



# CHUBB U.S. JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS



## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

AREA **K** Qualifier

for

The US Sailing Chubb U.S. Junior Championships

The U.S. Junior Doublehanded Sailing Championship for the Bemis Trophy

The U.S. Junior Singlehanded Sailing Championship for the Smythe Trophy

Lake Forest Sailing 14-16 July 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 will apply:
  - a) US Sailing Regulations. <http://about.ussailing.org/Assets/Bylaws/US+SAILING+Regs08.pdf>
  - b) The Conditions for the United States Junior Sailing Championships. <http://championships.ussailing.org/Youth/ChubbJrChampionships/Conditions.htm>
  - c) 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 In case of conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions will prevail. This changes rule 63.7.

### 2 SAIL NUMBERS

All competing boats shall have sail numbers and they shall be placed in accordance to their class rules.

### 3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to Competitors will be posted on the official regatta notice board located at the boat launch pavilion

### 4 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Changes to the SIs will be posted no later than 20 minutes after the close of the morning briefing on the day it takes effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted no later than the end of the protest time limit on the day before it will take effect.

### 5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals ashore will be displayed from the boat launching basin.
- 5.2 Boats are not allowed to launch before code flag D is displayed with one sound
- 5.3 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP. Boats shall not leave the basin; wait for further instructions. This changes rule Race Signals AP.

## 6 SAFETY AND PERSONAL EQUIPMENT

- 6.1 All competitors in US Sailing Championships, at all levels, shall wear, while on the water, other than brief periods while adding or removing clothing, an approved US Coast Guard Type III or Type V PFD that depends 100% on foam for flotation. The PFD must be worn outside of all clothing, except that a thin shirt may be worn over the PFD to prevent snagging.
- 6.2 Before the warning signal of the first race in which they intend to compete each day, boats shall check in by sailing on starboard tack of their class's race committee signal boat. Each boat shall hail her sail number until acknowledged by the signal boat. Failure to check in may result in a penalty.
- 6.3 A boat retiring from a race shall notify a RC vessel before leaving the course, or, when that is impossible, at the boat launch pavilion immediately after arrival ashore

## 7 SCHEDULE OF RACES

### 7.1 SCHEDULE

Sunday July 14	1300-1700h	Mandatory Check in
Monday July 15	0800h	Report Time
	0900h	Competitors Meeting
	1000h	First Warning for Racing
Tuesday July 16	1000h	First Warning for Racing
	1600h	No Race will start after Awards to follow racing

- 7.2 There are a maximum of 10 races scheduled.
- 7.3 The warning signal for succeeding races will be made as soon as possible.
- 7.4 To alert boats that a race will begin soon, an orange flag will be displayed with one sound for at least 4 minutes before a warning signal is displayed.

## 8 CLASS FLAG

The class flags will be:

Single handed Division – The Laser Class Flag

Double handed Division – The 420 Class Flag

## 9 RACING AREA

The sailing area will be on Lake Michigan directly East of the Lake Forest Boat Launch. See Attachment A

## 10 THE COURSE

- 10.1 The diagrams in Attachment B show the courses, including the course signals, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on each mark is to be left
- 10.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display the course designation.
- 10.3 If one of the gate marks is missing, the mark in position will be rounded to port.

## 11 MARKS

- 11.1 Rounding marks will be Yellow Tetrahedrons
- 11.2 New marks will be Orange Tetrahedrons.

11.3 If a buoy is used as a mark at the finish line it will be an orange ball.

## 12 THE START

12.1 Races will be started using rule 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.

12.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat and the course side of the mark or a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee boat at the port end of the line. |

12.3 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS. This changes rules 63.1 and A5.

## 13 RECALLS

13.1 The RC will attempt to hail the sail numbers of OCS boats after the starting signal. This changes rule 29.1

13.2 The failure of any boat to hear the hail, promptness of the hail, failure to hail any boats, or the order of boats hailed shall not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1.

## 14 CHANGE THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

14.1 To change the next leg of the course, the committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the old marks as soon as practicable.

## 15 THE FINISH

15.1 |The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a RC boat and the course side of the designated finish mark. |

## 16 TIME LIMIT

16.1 The time limit for each race will be 60 minutes for the first boat to finish.

16.2 Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat that sails the course in accordance with rule 28.1 finishes will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired) without a hearing. These boats that did not finish within this finishing window will be assigned points equal to two plus the number of finishers in that race that did finish within the finishing window in accordance with rule 28.1. This changes rules 35, 63.1, A4 and A5.

## 17 EVENT PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

17.1 A boat is not permitted to protest another boat for breaking sailing instructions 2, 5.2, 5.3, 6.2, 6.3, 22, or 23. The penalty for breaking these instructions may be less than disqualification at the discretion of the protest committee. This changes rule 60.1(a).

17.2 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, identifying the boat(s) being protested. This changes rule 61.1(a)

17.3 Protests forms will be available at the Boat Pavilion and returned to the Regatta Table at the Boat Pavilion

17.4 The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the RC boat docks.

17.5 A protest hearing schedule and the location of the hearings will be posted on the official notice board no later than 15 minutes following the end of protest time.

17.6 On the last day of the regatta a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:

a) within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day.

b) within the protest time limit, or 30 minutes after the decision is announced, whichever is later. This changes rules 62.2 and 66.

## **18 US SAILING REQUIREMENTS FOR AN AREA ELIMINATION REOPENING**

**18.1** 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. 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.

**18.2** 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.

**18.3** Rule 66 is changed as follows:

a) **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.

b) **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.

c) **66.3 Area Elimination Reopening**

18.3.c.1 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](mailto:LizWalker@ussailing.org) and the US Sailing Championships Chairman, [swmadero@aol.com](mailto:swmadero@aol.com)

18.3.c.2 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.

18.3.c.3 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.

## **19 SCORING**

**19.1** The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply.

**19.2** Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

**19.3** When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

- 19.4 When five (5) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. This changes rule A2.Ten (10) races are scheduled (this is a limiting maximum).

## 20 REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT

Substitution or repair or replacement of hulls, sails, or equipment will not be allowed without prior written approval of the protest committee.

## 21 COACHING

This is a Grade 1 Event as defined in the US Sailing Championship Support Vessel Policy. See [http://championships.ussailing.org/Youth/Coaching\\_and\\_Support\\_Vessels.htm](http://championships.ussailing.org/Youth/Coaching_and_Support_Vessels.htm)

- 21.1 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 the racing days, except in spectator boats if supplied by the regatta organizers.

## 22 DISCIPLINE

- 22.1 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 described in chapter 51 of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code and intended for beverage use).
- 22.2 An alleged breach of 25.1 will 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, be removed from the regatta venue and sent home. The competitor's boat will be disqualified from all races of the series

## 23 PRIZES

- 23.1 The top two (2) scoring teams in the Doublehanded and Singlehanded divisions will qualify for the National Finals. Go to <http://championships.ussailing.org/Youth/ChubbJrChampionships.htm> for registration information.
- 23.2 Awards will be given to the top 3 in each division.

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Attachment A - Venue Chart



Attachment B - Course Diagrams

COURSE WL

Windward – Leeward w Gate

S-Number of WL posted-F

