



# CHUBB U.S. JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

## AREA A QUALIFIER for the U.S. Junior Singlehanded Championship for the Smythe Trophy

Organized by US Sailing and Pleon Yacht Club

Hosted by Pleon Yacht Club

### NOTICE OF RACE

June 7, 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](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 Laser classes will apply. However, US Sailing encourages sailors to join the Laser class Association 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.



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### 2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority.

### 3. DISCIPLINES

- 3.1. A minimum of five(5) boats are required **to race all races** unless 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

### 4. ELIGIBILITY

- 4.1. Competitors must have reached their 13<sup>th</sup> birthday but not their 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

### 5. QUALIFICATION

- 5.1. This Area will qualify two (2) teams for the Singlehanded discipline.
- 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.

### 6. REGISTRATION and ENTRY

- 6.1. All entries must complete the:
  - (a) Registration Form,
  - (b) the Medical Consent and Waiver of Liability form, and
  - (c) the Code of Conduct form.
- 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. On line registration is available until Sunday, July 22 at 7:00pm. Registrations will be accepted in person from 4 pm to 7 pm at the Check-In desk on Sunday, July 22.
- 6.4. Registration deadline is 7:00 pm on Sunday, July 22. There will be **absolutely no exceptions**.
- 6.5. Check in will be at the Pleon Yacht Club on Sunday, July 22 from 4-7 pm and from 8:00-9:30 am on Monday, July 23.
- 6.6. All competitors must check in to be scored.
- 6.7. **ABSOLUTELY NO BOATS** may be dropped off before 3 pm on Sunday, July 22
- 6.8. The entry fees are as follows:
  - \$75 *per person* prior to June 30 at 11:59pm
  - \$100 *per person* July 1 – July 15 at 11:59pm
  - \$150 *per person* July 16 – July 22 at 7:00pm
  - No refunds after July 12.
  - Breakfast, lunch and dinner will be provided daily (no dinner on July 25) Regatta T-shirt(s) included
- 6.9. The entry fee shall be paid *by credit card* online at the time of registration.
- 6.10. A completed entry is defined as all forms having been completed on-line and all appropriate entry forms having been received by the host club by July 22, 2012 at 7:00pm.

- 6.11. Limited housing is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Requests for housing must be made by 11:59pm on **July 12** and shall include a completed Registration including payment. Contact the housing coordinator at [jrwhousing@pleon.org](mailto:jrwhousing@pleon.org) for housing information:
- 6.12. All sailors with confirmed housing must follow the Housing Code of Conduct including **arrival at the host family by 7 pm on July 22**. Late arrivals will not be housed and must find alternate accommodations for Sunday night.
- 6.13. For a list of local Inns and B&B's visit, [www.visitmarblehead.com](http://www.visitmarblehead.com). Pleon cannot provide housing for parents or coaches. No camping is permitted on yacht club grounds.

## **7. RACING SCHEDULE**

- 7.1. Racing each day, July 23, 24, and 25. Harbor Start Monday, July 23 at 12:00 noon following the skipper's meeting. On subsequent days, the Harbor Start gun will not be sounded before 9:30 am. Multiple races planned each day.

## **8. MEASUREMENT**

- 8.1. 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.

## **9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

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

## **10. SCORING**

- 10.1. The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply.
- 10.2. Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 10.3. (a) When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.  
(b) When six (6) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

## **11. PROTEST AND APPEALS**

- 11.1. 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.
- 11.2. 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.
- 11.3. 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.
- 11.4. 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.

## **12. SUPPORT & SPECTATOR BOATS**

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

### **13. COACHING**

- 13.1. This is a Grade 1 Event as defined in the US Sailing Championship Support Vessel Policy.
- 13.2. 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 racing days, except in spectator boats as defined in NOR 12.1.
- 13.3. Outside contact with competitors is prohibited on racing days commencing with the competitor's arrival at the host club and shall continue until dismissed by the Protest Committee on racing days.
- 13.4. 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 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.
- 13.5. 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.
- 13.6. 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.

### **14. PERSONAL FLOATATION DEVICES (PFD) AND PERSONAL EQUIPMENT**

- 14.1. 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.
- 14.2. 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.
- 14.3. Electronic fluxgate compasses and GPS devices of all varieties, styles and combinations are specifically banned.

### **15. PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES**

- 15.1. 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).
- 15.2. 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.

### **16. CONDUCT OF COMPETITORS**

- 16.1. 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).
- 16.2. 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.



**17. PRIZES**

- 17.1. 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 at: <http://championships.ussailing.org/Youth/USJrChampionships.htm> (the "Event Website").
- 17.2. Registrations shall be submitted online no later the date listed on the Notice of Race for the U.S. Junior Championships.

**18. FURTHER INFORMATION**

- 18.1. Email: [jrwcochairs@pleon.org](mailto:jrwcochairs@pleon.org)
19. All official applications, notices, forms, lists and results for the finals will be posted at <http://championships.ussailing.org/Youth/ChubbJrChampionships.htm>