



U.S. ADULT SAILING CHAMPIONSHIP



UNITED STATES ADULT SAILING CHAMPIONSHIP EVENT (Event)

Clifford D. Mallory Trophy
Organizing Authority (OA): US Sailing Host
Club: Texas Corinthian Yacht Club (TCYC)
October 21-24, 2021

NOTICE OF RACE (NOR) **Amendment 1 POSTED April 28, 2021** **Amendment 2 POSTED September 9, 2021**

Regatta Website: [U.S. Adult Championship](https://www.usailing.com/usa-championship)

1. RULES

- 1.1 The Event will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS). The following additional documents will also apply:
 - a. [2021-2024 US Sailing Prescriptions \(excluding prescriptions to RRS 60, 63.2 and 63.4\)](#);
 - b. [US Sailing Conditions of the US Adult Sailing Championship](#);
 - c. [US Sailing Championship Conditions](#);
 - d. [US Sailing Regulations 2, 10, 14 and 15](#);
 - e. [US Sailing Safe Sport](#);
 - f. [US Sailing Championships Code of Conduct](#);
 - g. [US Sailing Coaching and Support Boat Policy](#); and
 - h. Attachment A - Boat Handling and Equipment Rules.
- 1.2 PFDs: Per US Sailing Regulation 10.04, all competitors must bring and wear their own US Coast Guard-approved personal flotation devices (PFD) **at all times while on-the-water**, except for brief periods while adding or removing clothing. Competitors from outside the United States may wear a PFD approved by their nations' certification authority to the extent permitted by international treaty. A violation of this Instruction may be protested by race officials or a competitor; however, an inadvertent and momentary breach of this Instruction may receive a penalty less than disqualification (DSQ) at the discretion of the Protest Committee (PC). [DP]
- 1.3 **All teams must bring and carry an operating VHF radio while on-the-water. Radios will NOT be provided by the host club. [NP][DP]**
- 1.4 RRS will be changed as follows:
 - 1.4.1 NOR #1.2 changes RRS 40.
 - 1.4.2 NOR #1.5.1 changes RRS 64.1.
 - 1.4.3 NOR #1.5.2 changes RRS 60.1(a).
 - 1.4.4 NOR #10.2 changes RRS Appendix A2.1.
 - 1.4.5 NOR #12 changes RRS 60.1(a), 60.2(a) and 60.3(a).
 - 1.4.6 NOR Attachment A5 changes RRS 87.
 - 1.4.7 The Sailing Instructions (SIs) may also change other RRS.



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1.5 [DP] and [NP].

1.5.1 The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the NOR or SIs means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the PC, be less than disqualification.

1.5.2 The notation '[NP]' in a rule in the NOR or SIs means this rule may not be protested by a boat.

2. ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA. [DP]

3. BORROWED BOATS AND EQUIPMENT

TCYC will provide member-owned, race-ready Sonar boats and sails for all teams. Teams must use the Sonars as provided by the club and comply with this NOR and Attachment A (Boat Handling and Equipment Rules). [NP] [DP]

4. ELIGIBILITY

4.1 All competitors and the clubs they represent must be members in good standing of US Sailing or their national authority.

4.2 Participants must turn, or at least be, 19 years of age in the calendar year of the Event.

4.3 Number of Crew: The number of crew for the Regatta will be three (3) or four (4) including the helmsperson. A team must start and finish each race of the event with the same number of sailors registered on that team.

4.4 Crew Weight: The total weight of the crew, including the skipper, dressed in at least shorts and shirts, must not **exceed 700 lbs.**, determined at the time of registration and such other times as required by OA.

4.5 Eligibility Conditions: All competitors must meet the eligibility requirements specified in the Conditions, which can be found on the Event [website](#).

4.6 The selection process for all competitors at the national finals level is described on the Event website.

5. REGISTRATION AND FEES

5.1 Fees

5.1.1 Payment: of a separate nonrefundable Application for Invitation Fee of \$50 due September 23, 2021 with the application. The Entry Fee and online Registration Form due September 28, 2021.

5.1.2 Entry fee is \$450 for three (3) sailors and \$545 for four (4) sailors.

5.1.3 Late entries received after September 23, 2021 will incur an additional fee of \$75 unless invited by the OA from the priority wait list.

5.1.4 Application and entry fees are payable through the registration page found at: [Regatta Website](#).

5.2 Entries will be selected as specified in Section 2 of the US Sailing Adult Championship Conditions. Each US Sailing Regional Sailing Association (RSA) may submit ONE (1) entry



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5.3 Deadlines

Deadline Date	Activity Completed
September 23, 2021	Application Deadline: RSA's (or their delegates) must submit applications with the Nonrefundable \$50 Application Fee to US Sailing. The form will be provided to all USSA Member RSA's. If Link lost RSA should contact USSA: adultchampionships@ussailing.org
September 25, 2021	Notification: US Sailing will notify teams invited to participate in national finals.
September 28, 2021	Registration Deadline: Invited teams must register online on the Event website provided in the Letter of Invitation. Balance of fees must be received by US Sailing.

5.4 Entries not invited will be kept on a priority wait list and will be contacted in the order determined by US Sailing selection committee if any of the initial invited entrants are unable to attend.

5.5 As a condition of entry, all competitors will be required to sign US Sailing's Code of Conduct, depiction release, release of liability, and waiver forms.

5.6 An entry is not considered complete until the entry form has been completed and all fees and signed documents (including signed releases and waivers) are received and accepted by US Sailing and Damage Deposit is paid to TCYC at check in on site.

5.7 Damage Deposit

5.7.1 The Event is using member's boats, which the host club must protect from loss and damage.

5.7.2 An initial deposit of US **\$1,500** must be paid by each team to Texas Corinthian Yacht Club at registration.

5.7.3 Procedure:

A. Competitors must inspect each boat upon getting in it and out of it (including at beginning of the day, on-the-water, or at end of day).

B. If competitor sees any damage or loss to the boat, sails or equipment, their team will notify the bosun for inspection. On-the-water, the team will raise a flag (provided at registration) to get the bosun's attention.

C. Bosun will inspect and attempt of repair the damaged or lost part of the boat and thereafter determine if the damage or loss was caused by a team(s) or ordinary wear and tear. If the bosun determines the damage or loss was caused by a team(s), the cost of the damage will be deducted from the Team's damage deposit.

D. In addition, each team will submit a written damage report to the Event Chair or his designee at the end of the day, even if no damage or loss occurred. Reports must include any evidence of matters which could cause damage or disadvantage to the boat in future matches.



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E. If no report of damage or loss is made to bosun or host club, but damage or loss is found to a boat, the damage deposit of the last team to use the boat will be deducted.

5.7.4 If a deduction from the damage deposit is decided by host club, host club may require the deposit be restored to its original amount before the skipper will be permitted to continue in the Event.

5.7.5 Any remaining deposit after the Event will be refunded 30 days after the Event, minus the costs of any boat damage or other costs incurred and left unpaid, for which host club deems the skipper to be responsible.

5.8 Refund

If an invited team is unable to attend the Event and has paid its entry fees, such team may request a refund (excluding nonrefundable \$50 application fee) only if a replacement team is found by August 15, 2021.

6. SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Event
Wednesday, October 20	1000 – 1700	Check-In & Weigh-In
	1200 – 1700	Boats available for practice
Thursday, October 21	0800 – 0900	Late Check-In
	0900	Competitor’s meeting
	1100	First warning
	after racing	Social at TCYC
Friday, October 22	0900	Competitor’s meeting
	1100	First warning
	after racing	<i>on own</i>
Saturday, October 23	0900	Competitor’s meeting
	1100	First warning
	after racing	Social at TCYC
Sunday, October 24	0900	Competitor’s meeting
	1100	First warning
	1430	<i>No initial warning signal after this time.</i>
	after racing	Social & awards at TCYC

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

SIs will be available October 15, 2021 on the Event website.

8. COURSE, VENUE & RACING AREA

8.1 Windward leeward race courses (with or without a gate) are planned for this event.

8.2 The Event venue will be Texas Corinthian Yacht Club, Kemah, Texas.

8.3 Racing area is ¾ mile off the end of the TCYC pier, on Galveston Bay.

9. PENALTY SYSTEM

The Event intends to use traditional protest procedures as specified in SIs. Judges may be on the water and may file protests under RRS 60.3. **Addendum Q may be attached to the Sailing Instructions:** [https://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/AddendumQversion20190101-\[24621\].pdf](https://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/AddendumQversion20190101-[24621].pdf)



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10. RACE FORMAT & SCORING

10.1 Race Format

- 10.1.1 The event will consist of short, umpired fleet racing using windward/leeward course including a qualifying series and a finals series. Further details will be provided in the sailing instructions.
 - 10.1.2 Fleet Racing Format. If the number of teams accepted and registered for the Event is the same as the number of boats available from the host club, the Event is anticipated to be conducted using a regular fixed fleet racing format (with teams rotating amongst boats as determined by OA). A minimum of three (3) races shall be completed to constitute a series.
 - 10.1.3 League Style Format. However, if the number of teams accepted and registered for the Event exceeds the number of boats available from the host club, the Event is anticipated to be conducted using a league style format (with teams rotating amongst boats as determined by OA) consisting of three stages: Stage One, Stage Two – the Repechage, and Stage Three - the Finals. A minimum of three (3) races in Stage One shall be completed to constitute a series. However, should conditions be such that the scheduled number of races in a stage cannot be concluded (whether in Stage One, Repechage, and/or Finals), the affected stage(s) will be terminated, and the results scored based on all races completed in such stage(s). For teams with fewer scores than races sailed in a stage (because of the round robin format and not for reasons caused by the team), these teams shall be awarded their average score based on the races which the team completed in such stage, as applicable.
 - 10.1.4 In attempt to protect TCYC member's boats, no race will be started or run when sustained winds exceed an average of 17 knots or gust to 22 knots or more.
- 10.2 Scoring: Regardless of race format, races will be scored using RRS A4, however at no point during any stage(s) will a completed race be discarded.

11. COACHING & SUPPORT BOATS

This is a Grade 3 event as defined by [US Sailing's Coaching and Support Boat Policy](#). No private coaching of any competitor while on the water will be permitted.

12. PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES

Per US Sailing Regulation 10.03, for the Event, no competitor will use or possess, either on or off the water, marijuana or any other substance if use or possession is illegal under state or federal law. An alleged breach of these regulations will not be grounds for a protest; this changes RRS 60.1(a), 60.2(a) and 60.3(a). However, when PC believes that a competitor may have breached any regulation or Code of Conduct, it must follow the process described in the Championship Code of Conduct. If a competitor is found to have breached one of the elements within the Code of Conduct, he/she will be excluded from the remaining races of the series and, where practicable, removed from the Event venue and sent home. The competitor's team will be disqualified from all races of the Event. [NP]

13. PRIZES

- 13.1 US Sailing medals will be awarded to the top three teams.



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- 13.2 The first place team will be presented the **Clifford D. Mallory Trophy**.
- 13.3 The **Staton J. Peele, Jr. Trophy** voted upon by the sailors may be awarded for sportsmanship.

14. **DISCLAIMER, RELEASE & WAIVER OF LIABILITY**

Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury, including without limitation bodily injury, permanent disability, and death. Each person participates in the event and each race entirely at his/her own risk. See RRS 3, "Decision to Race."

THE ORGANIZING AUTHORITY, US SAILING, TEXAS CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB, RACE COMMITTEE, PROTEST COMMITTEE, SPONSORS, AND VENUE (COLLECTIVELY, "**RACE ORGANIZERS**") WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE OR LIABLE FOR ANY ACTION, CLAIM, LIABILITY, LOSS, DAMAGE, ACCIDENT OR INJURY (INCLUDING BODILY INJURY, PERSONAL INJURY, PERMANENT DISABILITY, AND DEATH) (COLLECTIVELY, "**DAMAGES**") TO ANY PERSON, PROPERTY OR BOAT (i) SUSTAINED IN CONJUNCTION WITH OR PRIOR TO, DURING, OR AFTER EACH RACE; OR (ii) ARISING, RELATING OR RESULTING FROM USE OF RACE FACILITIES OR PARTICIPATION IN A RACE OR ASSOCIATED ACTIVITIES, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW.

BY PARTICIPATING, EACH PARTICIPANT (AND IN THE CASE OF CHILDREN AND MINORS, EACH PARTICIPANT'S PARENT OR GUARDIAN) FOREVER RELEASES, DISCHARGES AND WAIVES ANY AND ALL ACTIONS, SUITS AND CLAIMS WHATSOEVER AGAINST **RACE ORGANIZERS** FOR ANY **DAMAGES** TO ANY PERSON, PROPERTY OR BOAT (I) SUSTAINED IN CONJUNCTION WITH OR PRIOR TO, DURING, OR AFTER EACH RACE; OR (II) ARISING, RELATING OR RESULTING FROM USE OF RACE FACILITIES OR PARTICIPATION IN A RACE OR ASSOCIATED ACTIVITIES, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW.

PARTICIPANT FURTHER RELEASES ALL **RACE ORGANIZERS** FROM ALL **DAMAGES** WHATSOEVER ON ACCOUNT OF ANY OF THEM GIVING ASSISTANCE, AID, CARE, ADVICE, RESCUE, FIRST AID, TREATMENT OR SERVICES.

15. **GOVERNMENTAL RULES**

Competitors must comply with all applicable local governmental laws, rules and regulations. [DP]

16. **PUBLICITY & PHOTOGRAPHER'S RIGHTS**

As a condition of participation, each participant (on behalf of him/herself and their children/minors) grant **RACE ORGANIZERS**, sponsors and their designated photographers the perpetual, irrevocable right, license and permission to use, publish and distribute the participant's name, photos, video, images, finishes, results, and statements of them and their boat and crew in all forms and media worldwide (including without limitation Internet) for any purposes whatsoever (including without limitation advertisements, promotions, public sale of pictures, etc.) without compensation or further permission.



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17. AMENDMENT

The OA may amend this NOR at any time upon posting an updated version on (i) the Event website and/or, (ii) if change occurs during the event, the official notice board at TCYC's clubhouse.

18. FURTHER INFORMATION

The OA The Host club is Texas Corinthian Yacht Club, located at 104 Park Circle, Kemah Texas 77565. 281-339-1566. The Event will be administered by the Championship Chair and Regatta Chair. To contact them:

Contact	Email Address	Telephone
Drew Daugherty, National Adult Championship Chair	drew.daugherty@sbcglobal.net	501-772-2935
Jack Daniel, Event Chair, Texas Corinthian Yacht Club	jedaniel@earthlink.net	713-253-8324
Nancy Mazzulli, US Sailing Adult Programs Outreach Coordinator	NancyMazzulli@ussailing.org	401-342-7961

For more details, see: <http://www.ussailing.org/competition/championships/u-s-adult-sailing-championship/>



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Attachment A BOAT HANDLING AND EQUIPMENT RULES

A1. Prohibited Items and Actions.

Except in an emergency or in order to prevent damage or injury, or when directed by OA, RC or PC, the following are prohibited:

- a. Any additions, omissions, or alterations to the hull, rudder, mast, boom or other equipment supplied.
- b. Using any equipment for a purpose other than that intended or specifically permitted.
- c. Replacing any equipment without the sanction of OA.
- d. Sailing the boat in a manner that it is reasonable to predict that significant further damage would result.
- e. Moving equipment from its normal stowage position except when being used.
- f. Boarding a boat without prior permission.
- g. Taking a boat from its berth or mooring without having paid the required damage deposit or having permission from the Event Chair or designee, or, on race days, while 'AP' is displayed ashore.
- h. Hauling out a boat or cleaning surfaces below the waterline.
- i. Attaching lines to the fabric of spinnakers.
- j. Perforating sails, even to attach tell tales.
- k. Adjusting or altering the tension of standing rigging, excluding the backstay.
- l. Using a winch to adjust the mainsheet, backstay, or vang.
- m. Using a reef line as an outhaul.
- n. Using electronic instruments including digital compass and watches.
- o. Using the spinnaker pole to wing out the jib.
- p. Marking directly on the boom, mast, hull, or deck.
- q. Using the shrouds (including any inner shrouds) to facilitate tacking or gybing, or to aid the projection of a crewmember outboard.
- r. Adjusting tension of the battens.
- s. Attaching the spinnaker pole end to the shrouds.

A2. Permitted Items and Actions.

The following are permitted:

- a. Taking on board the following equipment:
 1. basic hand tools;
 2. WHITE OR CLEAR adhesive tape;
 3. line (elastic or otherwise of 4 mm diameter or less);
 4. marking pencils;
 5. tell tale material;
 6. watch, timers, and handheld compass;
 7. shackles and clevis pins;
 8. velcro tape;
 9. copy of *Racing Rules of Sailing*, paper and writing utensil;
 10. spare flags;
 11. VHF radio - Per NOR#1.3, all teams must bring and carry their own VHF radio.
- b. Using the items in A2(a) only to:
 1. prevent fouling of lines, sails and sheets;



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2. attach tell tales;



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3. prevent sails being damaged or falling overboard;
4. mark control settings;
5. make minor repairs and permitted adjustments; and
6. use the VHF to contact, or receive instructions from, the RC as permitted herein.

A3. Mandatory Items and Actions.

The following are mandatory:

- a. **The completion of a damage report before leaving a boat and submitting it to the Event Chair, or his designee, even if no damage or loss is recorded, after each day or rotation (whichever comes first).** Reports must include any evidence of matters which could cause damage or disadvantage to the boat in future matches.
- b. At the end of each sailing day:
 1. rolling, bagging, and placement of the sails as directed,
 2. leaving the boat in the same state of cleanliness as when first boarded that day, and
 3. using backstay control lines under slight tension to secure tiller.
- c. At the end of each day, cleaning the boat (cabin and decks), removing all trash and removing all marks and tape except tape applied to turnbuckles and for chafe protection.
- d. Any request to alter, in any way, the equipment on a boat must be submitted in writing to the OA and worded to permit a yes/no answer.
- e. A breach of item A3(b) will be considered ‘damage’ and the cost of rectification will be deducted from the damage deposit.

A4. Provided Equipment

The following non-fixed items, provided on the boats, are to be carried on board at all times in their designated place while sailing:

Sails and Sailing Equipment		
mainsail with battens	jib	Spinnaker
		one spinnaker pole
two spinnaker sheets	jib sheets	tiller extension
two jib cars	competitor flag set	

Safety Gear		
manual bilge pump	bucket with line & sponge	anchor, chain and line
code flag B		
tow line		one paddle

Loss or damage to any boat, sails or equipment must be immediately reported to the bosun or Event Chair or his designee.

A5. Sonar Class Rules

This Event is **NOT** being conducted as a Sonar sanctioned or class association event. However, US Sailing encourages sailors to join the Sonar Class Association to support their efforts. To join the Sonar Class, see: <https://sca2.wildapricot.org/widget/join-us>