

U.S. National Laser Championship Regatta
June 26 – June 30, 2013
Santa Cruz Yacht Club
Santa Cruz, CA

NOTICE OF RACE

Change #3

Add to the NOR:

Addendum to the 2013 U.S. National Laser Championship Notice of Race

Area G Qualifier for the 2013 U.S. Chubb Junior Championships – Smythe (laser radial)

Organizing Authority: US Sailing Area G, in conjunction with Santa Cruz Yacht Club

Hosted by: Santa Cruz Yacht Club

June 26-30

A minimum of five (5) boats are required to be both entered by the NOR registration deadline and on the starting line in order for the winners to move on to the finals. There will not be separate starts for Smythe competitors. Area G Smythe finalists will be chosen from qualified Laser Radial competitors sailing in the 2013 U.S. National Laser Championship.

Race Official Requirements must be met:

http://championships.ussailing.org/Youth/ChubbJrChampionships/Race_Official_Requirements.htm US Sailing Prescriptions to rules 60.3, 63.2, and 64.3 shall not be deleted.

1. RULES

1.1. Documents that apply

1.1.1. US Sailing Regulation 10.

1.1.2. The Conditions for the United States Sailing Championships. The Conditions for the U.S. Junior Championships

<http://championships.ussailing.org/Youth/ChubbJrChampionships/Conditions.htm>

1.1.3. ELIGIBILITY

1.1.3.1. Competitors must have reached their 13th birthday but not their 19th birthday during the calendar year in which the event is held.

1.1.3.2. Competitors must be individual or family members of US Sailing at the time of their respective first qualification event.

1.1.3.3. 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. An LSO signifies any sailing organization belonging to a SA that is recognized by US Sailing. It may be a private, community, philanthropic, youth, or etc. sailing organization. Teams are entered by LSOs in qualifiers conducted by the Area.

- 1.1.3.4. For the Doublehanded and Triplehanded Championships - other crew member(s) must be members of a LSO that is a member of US Sailing within the same RSA as the helm.
 - 1.1.3.5. All the members of a crew shall reside in or regularly compete in the same RSA where the club is geographically located.
 - 1.1.3.6. Once a competitor enters a qualifying event for the purpose of qualifying for a National Championship, they will not be eligible to qualify for that championship in any other one Area or for more than one LSO that year. Questions about eligibility should be e-mailed to the National Chair and supporting documentation may be requested.
 - 1.1.3.7. An Alternate is named on the entry form at the first level of competition, and may not be changed in the competitive year.
 - 1.1.3.8. A Team is defined as all contestants listed on the entry form for a specific RSA, except the alternate. 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. A crew member may be substituted for 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.
- 1.2 The preamble to Part 4 and rule 40 are changed so that competitors qualifying for the championship 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;
2. PROTEST AND APPEALS
 - 2.1. Decision of the protest committee will be final as provided in rule 70.5 However, a decision following a hearing under rule 69.2(a) may be appealed.
 - 2.2. Contact information, including e-mail and telephone number, 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.
 - 2.3. Rule 65.2 **INFORMING THE PARTIES AND OTHERS** is changed as follows:

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.
 - 2.4. Rule 66 **REOPENING A HEARING** is changed as follows:

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, 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, 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/VOIP 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.

3. PERSONAL FLOATATION DEVICES (PFD) AND PERSONAL EQUIPMENT

- 3.1. 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.

4. PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES

- 4.1. 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.
- 4.2. 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).
- 4.3. When the Protest Committee believes that a competitor may have breached the above requirement, it shall follow the process described in Rule 69.2 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.

5. CONDUCT OF COMPETITORS

- 5.1. All competitors are expected to maintain the highest levels of conduct throughout the entire event. Enforcement of discipline and conduct shall be conducted per rule 69.2(a) and the policies and procedures of US Sailing (Regulation 15.01)

FURTHER INFORMATION

Contact: Charlie Roskosz (SCYC) at croskosz@me.com or Forrest Gay (US Sailing Area G) at forrest@sfyc.org

The top two (2) eligible laser radials will qualify for the 2013 Chubb U.S. Junior Championships.

For final event information and NOR go to:

<http://championships.ussailing.org/Youth/ChubbJrChampionships.htm>
