



CHUBB U.S. JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

NOTICE OF RACE Area "D" Qualifier

US Sailing's Chubb U.S. Junior Sailing Championships

The U.S. Junior Triplehanded Championship for the Sears Cup
The U.S. Junior Doublehanded Championship for the Bemis Trophy
The U.S. Junior Singlehanded Championship for the Smythe Trophy

Organized by US Sailing and the Junior Sailing Championship Committee

Hosted by:
Lake Norman Yacht Club
297 Yacht Rd
 Mooresville, NC 28117

June 6-8, 2014

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 Junior Sailing Championships.
 - 1.2.3. The US Sailing Championship Support Vessel Policy:
http://championships.ussailing.org/Youth/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 for the Flying Scot, C420 and Laser Radial classes will apply. However, US Sailing encourages sailors to join the Flying Scot, C420 and Laser Radial class Associations to support their efforts.
- 1.3. Racing rules will be changed as follows:
 - 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;
 - 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;
 - 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 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;



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- 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 D5.2 is changed to substitute a yellow flag for signaling a breakdown on the boat. Reference to umpire is replaced with protest committee;
- These changes will appear in full in the sailing instructions. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.

2. DISCIPLINES

- 2.1. The regatta shall include the following disciplines utilizing the following class compliant equipment:
 - 2.1.1. Singlehanded Dinghy – Laser Radial, supplied by the competitor
 - 2.1.2. Doublehanded Dinghy - Club 420, supplied by the competitor, with spinnaker and trapeze
 - 2.1.3. Triplehanded / Quadruple - Borrowed Flying Scot with three (3) or four (4) crew
- 2.2. A minimum of three (3) boats for the triple-handed and five (5) boats for the other divisions are required **to race all races** unless redress is granted for a boat missing one or more races. If the minimum number of boats does not register by the deadline, the fleet will not be sailed.

3. ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1. Competitors must have reached their 13th birthday but not their 19th birthday during the calendar year in which the event is held.
- 3.2. Competitors must be individual or family members of US Sailing at the time of their respective first qualification event.
- 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.
- 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.
- 3.5. All the members of a crew shall reside in or regularly compete in the same RSA where the club is geographically located.
- 3.6. An alternate may be named on the entry form at the first level of competition, however the alternate may not be changed in the competitive year.

4. QUALIFICATION

- 4.1. This Area will qualify one (1) team for the Triplehanded discipline and two (2) teams for both the Singlehanded and double-handed disciplines.
- 4.2. A Team is defined as all contestants listed on the entry form for a specific LSO, except the alternate.
- 4.3. 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.
- 4.4. A crew member may be substituted 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.



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5. REGISTRATION and ENTRY

- 5.1. Registration may only be made by *completing the online forms at: <http://championships.ussailing.org/Youth/ChubbJrChampionships/AreaQualifiers.htm> (the "Event Website")*.
- 5.2. Registrations shall be complete no later than midnight (CDT), June 2, 2014. A completed entry is defined as all forms and fees having been completed on-line and all appropriate entry forms having been received by the host club prior to June 2, 2014.
- 5.3. If requested by the Organizing Authority, an applicant shall send a copy of his or her birth certificate or passport to complete the application.
- 5.4. The entry fees are:
 - 5.4.1. Sears: \$140.00 per 3 person team.
 - 5.4.2. Bemis: \$100.00 per 2 person team.
 - 5.4.3. Smythe: \$60.00 per competitor.
 - 5.4.4. The above entry fee includes:
 - 5.4.4.1. The Entry Fee includes (1) registration for the event and (2) meals for each competitor - Saturday breakfast, lunch and dinner; Sunday breakfast and lunch. Additional meals for non-competitors may be available. Please enquire at Check In for availability and cost.
- 5.5. The entry fee shall be paid *by credit card* online at the time of registration. Entry fees are non-refundable unless a boat is present at the regatta and a fleet is not sailed. (See NOR 2.2.)
- 5.6. Housing is not provided. Camping facilities are available at the Yacht Club. For information on local hotels please visit: <http://RaceCityUSA.org>.

6. BORROWED (or) CHARTERED BOATS

- 6.1. Boats for the Triple handed / quadrupled Discipline will be borrowed. Competitors are not covered or protected by the Borrowed Boat Insurance Program, which exists to protect the owner of the boat, not the sailors/borrowers.
- 6.2. Competitors are responsible for any damage they may cause to the boats that are used. There is a \$500 damage deposit for each team borrowing boats, which will be required during check-in. Checks should be made payable to the Lake Norman Yacht Club. If damage is caused by a competitor, the cost of repairing that damage may be charged against the deposit, and part (or none) of the deposit will be returned. Otherwise the full amount of the deposit will be refunded at the conclusion of the event.
- 6.3. Competitors are responsible for ensuring the boats are in shipshape condition each day after racing. There will be a daily award to the Crew that demonstrates the most respect and care for the Borrowed Boat fleet.
- 6.4. Teams that demonstrate gross negligence for the Borrowed Boat fleet are subject to penalty at the discretion of the Judges.

7. SCHEDULE

Friday June 6

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| 1200 - 1730 | Registration Check-In Desk open |
| 1200 - 1300 | Borrowed boat orientation |
| 1300 - 1630 | On-Water Clinic |

Saturday June 7

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| 0800 - 0900 | Breakfast / approved late Check-in |
| 0830 - 0930 | Rig & launch boats |
| 0930 | Competitor's meeting |
| 1030 | First Warning. Additional Races at the discretion of the Race Committee. |



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Sunday June 8

0800 - 0845	Breakfast
0930	First Warning
1500	No Warning signal will be made after this time
After racing	Awards

8. CLINIC

- 8.1. A clinic may be held preceding the championship qualifier. The purpose of the clinic will be to familiarize the competitors with the local conditions and probable race course. The clinic will include a practice race. Coaches for the clinic may be provided through US Sailing. Permission to miss the clinic must be requested of the Area D Representative, Samson Vasquez (228) 323-1336 or sam@gulfportyachtclub.org in writing and in advance and will only be granted for extenuating circumstances.
- 8.2. Participation in all meals and regatta events is not mandatory.

9. MEASUREMENT

- 9.1 Each competitor supplied boat must comply with the measurement rules of its class and may be inspected for compliance at any time during the regatta at the discretion of the Protest Committee.

10. TRIPLEHANDED / QUADRUPELHANDED DISCIPLINE

- 10.1. For This Discipline ONLY, if the event is sailed in borrowed boats, every effort will be made to conduct the event as a full round robin.
- 10.2. Teams shall not in any way adjust standing rigging of any boat in a round robin series before or during the event, except with the prior consent of the Protest Committee.
- 10.3. Teams shall not clean the bottoms of wet-sailed boats during an event without the prior consent of the Protest Committee.
- 10.4. Each skipper shall be supplied with a yellow breakdown flag.

11. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 11.1 The sailing instructions will be available at registration.

12. VENUE

- 12.1 The regatta will be sailed on Lake Norman, Mooresville, NC. Sears, Bemis and Smythe will use the same race course. Early arrival at the venue may be permitted by the Regatta Chairman with advance notice and approval.

13. PENALTY SYSTEMS

- 13.1 Appendix P – Special Procedures for Rule 42 will NOT apply.



14. SCORING

- 14.1. The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply.
- 14.2. Ten (10) races are scheduled (this is a limiting maximum), except in the Triplehanded Division (see NOR 10.1). Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- (a) When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- (b) 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.

15. PROTEST AND APPEALS

- 15.1. 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.
- 15.2. 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.
- 15.3. 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.

- 15.4. 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 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.
- (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.



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(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.

16. SUPPORT & SPECTATOR BOATS

- 16.1 The Host club will make every effort to make spectator boats available.

17. COACHING

- 17.1 This is a Grade 3 Event as defined in the US Sailing Championship Support Vessel Policy. See http://championships.ussailing.org/Youth/Coaching_and_Support_Vessels.htm
- 17.2 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 the clinic or racing days, except in spectator boats as defined in NOR 16.1.
- 17.3 Outside contact with competitors is prohibited on clinic and racing days commencing with the competitor's arrival at the host club and shall continue until dismissed by the clinic coach on clinic days, or released by the Protest Committee on racing days.
- 17.4 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 the clinic and 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.
- 17.5 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.
- 17.6 The Protest Committee may protest and disqualify a competitor for breaking the rules of NOR 17 from all races on the day of the infringement.

18. PERSONAL FLOATATION DEVICES (PFD) AND PERSONAL EQUIPMENT

- 18.1 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.
- 18.2 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. For the events using the C420, permission is granted to bring Fast-pins, and the competitors are required to bring their own trapeze harnesses.
- 18.3 Electronic fluxgate compasses and GPS devices of all varieties, styles and combinations are specifically banned.



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19. PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES

- 19.1. 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).
- 19.2. 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.

20. CONDUCT OF COMPETITORS

- 20.1. 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)
- 20.2. When the Protest Committee believes that a competitor may have breached the above requirement, it shall follow the process described in racing 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.

21. PRIZES

- 21.1. 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/ChubbJrChampionships.htm>. (the "Event Website").
- 21.2. Registrations shall be submitted online no later the date listed on the Notice of Race for the U.S. Junior Championships
- 21.3. Additional honors: Award will be given to the top three competitors in each division.

22. CONTACT FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

US Junior Sailing Championship Committee Area "D" representative
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Host Club Event Chair
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23. All official applications, notices, forms, lists and results for the finals will be posted at <http://championships.ussailing.org/Youth/ChubbJrChampionships.htm>