



## **ENTRY AND REGISTRATION**

All competitors must register and pay their non-refundable entry fee online by **May 15<sup>th</sup>** or the deadline in your acceptance e-mail at <http://www.ussailing.org/racing/championships/youth/youthchamps>.

All paperwork must be submitted as attachment(s) in pdf format by email (please include in the subject line of all emails the competitor's last name, first name, fleet) to [registrarccyc@gmail.com](mailto:registrarccyc@gmail.com) by May 15<sup>th</sup>, or within ten days of notification if you have been accepted off the waiting list. Entry fees are refundable in the event a class is not sailed.

When you register online, you will receive an e-mail receipt via Regatta Network. **It is very important that you do not lose this.** This link will allow you to go in and update your travel plans.

Make sure you enter the following information into your online registration:

- Your personal e-mail (this is **not** your parents, but yours)
- Your **personal** cell phone number. We use text messaging to reach you during the event
- Your parent's e-mail (and it must NOT be the same as yours)
- Your parent's cell phone number so we can contact them before or during the event
- Name of adult accompanying you, if any
- The full name of your sailing organization – no initials please
- Your travel plans. Please do not enter flight information until you have purchased your ticket.

All invited sailors must complete the Competitor's Acknowledgement form and return it to the National Chairman as soon as possible. Please email: [usyouthchamps@gmail.com](mailto:usyouthchamps@gmail.com)

## **WEBSITE:**

Registration, results and all official regatta information can be found on <http://www.ussailing.org/racing/championships/youth/youthchamps>.

## **TRAVEL INFORMATION:**

The Corpus Christi Yacht Club (CCYC) is located at 98 Cooper's Alley, Corpus Christi, TX 78401.

Early arrivals at the Corpus Christi Yacht Club will not be permitted, and there will be **no exceptions** to this rule. Being "invited" by a member of the Corpus Christi Yacht Club or a member of any surrounding Yacht Club is *not* an exception to this rule.

Arrival for all competitors at Corpus Christi Yacht Club and the adjacent L-head ramp will be from 1000-2000 on Saturday, June 24. **Early arrivals at the venue will not be permitted. The L-head Staging Area (a designated roped off area) will be considered part of the venue beginning 0800 Wednesday, June 21.**



Attendance at the Awards Ceremony is **mandatory**. Departure from CCYC for all competitors will be after 1930 on Wednesday, June 28<sup>th</sup>, unless prior arrangements are made and approved at least two weeks before by the US Youth Championship National Chair, [usyouthchamps@gmail.com](mailto:usyouthchamps@gmail.com). Exceptions will only be granted in unusual circumstances. Please note you will not be able to depart CRP by air on Wednesday because of the flight schedules.

All boats and trailers must be gone from the venue by 2100 hours on Wednesday, June 28<sup>th</sup>.

#### **TRAVELING BY AIR:**

Competitors should plan to fly in and out of Corpus Christi International Airport (CRP). Transportation options to the club are hotel shuttle and taxi. Transportation should be approximately \$30 via taxi. There are no Uber or Super Shuttle services available.

Please indicate your transportation plans on the online registration form.

Competitors who were awarded and accepted regatta housing will be provided transportation from the airport to CCYC. Please make your way to the baggage claim area to be met by Youth Championship ambassadors.

Please advise your parents to make appropriate arrangements with the airlines if you will be flying as an Unaccompanied Minor and to indicate that on your online registration form. You should contact Sandra Carl (361) 537-3374 the day before you depart to get the name of the person who will be meeting you in Corpus Christi. If you are traveling as an Unaccompanied Minor or are 15 years old or under, please be sure to bring a credit card to pay the separate Unaccompanied Minor fee at check in for your return flight. There have been instances where competitors have flown out on their own but not been allowed by the airlines to fly back on their own. Unaccompanied minors must let [registrarccyc@gmail.com](mailto:registrarccyc@gmail.com) know ahead of time. This is also a question on the registration form.

Plan your airline departure for **Thursday**, June 29<sup>th</sup>. Please note, you will not be able to depart CRP by air on Wednesday evening because of the limited flight schedules.

**Regatta housing will continue through Wednesday, June 28<sup>th</sup> for those competitors who have been awarded housing. Those who are accepting regatta housing should plan on departing prior to 1200 on Thursday, June 29<sup>th</sup>.**

*Don't forget to include CCYC's name, address, and phone number on your luggage tag in the event your bags are delayed: Corpus Christi Yacht Club, 98 Cooper's Alley, Corpus Christi, TX 78401, 361-883-6518.*

#### **TRAVEL DELAYS OR QUESTIONS:**

**It is imperative that regatta organizers receive accurate travel information for every competitor. Please do not enter flights on the registration form until they have been booked and confirmed. We need to know travel plans for ALL competitors.** Add your arrival and departure information to your online registration form **no later than May 26, 2017**. Updates and changes may be made there at any point until June 10, 2017. Any changes regarding transportation, airlines, or changes to your travel schedule after June 10, 2017 should be directed to the Registrar, Mary Sterett at [registrarccyc@gmail.com](mailto:registrarccyc@gmail.com).

*If there is a flight delay or problems with your itinerary on the day of travel, please call the Transportation Hotline at (361) 537-3374.*



### **ON SITE CHECK-IN AND REGISTRATION:**

Registration will be open on Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup> from 1200 – 1800 hours, and on Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup> from 0800 – 0900 for competitors who have been given permission for late arrivals. Upon arrival at CCYC, proceed directly to registration at CCYC where the registration team will review that all forms have been correctly submitted.

Your life jacket will be inspected at registration. **You must wear a USCG approved PFD that is the right size for your weight and is 100% dependent on foam for floatation.** Please refer to the NOR for requirements. **Note: PFDs with patches are not USCG legal.**

If you are not staying in regatta provided housing, the parent / guardian or designated adult named in your Alternate Housing Form must appear with you at registration.

Competitors will be expected to install the provided hull stickers and the hull and/or sail numbers following registration. Competitors' sails must be numbered in accordance with class rules. Country code is not required.

### **WAIVERS:**

Each competitor must complete and submit all of the required waivers and forms to: Mary Sterett/ Corpus Christi Yacht Club via e-mail to [registrarccyc@gmail.com](mailto:registrarccyc@gmail.com).

If you were accepted off the waiting list, please submit your paperwork within ten days of notification.

If any medical issues change, it is the responsibility of the parent/competitor to notify the Regatta Registrar, Mary Sterett at [registrarccyc@gmail.com](mailto:registrarccyc@gmail.com). It is highly recommended that you bring a copy of your medical insurance card with you.

All paperwork must be submitted as attachment(s) in pdf format by email (please include in the subject line of all emails the competitors last name, first name, fleet) to [registrarccyc@gmail.com](mailto:registrarccyc@gmail.com) by May 15<sup>th</sup>, or within ten days of notification if you have been accepted off the waiting list.

### **HOUSING:**

Housing is **not** guaranteed, and you *will need to request it upon registration*. We are housing 50 competitors. Regatta housing is strictly for competitors not accompanied by a parent or guardian. First priority will be given to competitors sixteen and under and traveling alone. Additional available beds will be allotted based on distance traveled and date requested. Competitors awarded regatta housing will receive notification on approximately May 18<sup>th</sup>. Competitors who have requested and were not awarded regatta housing will be placed on a housing waiting list and are encouraged to make other arrangements. Any available housing for waitlisted competitors will be awarded by May 23.

Please note NOR paragraph 1.1.1. If a competitor is awarded and accepts housing and they withdraw from housing at any time prior to or during the event, they will be withdrawn from competition *unless express written consents of both the Regatta Chairman and the National Chair are provided.*

You will be notified of your housing placement at registration. Please remember that you will be a guest in someone's home so no wet towels on the floor, clothes everywhere, special meal requests or the like. Competitors are separated by gender.



### **GUEST/ACCOMMODATIONS:**

Competitors who are not given housing, or those who would prefer to arrange their own local accommodations, may book rooms with the special code "USY" at Emerald Beach Hotel. A room rate of \$159 plus tax has been arranged through May 23.

Emerald Beach Hotel, 1102 S. Shoreline Blvd, Corpus Christi, TX 78401 361-883-5731

[www.hotelemeraldbeach.com](http://www.hotelemeraldbeach.com)

### **CHARTERS:**

Competitors are **strongly** encouraged to bring their own boats. Charters are not guaranteed and are limited, especially in the Laser and Radial fleets. Charter contracts are between the charter provider and the competitor. Do not book a flight until you are certain you have secured a boat.

Please complete the charter request form located at:

<http://www.ussailing.org/racing/championships/youth/youthchamps/>

This form will be automatically forwarded to the appropriate charter provider upon completion.

### **MEALS:**

Meals for competitors will be provided throughout the regatta. Breakfast and dinner will be served at the Corpus Christi Yacht Club. Lunches will be prepared by the competitors before launch and served on the water.

**GUEST MEALS:** Two meal options are available, please reserve by June 15, pay CCYC upon arrival:

- (1) Meal bracelets may be purchased for \$100 and include 4 Breakfasts, 4 Lunches, post-racing snacks and hors d'oeuvres at the awards ceremony.
- (2) Meal bracelets may be purchased for \$165 and include 4 Breakfasts, 4 Lunches, 3 dinners, post-racing snacks and hors d'oeuvres at the trophy ceremony. Advance purchase is strongly encouraged, no later than June 15<sup>th</sup>. Walk-ins are not guaranteed. Contact Sandra Carl at [2017USYouthChamps@gmail.com](mailto:2017USYouthChamps@gmail.com) to reserve meals.

### **PARKING AT THE VENUE:**

For competitors accepting regatta housing, the Driver Release form signed by a parent or guardian must be on file for all competitors intending to drive a car to the venue. Parking for competitors' cars and guest cars is **not** provided at the club. There is unmetered, free parking on the street outside of the Club and in a public lot west of the Club. No parking will be allowed on Club property during the event. Cars will be towed offsite at the drivers' expense.

### **EVENT SCHEDULE and AWARDS CEREMONY:**

Attendance at the Awards Ceremony on Wednesday, June 28<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon is MANDATORY for all competitors.

### **COMPETITORS' OWN SAILBOATS:**

Competitors who intend to bring their own sailboats **may not** arrive at Corpus Christi Yacht Club before **1000 hours on Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup>**. You will be directed upon arrival where to put your boat. Trailer



parking is limited at the venue, an alternative would be to park your boat trailer at your hotel. Coach boat berthing is available for a fee.

### **CREW CHANGES:**

Occasionally unanticipated situations may make it necessary for doublehanded teams to change crew. Crew changes will be granted **only if** there is a valid reason (see the [Championship Conditions](#) for specifics). Competitors who wish to change sailing partners must submit a request in writing stating the reason and provide a sailing resume for the proposed alternate. Both parties must agree to the change. Requests should be e-mailed to the Youth Champs National Chair, Malinda Crain, at [usyouthchamps@gmail.com](mailto:usyouthchamps@gmail.com) . We encourage you to plan well in advance in an effort to retain your original team unless a true emergency arises.

### **PRIVATE COACHES:**

US Sailing will be providing coaches to assist all competitors participating in the Youth Champs; however, private coaches are permitted.

**Private Coaches with competitors in attendance must register by June 10<sup>th</sup>** at <http://www.ussailing.org/racing/championships/youth/youthchamps/> and on the day of registration at the host venue to receive coaching credentials. The private coaching fee is \$150 includes 4 Breakfasts, 4 Lunches, post-racing snacks and hors d'oeuvres at the awards ceremony. It does not include berthing (see below). Late registration after June 10 will be \$200.

A separate letter of instruction and registration for private coaches will be posted at <http://www.ussailing.org/racing/championships/youth/youthchamps/>. US Sailing Level 3 certification or the equivalent from another NGB and proof of current First Aid and CPR will be required for all private coaches. Numerous certification courses are available through US Sailing, and more information may be found at <http://www.ussailing.org/education/training-courses/>. Foreign coaches will need to provide proof of insurance in the United States.

*NOTE: US Sailing certified coaches have \$10 million in coverage with their certification.*

Private coaches will have to provide their own coach boats. Coaches must register boat with the CCYC prior to event (information included in Private Coach Registration). Boats longer than 20' are not guaranteed berthing. Berthing is available for \$75 for the event.

### **SPECTATOR BOATS:**

It is our intent to provide a spectator boat for those wishing to go on the water on race days. Spectators will be requested to sign up at least the day before they want to go on the water. Space may be limited. Priority is for those who register online at [www.ussailing.org/racing/championships/youth/youthchamps/](http://www.ussailing.org/racing/championships/youth/youthchamps/). On site sign up will be at the Corpus Christi Yacht Club. Spectators are encouraged to bring their own water and lunch. Please bring your own personal flotation device.

Private spectator boats will be permitted and must abide by all rules and regulations as stated in **US Sailing's Support Boat Policy and the Sailing Instructions**. Private spectator boats must register with regatta organizers prior to going on the water. Registration can be found at <http://www.ussailing.org/racing/championships/youth/youthchamps/> .



### **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:**

Sailing Instructions will be distributed at registration and preliminary Sailing Instructions will be posted online.

### **WEATHER:**

Weather in June in Corpus Christi, TX averages a daily high of 91 degrees and water temperature is 80 degrees, avg wind speed is 10-14 kts gusting to 18-20 kts. Please refer to your favorite weather site for real time weather information. Hats, sun glasses, sunscreen, rash guards (for sun protection), etc., are essential. It is very important to stay hydrated.

### **ALCOHOL and DRUGS:**

US Sailing [Regulation 10](#) and the [Championships Code of Conduct](#) are in effect from the moment you arrive at the venue in any capacity until the moment you leave the venue either for the airport or to drive home. The use of alcohol or any illegal drug by a competitor will not be tolerated during this period. Offenders will be dealt with strictly as stated in the Notice of Race and Championships Code of Conduct. Please take a moment to read the Championships Code of Conduct carefully before you sign.

### **CURFEW:**

There will be a 2200hrs curfew during the event, meaning that ALL competitors must be “home” where they are being housed including Alternate Housing by 2200hrs each night. These regulations are in effect from Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup> through Thursday, June 29<sup>th</sup>. There will be no exceptions. We are not trying to make the event less fun; we are simply concerned for your safety.

### **TREATING THE HOST SITE PROPERLY:**

The Youth Champs Organizing Committee has been planning and working on this event for many months. We take the Youth Championships regatta very seriously as the premier youth regatta on the 2017 sailing calendar. You may be assured that we have planned the best possible event for you and, as our guests, we hope that you appreciate our efforts. You are expected to follow all Corpus Christi Yacht Club rules at all times. Please be as self-sufficient as possible and help others as needed. We expect that you will jump in and help without being asked!

### **PERSONAL GEAR:**

**Mark all your belongings in advance!** We continually find clothes and equipment that competitors leave around throughout the event. All items with a name clearly on them usually get returned. Take a few minutes with an indelible marker and put your name on everything you will be bringing. Also, **clearly paint or otherwise mark your own spars and other personal boat equipment.**



**Blades and sails may be shipped early to CCYC, with prior notification to [2017USYouthChamps@gmail.com](mailto:2017USYouthChamps@gmail.com). You must be prepared to pack up your gear after the regatta with a return label for shipment. Please include the following on the label:**

Your name ATTN: Youth Champs  
c/o Corpus Christi Yacht Club  
98 Cooper's Alley  
Corpus Christi, TX 78401  
361-883-6518

**WE SUGGEST THAT YOU BRING THE FOLLOWING:**

- USCG approved PFD that is the right size for your height and weight. NO EXCEPTIONS
- Your water bottle – labeled with your name. This will be a green regatta.
- Sunscreen, sunglasses, hat, and rash guard (for sun protection)
- Tools and parts for privately owned boats
- 30-foot floating Tow Line (required for all boats)
- Notebook, pen, rulebook
- Personal entertainment
- Appropriate sailing gear and clothing for a range of weather conditions
- Health insurance card

We are looking forward to seeing you in a few short months, for four days of great competition!

Sincerely,

Malinda Crain – National Chair      [usyouthchamps@gmail.com](mailto:usyouthchamps@gmail.com)  
Sandra Carl – Corpus Christi Yacht Club      [2017USYouthChamps@gmail.com](mailto:2017USYouthChamps@gmail.com)