

CONDITIONS FOR THE UNITED STATES OFFSHORE CHAMPIONSHIP

1.0 CONDITIONS, NOTICE OF RACE, AND SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1.1 The Organizing Authority, Offshore Championship Committee, issues these Conditions, the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions for the National Championship.

1.2 The championship is governed by the US Sailing Championship Conditions - <http://www.ussailing.org/racing/championships/championship-conditions/>

1.3 The championship is governed by US Sailing Regulation 2.02, 4.02, 10, 13 and 14.04. <http://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/DARoot/Bylaws/US%20Sailing%20Regs.pdf>

2.0 ELIGIBILITY AND SELECTION OF TEAMS

2.1 Each team shall meet the eligibility requirements of the US Sailing Championship Conditions and the US Sailing Regulations. See 1.2 and 1.3 for links to these documents.

2.2 Foreign national teams who meet the eligibility requirements are welcome to participate; however, they will not be eligible to win the title or trophy.

2.3 The championship is an event

2.4 There shall be no limit on the number of teams allowed to participate, unless restricted within the Notice of Race.

2.5 There is no age restriction, unless provided within the Notice of Race (NOR).

2.6 The maximum number of Group 3 competitors is limited to three (3) and a Group 3 competitor may not helm except in case of emergency or if the Group 3 competitor is the normal helm in all qualifying races.

3.0 CREW CHANGES

Crew changes shall meet the requirements of the US Sailing Championship Conditions. See 1.2 for a link to this document.

4.0 COACHING AND/OR SUPPORT BOATS

4.1 The US Championship will meet US Sailing's policy on coach and support boats found at <http://www.ussailing.org/racing/championships/coaching-and-support-boat-policy> and designate the grade in the respective Notice of Race(NOR).

5.0 BOAT/EQUIPMENT

5.1 The championship will use the current one-design class rules.

5.2 This is a provided boat championship. The Navy 44 boats used in the National Championship will be supplied by the Naval Academy. It is of the utmost importance that they be treated with care at all times as the future of these events depends on being able to charter boats again. See Section Six with regard to insurance provisions.

5.3 If a boat is disabled and cannot be repaired before the next race, another boat, with the approval of the Organizing Authority, may be substituted and may continue to be used for the remaining races of the event. In such cases, the sails of the disabled boat shall be used if possible.

5.4 The use of electronic devices will follow the class rules. Class rules limiting the use of electronic communications devices may be changed, provided that the requirements of RRS 87 are met.

6.0 LIABILITY AND DAMAGE

6.1 At-fault occurrences to other boats are the responsibility of the helmsman. Contestants are not covered by any Liability Insurance provided by the host club and should provide their own coverage for personal goods and liability protection. US Sailing recommends those teams, or where minors are involved, their parents or guardians consult their own insurance carrier regarding additional personal liability insurance coverage

6.2 US Sailing does not require the use of hold harmless forms. It strongly recommends that organizing authorities seek local legal advice on the question and carry adequate insurance coverage such as that provided by the Regatta Liability Insurance Program endorsed by US Sailing.

6.3 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

7.0 EVENT FORMAT

7.1 The event is fleet racing using low point scoring with no discards.

7.2 Racing will consist of a combination of drop mark windward-leeward courses, a medium distance and a long-distance race if weather conditions permit. The medium and long-distance courses will be multiplied by 1.25 and 1.5 respectively.

8.0 RACE ADMINISTRATION

8.1 GENERAL POLICY

The organizing authority shall file an online event report that includes the names and certifications of all judges, umpires and principal race officials within two weeks of the event.

The online form is located at - <http://www.ussailing.org/racing/championships/race-management-personnel-submission/> .