors must appear on the Entry Form. If a membership cannot be confirmed in the current directory, the Member's membership card must be presented at the registration table prior to the close of registration on 8 July 2011.

5 QUALIFICATION

- 5.1 A *Team* is defined as all contestants listed on the entry form for a specific RSA.
- 5.2 The skipper shall be the helmsman and must remain the same throughout the series of qualifying events within and through his Area Qualifying event and including the National Championship. If the skipper is unable to continue, then the runner-up team will be named to replace the winning team.
- 5.3 The crew members may change after each qualifying event, provided the new crew complies with the terms set forth in the Conditions of the Men's and Women's Championships.
- 5.4 The crew must be listed on the event Entry Form by the entry deadline.
 - 5.4.1 One alternate crew may be listed on the Entry Form by the entry deadline. The alternate can replace a crew member in the event at any time but then will replace the listed crew member in all remaining races of that event.
 - 5.4.2 In an emergency during an event, the protest committee may designate a substitute crew.

6 FEES

Entry Fee: \$ 100.00 per team

Damage Deposit Fee: \$250.00 (**Separate check, made out to C of C Sailing**)

Additional quests for Saturday night Steak Dinner: \$15.00

- Entry Fee will include; sailing, Saturday night Lowcountry Steak Dinner, and award celebration Sunday.

7 SCHEDULE & RACING FORMAT

7.1 Schedule

Friday, July 8

1200 Borrowed Boat Orientation

1200 – 1700 Practice

1800 – 1900 Welcome reception: Charleston Yacht Club

Saturday, 9 July 2011

0900 -1000 Check-in at J Stewart Walker Center

1000 Competitors' meeting, boat draw at J Stewart Walker Center

1100 Warning, first race of the day, additional races to follow as required

1830 Dinner at the Charleston Yacht Club Mandatory for all team members and guests

Sunday, 10 July 2011

1000 Warning, first race of the day, additional races to follow as required

ASAP after racing Awards at J Stewart Walker Center

- 7.2 This is a Round Robin event. The number of races scheduled will depend on the number of entries received. Every effort will be made to conduct the event as a full Round Robin.

8 BORROWED BOATS

- 8.1 Teams shall not in any way adjust standing rigging of any boat in a round robin series before or during the event, except with the prior consent of the Protest Committee.
- 8.2 Each skipper shall be supplied with a yellow breakdown flag.
- 8.3 Boats will be borrowed. Competitors are reminded that they are not covered or protected by the Borrowed Boat Insurance Program, which exists to protect the owner of the boat, not the sailors/borrowers.
- 8.4 Competitors are responsible for ensuring the boats are in shipshape condition each day after racing.

9 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 9.1 Sailing Instructions will be available at registration.

10 VENUE

- 10.1 Racing area will be in Charleston Harbor; exact location will be as stated in the Sailing Instructions, or as indicated during the Competitors' Meeting.

11 COURSES

- 11.1 Courses to be sailed will be windward-leeward. Courses will be detailed in the Sailing Instructions.

12 SCORING

- 12.1 The low point scoring system, Appendix A2 is modified such that each team's score will be the total of her scores in all races.
- 12.2 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 12.3 At any level of competition, ties shall be decided in a single sail off race between the tied teams using boats which the series has demonstrated to be the most evenly matched. The boats so selected shall be drawn by lot. If, in the opinion of the Protest Committee, conditions do not permit a sail off race, the tie shall be decided in favor of the crew breaking the tie in accordance with Appendix A, A8.1 & A8.2 "Series Ties."

13 PROTEST AND APPEALS

- 13.1 In accordance with rule 70.5(a), decisions of the protest committee are final. US SAILING's permission has been granted. If the requirements shown on [http://raceadmin.ussailing.org/Rules/NoAppeal/Rule 70 5 a Procedure.htm](http://raceadmin.ussailing.org/Rules/NoAppeal/Rule%2070%20a%20Procedure.htm) are not met, the decisions of the protest committee may be appealed.
- 13.2 E-mail and phone contact information for each boat entered and for the chairmen of the protest committee and the race committee shall be posted on the official notice board at all times during the event.
- 13.3 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.
- 13.4 Rule 66 is changed as follows:
66 REOPENING A HEARING
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.

14 SUPPORT & SPECTATOR BOATS

- 14.1 Spectator boats may be available via sign-up at the venue for Race Days.

15 COACHING

- 15.1 This is a Grade 3 Event as defined in the US SAILING Championship Support Vessel Policy. [http://championships.ussailing.org/Adult/Coaching and Support Vessels.htm](http://championships.ussailing.org/Adult/Coaching_and_Support_Vessels.htm)
- 15.2 Except as provided in the Policy specified above, coaches and other support personnel and family members shall not go afloat in the defined racing area at any time during racing days, except in spectator boats as defined in NOR 14.1.
- 15.3 The Protest Committee may protest and disqualify a competitor for breaking the rules of NOR 15 from all races on the day of the infringement.

16 PERSONAL FLOATATION DEVICES (PFD) AND PERSONAL EQUIPMENT

- 16.1 Competitors shall wear a US Coast Guard (USCG) approved personal flotation device (PFD) while on the water other than for brief periods while adding or removing clothing. The PFD shall either be a USCG Type III or Type V device that depends 100% on foam for flotation. No modifications of the PFD are permitted. The PFD must be worn outside of all clothing except that a thin shirt may be worn over the PFD to prevent snagging.
- 16.2 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 protective clothing...
- 16.3 Electronic fluxgate compasses and GPS devices of all varieties, styles and combinations are specifically banned.

17 PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES

- 17.1 Per US SAILING Regulation 10.01 C1. For adult US SAILING championship events, no 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.
- 17.2 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.

17.3 All competitors are expected to maintain the highest levels of conduct throughout the entire event. Enforcement of discipline and conduct shall be conducted as per the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS 69.1) and the policies and procedures of US SAILING (Regulation 15.01).

18 PRIZES

18.1 US SAILING medals will be awarded to the helmsman & crew of the top three finishers.

18.2 The first place team will advance to the 2011 US Men's Sailing Championship.

19 HOUSING

Housing is not provided.

20 FURTHER INFORMATION

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All official applications, notices, forms, lists and results for the finals will be posted at:
<http://championships.ussailing.org/Adult/USMensandWomensChampionships.htm>.