



CHUBB U.S. JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

US Sailing's Chubb U.S. Junior Sailing Championships Area F Elimination

The U.S. Junior Triplehanded Championship for the Sears Cup
The U.S. Junior Doublehanded Championship for the Bemis Trophy
The U.S. Junior Singlehanded Championship for the Smythe Trophy

Organized by US Sailing

Hosted by Texas Youth Race Week

NOTICE OF RACE

11 May 2012

1. RULES

1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing, and the Prescriptions of US Sailing.

1.2. The following documents shall apply:

1.2.1. US Sailing Regulation 10.

1.2.2. The Conditions for the United States Junior Sailing Championships.

1.2.3. The US Sailing Championship Support Vessel Policy.

http://championships.ussailing.org/Youth/Coaching_and_Support_Vessels.htm

1.3. These Championships are not being conducted as a sanctioned or class association event. Only the Equipment Measurement Rules for the, C420 and Laser classes will apply. However, US Sailing encourages sailors to join the, C420 and Laser class Associations to support their efforts.

1.4. Racing rules will be changed as follows:

Racing Rule of Sailing [Rule] 29.1 and Rule 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.

Rule 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.

Rule 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.

Rule 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.

Rule 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."

Rule 64.1 is changed to allow penalties imposed by the Protest Committee, for hearings held under Rule 60.3, as changed, which may range from a reprimand to a dismissal from the regatta.

Rule 77 is changed such that a boat is not required to display national letters; however, competitors may be required to apply recall numbers to their boat or sail.

When Borrowed Boats are provided for the competitors in a series, 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.

These changes will appear in full in the sailing instructions. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.

2. ADVERTISING



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- 2.1. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority.
3. DISCIPLINES
 - 3.1. A minimum of three (3) boats for the triplehanded and five(5) boats for the other divisions are required **to race all races** unless there redress is granted. If not, the fleet will not be sailed. The regatta shall include the following disciplines utilizing the following class compliant equipment:
 - 3.1.1. Singlehanded Dinghy -- BYOB Laser Radial (Finals will be sailed in Byte CII's)
 - 3.1.2. Doublehanded Dinghy -- BYOB Club 420 with Spinnaker ,Trapeze and mainsheet bridle (same as the Finals).
 - 3.1.3. Triplehanded /(Quadruple- Borrowed Sonars. Since the Finals will be sailed in J/22's, competing teams may sail with either 3 or 4 crew with a combined weight of between 500 and 604 pounds.
4. ELIGIBILITY
 - 4.1. Competitors must have reached their 13th birthday but not their 19th birthday during the calendar year in which the event is held.
 - 4.2. Competitors must be individual or family members of US Sailing at the time of their respective first qualification event.
 - 4.3. All helms must be a member of a Local Sailing Organization (LSO)* that is a member of its Regional Sailing Association (RSA) and US Sailing.
 - 4.4. For the Doublehanded and Triplehanded Championships - other crew member(s) 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. All the members of a crew shall reside in or regularly compete in the same RSA where the club is geographically located.
 - 4.6. An Alternate is named on the entry form at the first level of competition, and may not be changed in the competitive year.
5. QUALIFICATION
 - 5.1. This Area will qualify one (1) team for the triple hand discipline and two (2) teams for both the single and double hand disciplines.
 - 5.2. A Team is defined as all contestants listed on the entry form for a specific LSO, except the alternate.
 - 5.3. The skipper must remain the same throughout the series of qualifying events within and through his/her 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.
 - 5.4. A crew member may be substituted with the named Alternate, with the approval of the Protest Committee, or if between events, by the next-level Protest Committee. Once so named, the alternate shall compete as a named member of the team for the rest of the competitive year. An alternate, once used, may not be replaced or substituted for, without the written permission of the next level Protest Committee prior to the event.
6. REGISTRATION and ENTRY
 - 6.1. Registrations shall be submitted on-line no later than midnight (EDT), 30 June 2012. Registration shall be completed at:
https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_registration_form.php?regatta_id=5301 for the single hand event,
https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_registration_form.php?regatta_id=5302 for the double hand event, and
https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_registration_form.php?regatta_id=5303 for the triple hand event.



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- 6.2. If requested by the Organizing Authority, an applicant shall send a copy of his or her birth certificate or passport to complete the application.
- 6.3. The entry fee is \$ 25 per competitor.
- 6.4. The entry fee shall be paid *by credit card* online at the time of registration. Entry fees are non-refundable unless a boat is present at the regatta and a fleet is not sailed. (See NOR 3.1.)
- 6.5. Forms must be received by the Organizing Authority no later than 1030 7 July 2012 (single and doublehanded) or 0900 10 July 2012 (triple handed only). A completed entry shall be defined as the completion of online registration and the submission of forms prior to the deadlines. Singlehanded and Double Hand ONLY – Must also complete registration and payment for Texas Youth Race Week.

7. BORROWED (or) CHARTERED BOATS

- 7.1. Boats for the Triplehanded Discipline will be borrowed. If a competitor borrows a boat from any source other than the host club, the 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. If a competitor brings their own boat (borrowed or otherwise) they shall enter this boat into the round-robin rotation to be used by all competitor teams and shall also be required to submit the damage deposit described below.
- 7.2. Borrowed Boat damage deposit for Sonars is \$200.00. Checks are to be made payable to Texas Corinthian Yacht Club payable at check-in.
- 7.3. Competitors are responsible for ensuring the boats are in shipshape condition each day after racing.

8. SCHEDULE (amend as necessary)

6 July 2011 6:00pm–8:00pm - Registration (all three Disciplines)

7 July 2011 8:30am-10:30am - Registration (all three Disciplines)

11:00am - Competitors Briefing (Singlehanded and Doublehanded)

2:00pm – First Warning Signal (Singlehanded and Doublehanded) with additional races to follow

8 July 2011 2:00pm – First Warning Signal (Singlehanded and Doublehanded) with additional races to follow

Awards will be held along with those for Texas Youth Race Week

9 July 2011 8:00am-9:00am – Registration (Triplehanded)

9:30-11:00 – Mandatory Borrowed Boat Orientation (Mandatory for all Triplehanded participants)

11:00am – Competitors Briefing (Triplehanded)

2:00pm – First Warning Signal (Triplehanded) with additional races to follow

Awards to follow after racing and boat put-away are complete

9. MEASUREMENT

- 9.1. Each boat shall comply with the equipment measurement rules of its class and may be inspected for compliance at any time during the regatta at the discretion of the Protest Committee.



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10. TRIPLEHANDED / QUADRUPELHANDED DISCIPLINE

- 10.1. For This Discipline ONLY, if the event is sailed in borrowed boats every effort will be made to conduct the event as a full round robin.
- 10.2. 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.
- 10.3. Teams shall not clean the bottoms of wet-sailed boats during an event without the prior consent of the Protest Committee.
- 10.4. Each skipper shall be supplied with a yellow breakdown flag.

11. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 11.1. The sailing instructions will be available at registration.

12. VENUE

- 12.1. The Single and Double hand events shall be sailed in Galveston Bay at the Houston Yacht Club as part of their venue for Texas Youth Race Week.
- 12.2. The Triple hand event shall be sailed in Galveston Bay at the Texas Corinthian Yacht Club.

13. PENALTY SYSTEMS

- 13.1. Appendix P – Special Procedures for Rule 42 will apply.

14. SCORING

- 14.1. The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply.
- 14.2. Scoring shall be the same as defined in the NOR for Texas Youth Race Week. This includes the triple hand event

15. PROTEST AND APPEALS

- 15.1. 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.
- 15.2. E-mail and phone contact information for the helm of 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.
- 15.3. 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.
- 15.4. 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.
Area Elimination Reopening
(a) A party to a hearing of a protest or request for redress may request an Area Semi Final 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, alongwith 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, swmadero@aol.com.

(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.

16. COACHING

- 16.1. For coaching purposes, these events shall be Grade 1: Private coaching is permitted; coach and support boats permitted.
- 16.2. Except when rendering assistance to a boat in danger at that boat's request, or at the request of the race committee, authorized coaches and other support personnel shall stay at least 100 meters outside areas where boats are racing or as indicated by the race committee, from the time of the preparatory signal for the first fleet to start until all boats have finished or the race committee signals an abandonment.
- 16.3. All coach and support boats must have a working VHF radio and monitor the RC channel.
- 16.4. The PRO may release the coach boats onto the race course at his/her discretion i.e. after a general recall, postponement or if safety needs dictate it.
- 16.5. Support boats are not allowed on the race course until all boats have finished or unless released by the PRO.
- 16.6. If the PRO, RC or Judges see that a coach or support boat (as defined to include all on board) violate this policy, fail to wear a USCG approved PFD (coach boats only), or promptly reply to VHF or verbal requests from the PRO, the following actions will occur:
 - (a) Violation #1: The coach/ support boat will be given a warning by the RC/PRO.
 - (b) Violation #2: The coach/support boat occupants without exception will be restricted to being on the authorized platform. In the event there is not an authorized platform, the coach/ support boat will be required to anchor at a specific location and not move from it during each race.
 - (c) Violation #3: The coach/support boat occupants without exception will be banned from the racing area for the duration of the event and must turn in the identification flag.
- 16.7. The RC may lodge a protest against all of the boats identified as being associated with this support boat. A penalty given to an associated boat will be considered a breach of Rule 2, Fair Sailing and the penalty will be at the discretion of the Protest Committee.
- 16.8. Authorized coach/ support boats shall be marked with a numbered or colored identification flag, provided by the organizing authority at registration.

17. PERSONAL FLOATATION DEVICES (PFD) AND PERSONAL EQUIPMENT



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- 17.1. 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.
- 17.2. 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. For the events using the C420, permission is granted to bring Fast-pins, and the competitors are required to bring their own trapeze harnesses.
- 17.3. Electronic fluxgate compasses and GPS devices of all varieties, styles and combinations are specifically banned.

18. PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES

- 18.1. 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).
- 18.2. 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 Rule 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.

19. CONDUCT OF COMPETITORS

- 19.1. 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 (Rule 69.1) and the policies and procedures of US Sailing (Regulation 15.01).
- 19.2. 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 racing rule 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.

19. PRIZES

19.1. The top finishing, eligible teams will qualify for US SAILING's Chubb U.S. Junior Sailing Championships. Registration may only be made by completing the online forms and registration at: <http://championships.ussailing.org/Youth/USJrChampionships.htm> (the "Event Website").

20. FURTHER INFORMATION

20.1. For further information please contact DeeAnn Rogers at drogers@lewistonltd.com.

20.2. Junior Sailing Championships Committee Chair is Vicki Sodaro, hoodsails@aol.com

20.3. Event Chair is DeeAnn Rogers at drogers@lewistonltd.com and Brian Hawboldt at bjssailor@gmail.com.

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