



The United States Women's Championships

Area D Championship
Mrs. Charles Francis Adams Cup

July 8-10, 2011

Organizing Authority: US SAILING

Hosted by: Pass Christian Yacht Club 120 S. Market St. Pass Christian, MS 39571 228-452-2571

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1 This regatta is governed by the Rules as defined by the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the current US SAILING Championship Conditions for the U.S. Men's and U.S. Women's Sailing Championship and their Eliminations. Additional information is available at <http://championships.ussailing.org/Adult/USMensandWomensChampionships.htm>
- 1.2 The class boat to be used will be the Flying Scot. Flying Scot class rules will not apply.
- 1.3. 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.
- 1.4. Grade 3 "Support Boats" applies for this event. Grade 3: No private coaching nor US SAILING-supplied coaches; support boats only.
- 1.5 Racing rules will be changed as follows:
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 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."
- 1.7 U.S. Sailing Prescriptions to RRS 60 and 63.2 will not apply.
These changes will appear in full in the Sailing Instructions. The sailing Instructions may also change other racing rules.

2. ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 The helmsman and crew of each team shall be female. The number of crew shall be three (3) including the helm.
- 2.2 The helmsman and all crew must be 18 years of age or older in the year of competition, except that one member of the crew may be 15 years or older in the year of the event; and
- 2.3 The helmsman and crew of each team shall be a member of a local sailing organization (LSO) within Area D; and
- 2.4 The helmsman and crew of each team shall be a member of US Sailing.
- 2.5 The eligibility requirements and selection process for all competitors at the Area (Semi Finals) and Finals level is further described in the "Conditions".

3. BOATS / REGISTRATION

- 3.1 **Flying Scot – Bring Your Own Boat Sail Your Own Boat** (a limited number of Flying Scots will be available for charter on a first request basis). Charter requests shall be made to the Regatta Chairman.
- 3.2 Competitors shall register in advance by completing the online registration forms at: www.regattanetwork.com
The deadline for on-line registration is midnight (CDT) July 6, 2011.

4. FEES

- 4.1 The entry fee is \$75 per boat and shall be paid by credit card on-line at the time of registration.

5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday July 8, 2011:	1600-1800	Early check in
Saturday July 9, 2011:	0830-0930	Check in and Breakfast
	1000	Competitors' Meeting
	1100	Harbor Start
	1125	Warning Signal
		Lunch will be served on the water
		Dinner available at PCYC "Dutch treat"
Sunday July 10, 2011:	0830-0945	Check in and Breakfast
	1030	Harbor Start
	1055	Warning Signal
		Lunch will be served on the water
	1500	Target time to return from racing area

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS - Sailing Instructions will be available at registration.

7. RACING AREA AND COURSES

- 7.1 The racing area will be in the Mississippi Sound south of the Pass Christian Yacht Club.
7.2 Courses will be outlined in the Sailing Instructions and at the Competitors' Meeting.

8. SCORING

- 8.1 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.
8.2 Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series. Seven (7) races will be attempted.
8.3 At any level of competition, ties shall be decided in a single sail off race between the tied teams. 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."

9. PROTESTS AND APPEALS

This event will be used to determine qualifiers for the next stage of the US Sailing Women's Championships.

- 9.1 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 69.1(a) may be appealed.

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/No_Appeal/Rule_70_5_a_Procedure.htm are not met, the decisions of the protest committee may be appealed.

- 9.2 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.

- 9.3 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.

- 9.4 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.

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

66.3 Area Elimination Reopening

(a) 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 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 the US Sailing Championships Director, LizWalker@USSailing.org, and the US Sailing Championships Chairman, Wrigs@earthlink.net.

(b) The protest committee for an Area Elimination 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 Senior or International Judges. US Sailing will appoint its chairman.

(c) 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 practicably possible and no later than seven days after the request for reopening is e-mailed. The chairman will e-mail 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.

10. PRIZES

- 10.1 US SAILING medals will be awarded to the helmsman & crew of the top three finishers. The Area D Championship Perpetual Trophy will be presented to the Top Finisher.
- 10.2 The first place team will advance to the 2011 US Women's Sailing Championship for the Mrs. Charles Francis Adams Cup at the Lake Norman Yacht Club in Mooresville, North Carolina, October 6-9, 2011.

11 SAFETY

- 11.1 Per US Sailing Regulation 10.01D Competitors in US Sailing Championships and qualifiers for US Sailing championships shall wear a U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) approved personal floatation device (PFD), self buoyant, while on the water, other than for brief periods while adding or removing clothing.
- 11.2 A boat retiring from a race shall notify a Race Committee vessel before leaving the course, or when that is impossible, the Regatta Office immediately after arrival ashore.

12 PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES

- 12.1 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.
- 12.2 Per US Sailing Regulation 10.01 C3. An alleged breach of one of these regulations shall not be grounds for a protest. However, when the protest committee believes that a competitor may have breached one of these regulations, it shall follow the process described in racing rule 69.1, and a competitor found to have breached one of these regulations 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. FURTHER INFORMATION

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15. AREA HOTELS:

Key West Inn – Bay St. Louis, MS 228-466-0444
Knights Inn – Bay St. Louis, MS 228-467-2511
Holiday Inn Express – Long Beach, MS 800-992-2694
Courtyard by Marriott – Gulfport, MS 338-864-4310