



U.S. SINGLEHANDED CHAMPIONSHIPS

U.S. Singlehanded Sailing Championships

Area G Qualifier

April 27th and 28th, 2013

Organized by US Sailing and the Santa Cruz Yacht Club

Hosted by Santa Cruz Yacht Club

244 Fourth Avenue, Santa Cruz, California

NOTICE OF RACE

Posted April 5, 2013

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing
- 1.2. The following documents shall apply:
 - 1.2.1. US Sailing Regulation 10.
 - 1.2.2. The Conditions for the United States Singlehanded Sailing Championships.
 - 1.2.3. The US Sailing Championship Support Vessel Policy.
http://championships.ussailing.org/Adult/Coaching_and_Support_Vessels.htm
 - 1.2.4. These Championships are not being conducted as a sanctioned or class association event. Only the Equipment Measurement Rules from the International Laser Class Association (ILCA) Class Rules will apply. However, US Sailing encourages sailors to join the ILCA to support their efforts. The ILCA Class Rules are available here: <http://www.laserinternational.org/rules/classrules>
- 1.3. Racing rules will be changed as follows:
 - 1.3.1. 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;
 - 1.3.2. the preamble to Part 4 and rule 40 are 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;
 - 1.3.3. 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;
 - 1.3.4. 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";
 - 1.3.5. 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;
 - 1.3.6. 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;
 - 1.3.7. When Borrowed Boats are provided for the competitors in a series, the Breakdown Procedure of Appendix D5 shall be utilized. Appendix D5.2 is changed to substitute a yellow flag for signaling a breakdown on the boat. Reference to umpire is replaced with protest committee;
 - 1.3.8. These changes will appear in full in the sailing instructions. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.

2. DISCIPLINES

- 2.1. Men's Division BYOB Laser
- 2.2. Women's Division BYOB Laser Radial



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3. ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1. ALL competitors MUST BE at least age 17 in the calendar year of 2013; and be a current Member of US Sailing at all levels of competition; and be a current Member of the Class Association for the boat they qualified in for the Finals. Additionally, ALL competitors MUST BE a member of a Sailing Club, Sailing Organization, or District Laser Class Association (LSO), belonging to a Regional Sailing Association (RSA) recognized by US Sailing; or a sailing club, sailing organization, or Laser Class Association, belonging directly to US Sailing, or a Community Sailing Program (CSP) which is a member of an RSA recognized by US Sailing.
- 3.2. Competitors under the age of 17 may compete in the regatta but will not be a candidate for the U.S. Singlehanded Championship.
- 3.3. A competitor may compete in only one Area Qualifier (semi-final) and only in the Qualifier for the Area in which he or she resides in or regularly competes. Each competitor's LSO or CSP shall be located within the geographical borders of the Area conducting the Qualifier.
- 3.4. No competitor, after being entered or participating in any Area Qualifier may be a competitor from another Area Qualifier in the same year. This restriction does not apply to ICSA, ISSA, and other selection events. See Conditions 3.4.
- 3.5. Competitors for the Men's Championship must be males. Competitors for the Women's Championship must be females.

4. QUALIFICATION

- 4.1. This area will qualify one (1) competitor for each the Men's and Women's division

5. REGISTRATION and ENTRY

- 5.1. Registration may only be made by *completing the online forms at:*
<http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/6653>
- 5.2. Registration shall be submitted on-line no later than 1000 hours (PST) on April 27, 2013.
- 5.3. The entry fee is \$70. A \$20 discount is available to competitors under 21 years of age. Entry includes one BBQ diner.
- 5.4. Additional Dinners are available at the SCYC clubhouse after sailing for a fee of \$18 per person, \$7 for children under 12 years of age.
- 5.5. The entry fee shall be paid by credit card on-line at the time of registration. Entry fees are non-refundable unless a boat is present at the regatta and a fleet is not sailed.
- 5.6. A completed entry is defined as all forms having been completed on-line and the entry fee having been paid.
- 5.7. Housing is NOT provided.

6. SCHEDULE

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| April 27, 2013 | - The scheduled time of the first warning is 1155 hours.
- BBQ Dinner will be served after racing. |
| April 28, 2013 | - The scheduled time of the first warning is 1155 hours.
- Awards will be presented after the last race of the day. |

7. MEASUREMENT

- 7.1. 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.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 8.1. The sailing instructions will be available at registration and may be posted on-line at the event website.



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9. VENUE

- 9.1. The regatta will be sailed in the northern end of Monterey Bay within two miles of Walton Lighthouse at the entrance to the Santa Cruz Small Craft Harbor, Santa Cruz, California.

10. PENALTY SYSTEMS

- 10.1. Appendix P – Special Procedures for Rule 42 will apply. On The Water judging may be used.

11. SCORING

- 11.1. The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply.
11.2. Six (6) races are scheduled.
11.3. Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
11.4. When fewer than four (4) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When four (4) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

12. PROTEST AND APPEALS

- 12.1. Decision of the protest committee will be final as provided in rule 70.5(b) However, a decision following a hearing under rule 69.2(a) may be appealed.
- 12.2. 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.
- 12.3. Rule 65.2 **INFORMING THE PARTIES AND OTHERS** is changed as follows:
12.3.1. 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.
- 12.4. Rule 66 **REOPENING A HEARING** is changed as follows:
12.4.1. 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.
- 12.5. Area Qualifier Reopening
12.5.1. A party to a hearing of a protest or request for redress may request an Area Qualifier 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.
- 12.6. The protest committee for an Area Qualifier 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.
- 12.7. An Area Qualifier 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.

13. SUPPORT, COACH & SPECTATOR BOATS

13.1. Support, coach and spectator boats will not be provided. All such boats and any trailer they may have brought to the event by competitors and those linked to competitors will be charge a small fee per day for the use of the Santa Cruz Harbor.

14. COACHING

14.1. This is a Grate 1 Event as defined in the US Sailing Championship Support Vessel Policy. This policy is available on-line here: http://championships.ussailing.org/Youth/Coaching_and_Support_Vessels.htm

14.2. Outside contact with competitors is prohibited on racing days commencing with the competitor's arrival at the racing venue and shall continue until the completion of the final race of the day on racing days.

14.3. Outside contact is defined as a parent, family member, spectator, or coach. Competitors shall not receive advice, instruction, or any type of outside assistance 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.

14.4. The Protest Committee may protest and disqualify a competitor for breaking the rules of NOR 14 from all races on the day of the infringement.

15. PERSONAL FLOATATION DEVICES (PFD) AND PERSONAL EQUIPMENT

15.1. 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.

15.2. 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.

15.3. Electronic fluxgate compasses and GPS devices of all varieties, styles and combinations are specifically banned.

16. PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES

16.1. 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).

16.2. 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.

17. CONDUCT OF COMPETITORS

17.1. 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)



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18. PRIZES

18.1. The top finishing, eligible competitor will qualify for 2013 U.S. Singlehanded Championship. Registration may only be made by completing the online forms at:

<http://championships.ussailing.org/Adult/USSinglehandedChampionship.htm> .

18.2. Registrations shall be submitted online no later the date listed on the Notice of Race for the U.S. Singlehanded Championship.

18.3. Prizes for the top three finishers in the 2013 Laser NorCal regatta shall be awarded for each class. Based upon participation additional prizes may be added at the discretion of the organizer.

19. FURTHER INFORMATION

19.1. For further information please contact Christine Neville ,Area Representative, at chrisnev@gmail.com

19.2. U.S. Sailing Championships Committee Chair is Brian Hawboldt

19.3. Event Chairman is Beau Vrolyk, Principal Race Officer – beau.vrolyk@mac.com

20. All official applications, notices, forms, lists and results for the finals will be posted at

<http://championships.ussailing.org/Adult/USSinglehandedChampionship.htm>