



## 2023 Chubb U.S. Youth Triplehanded Championship Area G Qualifier

Organizing Authority: US Sailing & The San Francisco Yacht Club  
May 13, 2023  
The San Francisco Yacht Club  
Belvedere, CA

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### SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

(NOR and NOR Amendment 1 attached at end of SIs)

Posted date – 5/10/2023

#### 1. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official regatta notice board located on the west wall of the SFYC Clubhouse.

#### 2. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

2.1 The race committee may make notices to competitors on VHF channel USA 65A.

2.2 Except in an emergency, or when retiring from a race or reporting a breakdown, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

#### 3. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted by 0930 hours on 5/13, except that during a postponement ashore a change may be posted no less than 15 minutes before the AP flag is removed. Any change to the schedule of racing will be posted by 1800 hours the day before it will take effect.

#### 4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1. Signals ashore will be displayed from the main flagpole on the lawn.

4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, “1 minute” is replaced with “not less than 40 minutes” in the race signal AP. This changes Race Signals.

#### 5. SAFETY

[DP] A boat retiring from a race shall notify a RC vessel before leaving the course, or, when that is impossible, immediately after arrival ashore.

#### 6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1. The first warning is scheduled for 1100 hours.

6.2. There is a maximum of 6 races per team scheduled. There will be a boat rotation, which will be explained and distributed at the Competitors’ Meeting.

6.3. The Organizing Authority will attempt to have a full round-robin schedule.



- 6.4. The warning signal for succeeding races will be made as soon as possible after finish of preceding race.
- 6.5. Weather conditions, the need to protect borrowed boats and equipment, or the need to expedite the completion of the event may require procedures other than those mentioned in these SIs. Any such special procedures shall be approved by the Protest Committee (PC).

## **7. CLASS FLAGS**

Class flag will be the RS21 logo.

## **8. THE COURSE**

- 8.1. The diagram in Attachment B shows the courses.
- 8.2. The course to be sailed will be displayed by numeral placard on the sides of the signal boat.

## **9. MARKS**

- 9.1. Rounding marks will be red conical buoys.
- 9.2. New marks will be yellow conical buoys.
- 9.3. The start and finishing line mark will be a yellow conical buoy.

## **10. THE START**

- 10.1. The starting line will be between a staff or halyard displaying an orange flag on the RC signal boat and the course side of the starting line mark at the port end of the line.
- 10.2. If flag 'T' is displayed before the warning signal for a race, spinnakers shall not be used during that race.
- 10.3. A boat starting later than four (4) minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS. This changes rules 35, 63.1 and A5.

## **11. RECALLS**

- 11.1. The RC will attempt to hail the sail numbers of OCS boats after the starting signal. This changes rule 29.1.
- 11.2. 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

## **12. CHANGES TO THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

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

## **13. THE FINISH**

The finishing line will be the same at the starting line.

## **14. TIME LIMIT**

- 14.1. The time limit for each race will be 40 minutes for the first boat to finish.
- 14.2. The Finishing Window will be 5 minutes. The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing



Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, and A5.2.

#### **15. PROTESTS**

- 15.1. Protest forms will be available at and shall be returned to the SFYC Race Office.
- 15.2. The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the RC signal boat docks. This time will be posted.

#### **16. SCORING**

- 16.1. Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 16.2. When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 16.3. 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.
- 16.4. In the event that the full rotation is not able to be completed in the allotted time, and/or weather conditions prevent a complete rotation, teams which have fewer races scored than the team with the most number of races scored will be given a score equal to the average of her completed races, for each missing race.

#### **17. REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT**

[DP] Substitution or repair or replacement of hulls, sails, or equipment will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Organizing Authority.



## Attachment A - Borrowed Boats

### A1 BOATS

A1.1 Boats will be provided for all competitors, who shall not modify them or cause them to be modified in any way except that

- (a) a compass may be tied or taped to the hull or spars;
- (b) wind indicators, including yarn or thread, may be tied or taped anywhere on the boat;
- (c) adhesive tape may be used anywhere above the water line;
- (d) any tape, yard, or thread shall be removed at the end of the event.

A1.2 The shrouds shall not be adjusted. (The rigs have been tuned to be as equal as possible.)

A1.3 All equipment provided with the boat for sailing purposes shall be in the boat while afloat.

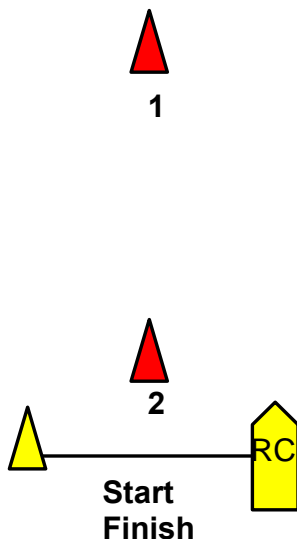
A1.4 The penalty for not complying with one of the above SIs in this Attachment will be disqualification from all races sailed in which the SI was broken.

A1.5 [DP] Boats shall have their spinnaker poles in upwind sailing position (retracted) except when on the leg from mark 1 to mark 2. Poles shall not be extended until the boat's bow passes the extension of an imaginary line passing between mark 1 and mark 2, and shall be retracted before passing that line below mark 2 or at the soonest practical time thereafter.

A1.6 Competitors shall report any damage or loss of equipment, however slight, to the Organizing Authority's representative immediately after securing the boat ashore. The penalty for breaking this SI, unless the jury is satisfied that the competitor made a determined effort to comply, will be disqualification from the race most recently sailed.

A1.7 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 PC.

## Attachment B - Course Diagram



Course 2: start-1-finish

Course 4: start-1-2-1-finish



## NOTICE OF RACE

Posted 3/30/2023

### RULES

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2. The following documents shall apply:
  - 1.2.1. [US Sailing Regulation 10](#). An alleged breach of US Sailing Regulation 10 shall not be grounds for a protest by another boat; this changes rules 60.1(a). However, when a protest committee believes that a competitor may have breached Regulation 10.03, it shall follow the process described in the [Championships Code of Conduct](#).
  - 1.2.2. The sections of the [Conditions for the Junior Sailing Championship](#) applicable to the Area Championships.
  - 1.2.3. [US Sailing's SafeSport Handbook](#)
  - 1.2.4. [The US Sailing Coaching and Support Boat Policy](#). This will be a Grade 1 Coaching event.
- 1.3. The notation "[DP]" in a rule in the NoR means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.
- 1.4. RRS 40 is changed so that each competitor shall wear a USCG approved life jacket, in good condition, that is 100% dependent on foam for flotation and the appropriate size for the sailor, at all times while on the water except for brief periods while adding, removing or adjusting clothing. (US Sailing Regulation 10) [DP]
- 1.5. RRS 60.1(a) is changed to add: prohibit a boat from protesting another boat for an alleged breach of any class rule other than class equipment measurement rules.
- 1.6. RRS 66 is changed, see Protests and Appeals section of this Notice of Race.

### 2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available online after 1600 hours on 5/10/2023.

### 3 ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1. Competitors meeting the following criteria are eligible to compete in U.S. Youth Triplehanded (Quaduplehanded) Championship Area Qualifier. All criteria shall be met prior to the start of the first race.
  - 3.1.1. Competitors shall have reached their 13<sup>th</sup> birthday but not their 19<sup>th</sup> birthday during the calendar year of competition.
  - 3.1.2. Competitors shall be individual or family members, all in good standing, of US Sailing at the time of application, registration, and of the event and not otherwise ineligible to compete under the laws, regulations, policies and rules of the USOPC or its affiliated organizations.
  - 3.1.3. All competitors shall be members of a Local Sailing Organization (LSO) and US Sailing. An LSO is defined to include a yacht club, sailing club, community sailing program or other sailing organization that is a member of US Sailing.
  - 3.1.4. Crew member(s) shall be members of an LSO that is a member of US Sailing within the same US Sailing Area as the helm.
  - 3.1.5. All members of the crew shall reside in or regularly compete in the same US Sailing Area where the club is geographically located.



#### **4 ENTRY and FEES**

- 4.1. Registration for eligible teams is available online: <https://sfyc.org/web/pages/regattas>
- 4.2. The entry fee is \$300, which includes boat charter. Skippers will be required to agree to a Boat Damage Agreement, which outlines an up to \$500 per incident fee for damages.
- 4.3. The registration period will be open until the entry deadline of 1500 hours on 5/10/2023.
- 4.4. A minimum of three (3) boats must be registered by the entry deadline, or the event will be rescheduled or cancelled at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.

#### **5 BOATS and EQUIPMENT**

- 5.1. This Area Qualifier will be sailed in RS21 Class Boats with a crew of four. Boats will be provided by the Organizing Authority. Initially, one registration will be reserved for each Local Sailing Organization (LSO) within the Area, registered by skipper's affiliation. Interested skippers or team leaders should contact [forrest@sfyc.org](mailto:forrest@sfyc.org) to express their interest. The deadline for LSO team registrations is 5/5/2023, after which registration spots may be released on a first come, first serve basis for additional teams.
- 5.2. The boat rotation, if any, will be described in the sailing instructions.

#### **6 SCHEDULE**

Friday	1530-1730: Optional practice/orientation
Saturday	0900: Competitors' Meeting at Youth picnic area
	0915-1030: Rigging and boat orientation
	1130: First Warning scheduled
	1630: No Warnings to be made after this time

#### **7 EQUIPMENT**

- 7.1. The only gear, rigging, or equipment that a competitor may take aboard a boat is: a refillable water bottle, class-legal compass, flags, plastic bucket or bailer, normally equipped ditty-bag, personal effects, PFDs and protective clothing. [DP]
- 7.2. GPS devices of all varieties, styles and combinations and VHF radios are specifically banned.

#### **8 VENUE**

The racing area will be Knox, west of Angel Island, or Richardson Bay, depending on conditions.

#### **9 PROTEST AND APPEALS**

- 9.1. 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 69.2 may be appealed.
- 9.2. Email and phone contact information for the helm of each boat entered and for the chairs of the Protest Committee and the Race Committee shall be available from the OA by request at all times during the event.
- 9.3. 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.

9.4. Rule 66 is changed as follows:

66 REOPENING A HEARING

66.1 The protest committee may reopen a hearing when it decides that it may have made a significant error, or when significant new evidence becomes available within a reasonable time. A party to the hearing may ask for a reopening no later than 24 hours after being informed of the decision. When a hearing is reopened, a majority of the members of the protest committee shall, if possible, be members of the original protest committee.

66.2 Area Qualifier Reopening

66.2(a) A party to a hearing of a protest or request for redress may request a US Sailing Championship 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 US Sailing Youth Competition Manager John Pearce ([youthchampionships@ussailing.org](mailto:youthchampionships@ussailing.org)) and Championships Committee Chair Malinda Crain ([mrcrain@gmail.com](mailto:mrcrain@gmail.com)) for youth events. The hearing shall be reopened when the foregoing information is received by the Staff and Chair.

66.2(b) The protest committee for a US Sailing Championship 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 National or International Judges. US Sailing will appoint the committee's chairman.

66.2(c) A US Sailing Championship Qualifier 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 practicable and no later than seven days after the request for reopening is emailed. The chairman will email 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.

## 10 COACHING AND SUPPORT BOATS [DP]

10.1. This is a Grade 1 Event as defined in the US Sailing Championship Coach and Support Boat Policy. See 1.2.4 for a link to this document.

10.2. All coaches and/or support personnel shall register at the check-in table located at the Competitors' Meeting.

10.3. Coaches at Area Qualifiers shall have current US Sailing Smallboat Level 1 Instructor or higher certification.

10.4. Coaches shall wear a USCG approved life jacket while afloat that is 100% dependent on foam for floatation and the appropriate size for the coach.



10.5. An Engine Cut-Off Switch (ECOS) Link shall be attached to the coach boat operator, the operators clothing, or operator's personal floatation device whenever a boat's engine is running.

**11 PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES-US SAILING REGULATION 10.03 B AND 10.03 C, STATE:**

*B. For Junior and Youth events or for junior or youth competitors in any US Sailing championship, no participant or competitor shall use or possess, either on or off the water: 1. marijuana or any other substance if possession is illegal under state or federal law; or 2. any alcoholic beverages.*

*C. An alleged breach of one of these regulations shall not be grounds for a protest; this changes rules 60.1(a), 60.2(a) and 60.3(a). However, when the protest committee believes that a competitor may have breached one of these regulations, it shall follow the process described in the Championships Code of Conduct. If a competitor is found to have breached one of the elements within the Code of Conduct, they 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.*

**12 PRIZES AND NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFICATION**

12.1. The top two finishing eligible team will qualify for the Chubb U.S. Youth Triplehanded (Quadruplehanded) Championship for the Sears Cup. Eligibility is defined by the [National Championship NoR](#). Teams shall remain the same from the initial qualifying event through the end of the National Championship. Crew changes shall meet the requirements of the Conditions for the US Junior Championship (see 1.2.2).

12.2. Teams who qualify for the National Championship shall submit their registration to the event within seven days of qualification. Failure to register within the deadline may lead to the berth being offered to the next eligible boat.

**13 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION]**

US Sailing Area G Representative: Dan Brandt, [dan.higherfastervmg@gmail.com](mailto:dan.higherfastervmg@gmail.com)

US Sailing Chubb Junior Sailing Championship Committee Chair: Steven Hochart, [stevehochart@icloud.com](mailto:stevehochart@icloud.com)

US Sailing: [youthchampionships@ussailing.org](mailto:youthchampionships@ussailing.org)

## NOTICE OF RACE

Amendment 1 – posted 5/6/2023

In NOR 6 the "First Warning scheduled" is changed to 1100.