



**Athlete Selection System and Requirements
for
2019 US Youth Championship
Beach Haven, NJ
June 21-25
Hosted by Little Egg Harbor Yacht Club**

Eligibility

- Competitors (skippers and crews) shall not reach their 20th birthday in the 2019 calendar year.
- Competitors must be individual or family members, all in good standing, of US Sailing and not otherwise ineligible to compete under the laws, regulations, policies and rules of USOC or its affiliated organizations.
- Competitors must be US Citizens or eligible permanent residents with written authorization from World Sailing for an exemption under World Sailing Regulation 24.5.4, unless the Organizing Authority grants an exception to this requirement based upon a written request to do so.

Equipment

The 2019 US Youth Championship will be conducted with the equipment (sailboat classes) listed below:

- One Person Dinghy – Laser
- One Person Dinghy – Laser Radial
- Two Person Dinghy – i420
- Two Person Multihull – Nacra 15
- One Person Windsurfer – T293+
- Two Person Skiff – 29er

Selection

Up to 200 prospective athletes will be selected for entry in the 2019 US Youth Championship. Up to 114 of these will be provided invitations based on performance at an Early Acceptance regatta, with the remaining athletes selected based on resume. The resume application process will be described in the Notice of Race and available on the US Youth Championship website.



Early Acceptance Regattas

Laser (open): Up to 7 Prospective Athletes selected by Early Acceptance:

- Top 1: Laser North Americans | Long Beach, CA | July 12-15, 2018
- Top 1*: Laser Pacific Coasts | Cascade Locks, OR | August 3-5, 2018
- Top 1*: San Diego OCR | San Diego, CA | October 5-7, 2018
- Top 1*: Orange Bowl International Youth Regatta | Coconut Grove, FL | December 27-30, 2018
- Top 1*: Laser Nationals | Ft Lauderdale, FL | January 11-14, 2019
- Top 1*: Midwinters East | Clearwater, FL | February 21-24, 2019
- Top 1*: Midwinters West | Marina Del Rey, CA | March 22-24, 2019

Laser Radial (open): Up to 3 Prospective Athletes selected by Early Acceptance:

- Top 3*: Chubb US JR Championship (Smythe) | North Cape, MI | August 6-10, 2018

Laser Radial Boy: Up to 11 Prospective Athletes selected by Early Acceptance:

- Top 2: Laser North Americans | Long Beach, CA | July 12-15, 2018
- Top 1*: Laser Pacific Coasts | Cascade Locks, OR | August 3-5, 2018
- Top 1*: San Diego OCR | San Diego, CA | October 5-7, 2018
- Top 1*: Orange Bowl International Youth Regatta | Coconut Grove, FL | December 27-30, 2018
- Top 2*: Laser Nationals | Ft Lauderdale, FL | January 11-14, 2019
- Top 2*: Midwinters East | Clearwater, FL | February 21-24, 2019
- Top 2*: Midwinters West | Marina Del Rey, CA | March 22-24, 2019

Laser Radial Girl: Up to 9 Prospective Athletes selected by Early Acceptance:

- Top 1: Laser North Americans | Long Beach, CA | July 12-15, 2018
- Top 2*: US JR Women's Singlehanded Champs | Stamford, CT | July 17-22, 2018
- Top 1*: Laser Pacific Coasts | Cascade Locks, OR | August 3-5, 2018
- Top 1*: San Diego OCR | San Diego, CA | October 5-7, 2018
- Top 1*: Orange Bowl International Youth Regatta | Coconut Grove, FL | December 27-30, 2018
- Top 1*: Laser Nationals | Ft Lauderdale, FL | January 11-14, 2019
- Top 1*: Midwinters East | Clearwater, FL | February 21-24, 2019
- Top 1*: Midwinters West | Marina Del Rey, CA | March 22-24, 2019

i-420 Boy or Mixed: Up to 11 Teams of Prospective Athletes selected by Early Acceptance:

- Top 2: i-420 Worlds | Newport, RI | August 7-15, 2018
- Top 1*: San Diego OCR | San Diego, CA | October 5-7, 2018
- Top 1*: i-420 Atlantic Coast Championship | Greenwich, CT | October 27-28, 2018
- Top 1*: Open Orange Bowl | Coconut Grove, FL | December 27-30, 2018
- Top 3*: North American Championship | Miami, FL | January 19-21, 2019
- Top 3*: Midwinter Championship | Miami, FL | February 16-18, 2019

i-420 Girl: Up to 9 Teams of Prospective Athletes selected by Early Acceptance:

- Top 2: i-420 Worlds | Newport, RI | August 7-15, 2018
- Top 1*: San Diego OCR | San Diego, CA | October 5-7, 2018
- Top 1*: i-420 Atlantic Coast Championship | Greenwich, CT | October 27-28, 2018
- Top 1*: Open Orange Bowl | Coconut Grove, FL | December 27-30, 2018
- Top 2*: North American Championship | Miami, FL | January 19-21, 2019
- Top 2*: Midwinter Championship | Miami, FL | February 16-18, 2019



Nacra 15 (open): Up to 7 Teams of Prospective Athletes selected by Early Acceptance:

- Top 2: Nacra15 North Americans | New Orleans, LA | September 21-23, 2018
- Top 1*: Open Orange Bowl | Miami, FL | December 27-30, 2018
- Top 2*: Nacra15 Midwinter's East | New Orleans, LA | February 16-18, 2019
- Top 2*: St.FYC Spring Dinghy | San Francisco, CA | March 22-24, 2019

T293+ Boy: Up to 2 Prospective Athletes selected by Early Acceptance:

- Top 1: Orange Bowl Youth Windsurf Regatta | Miami, FL | December 28-30, 2018
- Top 1*: Clearwater Midwinters | Clearwater, FL | March TBD, 2019

T293+ Girl: Up to 2 Prospective Athletes selected by Early Acceptance:

- Top 1: Orange Bowl Youth Windsurf Regatta | Miami, FL | December 28-30, 2018
- Top 1*: Clearwater Midwinters | Clearwater, FL | March TBD, 2019

29er Boy or Mixed: Up to 7 Teams ** of Prospective Athletes selected by Early Acceptance:

- Top 2: 29er Nationals | New Bedford, MA | July 20-23, 2018
- Top 1*: 29er North Americans | Kingston, ONT | August 13-17, 2018
- Top 1*: San Diego OCR | San Diego, CA | October 5-7, 2018
- Top 1*: Open Orange Bowl | Miami, FL | December 27-30, 2018
- Top 1*: Youth Worlds Qualifier Regatta #1 | Miami, FL | February 16-18, 2019
- Top 1*: Midwinters West | Coronado, CA | March 22-24, 2019

29er Girl: Up to 6 Teams ** of Prospective Athletes selected by Early Acceptance:

- Top 1: 29er Nationals | New Bedford, MA | July 20-23, 2018
- Top 1*: 29er North Americans | Kingston, ONT | August 13-17, 2018
- Top 1*: San Diego OCR | San Diego, CA | October 5-7, 2018
- Top 1*: Open Orange Bowl | Miami, FL | December 27-30, 2018
- Top 1*: Youth Worlds Qualifier Regatta #1 | Miami, FL | February 16-18, 2019
- Top 1*: Midwinters West | Coronado, CA | March 22-24, 2019

****Prospective Athlete (singlehanded classes) or Team of Prospective Athletes (doublehanded classes) not already selected in that class.***

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: *Why are there two ways to be selected for the US Youth Championship (selection via early acceptance event and via resume)?*

A: The purpose of the Early Acceptance Regattas is to provide opportunities for sailors to be selected for the US Youth Championship based on their performance at a single highly competitive regatta (ie, to "sail-in"). The purpose of the application process is to provide an opportunity for sailors to be selected based on their resume of regatta results and training plan. The overall goal is to make sure that the top sailors in each class have ample opportunity to gain acceptance to the Youth Champs and compete in US Sailing's premier youth regatta.

Q: *If I earn an Early Acceptance invitation in the one class (ex: Radial), can I switch to a different class (ex: Laser) and still have Early Acceptance?*



A: No. Early Acceptance spots must be used in the class they were earned in. If you intend to sail Youth Champs in a different class, you can apply for selection via resume.

Q: *Our team earned an Early Acceptance invitation as a doublehanded team, but we are now sailing with new teammates. Do our Early Acceptance invitations carry over to the new teams?*

A: No. The Youth Champs selection process considers each doublehanded team unique, so if you are sailing with new teammates you will need to apply for selection via resume.

Q: *Most of the Early Acceptance Regattas are outside of my region. Do I have to travel to these regattas in order to be selected for Youth Champs?*

A: No. Sailors who do not attend any Early Acceptance Regattas may be selected for Youth Champs via resume based on their performance at regional and national regattas and their training plan. The circuit of Early Acceptance Regattas is focused on major Class Association and US Sailing events, with the goal of selecting sailors who are performing well at the national level.

Q: *The boat classes that I currently sail are not in Youth Champs. Can I still sail in Youth Champs?*

A: Yes, but you will need to train and compete in the new class in order to prepare. Trying different boat classes and expanding your skills to new sailing disciplines is key to building a well-rounded skill-set and growing as a sailor. The classes sailed in Youth Champs reflect the international standard for youth high performance racing, offering sailors the opportunity to excel at the national and international levels. If you find a Youth Champs class that is a good fit, the next step is to build your training plan and spend time on the water sailing the boat. When you apply for Youth Champs, the selection committee will take into account your regatta results from other classes and disciplines, as well as your training plan. For sailors transitioning to a new class, a detailed training plan is critical to a successful application.