



CHAMPIONSHIP OF CHAMPIONS



Organized by US Sailing
Hosted by Edgewater Yacht Club
Cleveland, OH
October 9-12, 2014



Notice of Race

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1. RULES

- 1.1. The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016, by the US Sailing Conditions for the Championship of Champions (referred to hereinafter as the Conditions), and by the US Sailing Regulations, Section 10 for Championships.
- 1.2. The last sentence of US Sailing Regulation 10.01C3 is changed to read: The competitor shall be disqualified from all races of the series.
- 1.3. RRS 60.1(a) is modified to prohibit a boat from protesting another boat for an alleged breach of a class rule.

2. CLASS

- 2.1. Thistles will be provided and will be sailed in a "round robin" format.
- 2.2. The total number of crew aboard shall be 3 persons.
- 2.3. No substitution of helmsperson or crew may be made unless permission of the US Sailing National Chairperson is granted.
- 2.4. The regatta is not being conducted as a class sanctioned or class association event. Only the equipment measurement rules for the Thistle Class will apply.

3. IDENTIFICATION AND ADVERTISING

- 3.1. Boats shall be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

4. ELIGIBILITY

- 4.1. The one design class represented by each competing team must be a current member of US Sailing at the time of application. All competitors must be current members of US Sailing. Proof of membership will be requested upon application and registration.
- 4.2. The applicant must be a 2013 or 2014 one design class United States, North American or World Champion helmsperson.
- 4.3. The qualifying year runs August 1, 2013 to July 31, 2014. If a class championship is completed after July 31, 2014, the class champion will be eligible to apply for the 2015 Championship of Champions. If a current year champion has not been established prior to the application deadline, the current standing class champion is eligible to apply. Refer to the Conditions, paragraphs 3 and 4 for a detailed discussion of eligibility and selection.





5. APPLICATION AND SELECTION

- 5.1. Eligible class champions may apply for this event by submitting an online application and an application fee of \$50.00 at <http://championships.ussailing.org/Adult/CofC.htm> not later than August 8, 2014. The US Sailing Championship of Champions Committee will review all applications. Applicants selected to participate will be notified no later than August 31, 2014 by the US Sailing Championship of Champions Committee. Entry fees are not due until an applicant has been selected and notified.
- 5.2. Up to nineteen (19) applicants will be invited to attend this event.
- 5.3. Late entries may be accepted or invited at the discretion of the US Sailing Championship of Champions Committee. Entries not invited by August 31, 2014 will be kept on a priority wait list and will be contacted in the order determined by US Sailing if any of the initial entrants are unable to attend.

6. FEES

- 6.1. The entry fee is \$525 per 3 person boat and includes boat, borrowed boat insurance, breakfasts, lunches, dinners, parties, banquet and a shirt.
- 6.2. Entry fees are payable by credit card to US Sailing and are due by September 5, 2014. Register online at <http://championships.ussailing.org/Adult/CofC.htm>. Entrants who cancel at the last minute and whose slot cannot be filled will not receive a refund.
- 6.3. Entry fees are not refundable after September 19, 2014.
- 6.4. A separate damage deposit fee of \$250.00 is required. This fee will be payable by check to and collected by the Edgewater Yacht Club at registration.
- 6.5. A non-competitor accompanying a competitor may purchase meal tickets at the registration desk.
- 6.6. For participants under 18: download all forms and releases online. Complete them and mail to:
Edgewater Yacht Club
2014 Champion of Champions
6700 Memorial Shoreway NE
Cleveland OH 44102

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 7.1. Provisional Sailing Instructions will be posted on <http://championships.ussailing.org/Adult/CofC.htm>.
- 7.2. Official Sailing Instructions will be available at registration.

8. VENUE

Racing area is in the open waters of Lake Erie, Northwest of the Cleveland Harbor entrance and North of the Edgewater Yacht Club.

9. COURSES

The course will be windward/ leeward or triangle.

10. PROVISIONAL SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Thursday- October 9	0930-1630 On-site registration and check-in
	1200-1300 Local Knowledge and Boat Clinic Lunch
	1300-1630 Practice
	1730-Skippers Meeting

Friday- October 10 Reception and Dinner will follow
 0800 Breakfast
 0930 Warning Signal – First Race of the Day
 Subsequent Races & Lunch Break will follow
 1900 Dinner following racing

Saturday- October 11 0800 Breakfast
 0930 Warning Signal – First Race of the Day
 Subsequent Races & Lunch Break will follow
 1900 Banquet Dinner

Sunday- October 12 0800 Breakfast
 0930 Warning Signal – First Race of the Day
 Subsequent Races & Lunch Break will follow
 No race will begin after 1200
 Awards will follow the last race.

11. SCORING

- 11.1. A complete round robin of races will be scheduled.
- 11.2. Appendix A2 is modified as follows:
 - 11.2.1. When fewer than 6 races have been completed, a competitor’s series score will be the total of that competitor’s race scores.
 - 11.2.2. When from 6 to 11 races are completed, a competitor’s series score will be the total of that competitor’s race scores excluding the competitor’s worst score.
 - 11.2.3. When 12 or more races have been completed, a competitor’s series score will be the total of that competitor’s race scores excluding the competitor’s two worst scores.
- 11.3. Four races are required to constitute the Regatta.

12. PRIZES

- 12.1. US Sailing medals will be awarded to the top 3 competitors.
- 12.2. The winning competitor will be awarded the Jack Brown Perpetual Trophy

13. LIFE JACKETS.

Competitors in US Sailing championships or qualifiers for US Sailing championships shall wear a U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) approved personal floatation device (PFD) while on the water, other than for brief periods while adding or removing clothing. US Sailing Regulation 10.01D.

14. HOUSING & Hotel

Edgewater Yacht Club will use its best efforts to provide housing to all competitors who request housing at the time of registration. Competitors who prefer to make their own housing arrangements are suggested to check any downtown Cleveland hotel (All major chains) which are ten minutes from the Club by car. Approximately 20 minutes by car competitors may contact.

Hampton Inn	29690 Detroit Rd, Westlake, OH	(440) 892-0333	US Sailing members receive a discount with the Hilton Hotel Chain.
Red Roof Inn	29595 Clemens Rd, Westlake, OH	(440) 892-7920	

Holiday Inn	1100 Crocker Rd, Westlake, OH	(440) 871-6000	
Hilton Garden Airport	4900 Emerald Ct SW, Cleveland, OH	(216) 898-1898	US Sailing members receive a discount with the Hilton Hotel Chain.

15. COACHING

The Championship of Champions is a Grade 3 event as defined by US Sailing's Coaching and Support Boat Policy. http://championships.ussailing.org/Adult/Coaching_and_Support_Vessels.htm. No private coaching of any competitor while on the water shall be permitted during the period October 9 through October 12, 2014.

16. SPECTATOR BOATS.

Limited spectator boats may be available. Check with the registration desk in the EYC club house.

17. CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES

- 17.1. 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.
- 17.2. No youth or "minor" participant or competitor shall use, either on or off the water, alcoholic beverages (distilled spirits, wine, beer, each as defined in chapter 51 of the U.S Internal Revenue Code and intended for beverage use).
- 17.3. An alleged breach of one of these regulations shall not be grounds for a protest. However, when the protest committee believes that a competitor may have broken one of these regulations, it shall follow the process described in racing rule 69.1, and a competitor found to have broken one of these regulations shall be excluded from the remaining races of the Regatta and where practicable, removed from the Regatta venue and sent home. The competitor shall be disqualified from all the races of the Regatta. See NOR 1.2.

18. ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS

- 18.1 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make nor receive radio or other data communications that are not available to all other boats while racing. This restriction also applies to mobile phones.
- 18.2 Competitors are highly encouraged to carry a VHF radio capable of receiving transmissions of pertinent race information from the OA and Race Committee.

19. FURTHER INFORMATION

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