

## 2023 Chubb U.S. Youth Triplehanded Championship For the Sears Cup



August 10 - 13, 2023  
Organizing Authority: US Sailing  
Host: Bay Access Sailing Foundation  
at Lakewood Yacht Club



**NOTICE OF RACE**  
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*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. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as 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 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 as described in the [Championships' Code of Conduct](#).
  - 1.2.2. The [Conditions for the Junior Sailing Championship](#) and the [US Sailing Conditions for Championships](#).
  - 1.2.3. [The US Sailing Championship Support Vessel Policy](#): This will be a Grade 2 Coaching event. US Sailing Coaches will be provided and no private or team coaching is permitted.
- 1.3. This Championship is not being conducted as a sanctioned or class association event. Only the Equipment Measurement Rules for the RS21 Class will apply.
- 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 77 is changed so that a boat is not required to display national letters.
- 1.7. When Borrowed Boats are provided for the competitors in a series, 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 and reference to umpire is replaced with protest committee. In rules D5.3 and D5.4, all references to "race committee" are changed to "protest committee". Teams are expected to bring a yellow breakdown flag at least 8"x8" in size.

### 2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1. Competitors may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority as outlined in World Sailing Regulation 20. [DP]



### 3. CLASS

- 3.1. RS21's will be provided and will be sailing in a "round robin" format. The format and rotation scheme shall be posted in the Sailing Instructions and the rotation schedule will be posted prior to the competitor's briefing for each day of racing.
- 3.2. Teams shall not in any way adjust standing rigging of any boat during the event, except with the prior consent of the Technical Committee. Teams understand that each boat is rigged within the specifications of the class and specific sail adjustments may vary from boat to boat.
- 3.3. 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]
- 3.4. GPS devices of all varieties, styles and combinations and VHF radios are specifically banned. [DP]

### 4. ELIGIBILITY

- 4.1. Competitors must have reached their 13<sup>th</sup> birthday but not their 19<sup>th</sup> birthday during the calendar year in which the event is held.
- 4.2. Competitors must be individual or family members, all in good standing, of US Sailing at the time of qualification, registration and the event and not otherwise ineligible to compete under the laws, regulations. Policies and rules of the USOPC or its affiliated organizations.
- 4.3. All competitors must be a member of a Local Sailing Organization (LSO) that is a member of US Sailing. An LSO is defined to include a yacht club, sailing club, community sailing program or other sailing organization.
- 4.4. Crew member(s) must be members of an LSO which is a member of US Sailing within the same US Sailing Area as the helm.
- 4.5. The Skipper and all the members of the crew shall reside in or regularly compete in the same US Sailing Area where the club is geographically located.

### 5. QUALIFICATION

- 5.1. Each area, as defined by US Sailing, may qualify two (2) team for this National Championship
- 5.2. The team must remain the same throughout the series of qualifying events within and through the Area Qualifying event and including the National Championship. Crew changes shall meet the requirements of the Conditions for the US Junior Championship. See 1.2 for a link to this document.
- 5.3. For the 2023 National Championship, teams must have **four crew members** (including the skipper).

### 6. REGISTRATION, ENTRY AND CHARTERS

- 6.1. Qualified teams may enter the event by completing the registration, including payment in full, available on the Event Website:  
<https://www.ussailing.org/competition/championships/2023-chubb-us-youth-triplehanded-championship/>
- 6.2. Registrations shall be submitted online within seven days of qualification. Failure to register within the deadline may lead to the berth being offered to the next eligible boat.
- 6.3. The Entry Fee is \$550 per team, which includes coaching, some meals and entertainment.
- 6.4. The Charter Fee is \$780 per team. An additional \$1000 damage deposit will be held by the host organization, for cases of boat damage.
- 6.5. A completed entry is defined as all forms having been completed online and all appropriate entry forms and fees having been received by the host club by July 29, 2022.
- 6.6. Regatta grants are available for this event through the Glenn Lattimore regatta grants. Applications for eligible sailors can be found at:



<https://www.ussailing.org/competition/resources/regatta-grants/>

## 7. CREW CHANGES

7.1. Once a team is registered, the substitution of team members is prohibited except for specific circumstances described in the [US Sailing Championship Conditions](#).

## 8. HOUSING

8.1. There will be no regatta provided housing for this event. Please see the event website for local housing options.

## 9. TRANSPORTATION

9.1. Local transportation to and from the event is the competitor's responsibility; no transportation will be provided by the OA.

## 10. PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE (subject to change)

10.1. Early or late arrivals and/or departures are not permitted. Permission for any exceptions must be requested to the National Event Chair, Steven Hochart ([stevehochart@gmail.com](mailto:stevehochart@gmail.com)) at least two weeks in advance and will only be granted in extenuating circumstances.

10.2. Mandatory Participation Required:

10.2.1. A mandatory clinic will be held preceding the championship. The purpose of the clinic will be to familiarize the competitors with the local conditions and probable race course. The clinic is intended to include a practice race. Coaches for the clinic will be provided by US Sailing.

10.2.2. Attendance at the Awards Ceremony is mandatory for all competitors. Regatta casual attire is requested. Competitors may depart the event after the Awards with a parent or guardian. [DP]

10.2.3. Preliminary Schedule:

Wednesday, August 9	1400-1800	Early Registration
Thursday, August 10	0900-1100 1100-1700 1800	Registration Clinic Opening Ceremony and Regatta Celebration Dinner
Friday, August 11	1000 1200	Competitors Meeting Warning signal for first race of the day; subsequent races to follow
Saturday, August 12	1000 1200	Mandatory Morning Briefing Warning signal for first race of the day; subsequent races to follow
Sunday, August 13	1000 1200  1700 As soon as practical	Mandatory Morning Briefing Warning signal for first race of the day; subsequent races to follow No Warning Signal after 1700 Awards Ceremony (regatta casual attire requested)

## 11. RISK, DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY & PERSONAL CONDUCT

11.1. Competitors participate in the regatta at their own risk. See Racing Rules of Sailing rule 3



(Decision to Race). Neither the OA nor host club will accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta.

11.2. Competitors will accept full responsibility for all of their actions during any activity related to the event. This includes on-shore activities before, during and after the regatta until such time as they leave the venue.

11.3. All competitors are expected to maintain the highest levels of conduct throughout the entire event until such time as they leave the venue. Enforcement of the discipline and conduct shall be conducted as per the Racing Rules of Sailing (rule 69.1), The Championships Code of Conduct and/or the policies and procedures of US Sailing (Regulation 15.01).

## **12. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

12.1. Sailing Instructions will be posted online at the Event Website prior to onsite check in.

## **13. VENUE**

13.1. The races will be sailed in the waters of Clear Lake or Galveston Bay. Detailed course locations will be provided in the Sailing Instructions.

## **14. SCORING**

14.1. Scoring and boat rotation information will be provided in the Sailing Instructions.

## **15. SPECTATORS**

15.1. Spectator boats may be provided by the host-club on a limited basis. Additional opportunities for spectators may be available onshore. Details will be provided to invited sailors.

## **16. COACHING [DP]**

16.1. This is a Grade 2 Event as defined in the [US Sailing Championship Coaching and Support Boat Policy](#).

16.2. US Sailing coaches will be supplied and no private/team coaching is permitted. Private instructors, coaches and other support personnel including family members shall not go afloat in the defined racing area at any time during the clinic or racing days, except in spectator boats as defined in NoR 20.

16.3. Competitors shall not receive advice, instruction, or any type of assistance related to the competition outside of that provided by US Sailing. Outside contact with competitors, including electronic communication, for the purposes of offering a racing advantage is prohibited for the duration of the event; commencing with the competitor's arrival at the host club until dismissal by the US Sailing Coach on clinic days, or released by the Protest Committee on racing days.

16.4. The coaches provided by US Sailing will offer on-the-water instruction and group commentary/advice on land following each racing day. This coaching will be given to all competitors on an as equal basis as possible.

## **17. 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.*

<https://www.ussailing.org/competition/resources/hosting-a-us-sailing-championship/regulation-10/>

## **18. PRIZES**

- 18.1. US Sailing Championship medals will be awarded to competitors who finish first through third.
- 18.2. The following trophies will be presented:
  - 18.2.1. The Sears Cup is the perpetual trophy presented to the winning team.
  - 18.2.2. The Judges Trophy will be awarded to the second place team.
  - 18.2.3. The Cox Sportsmanship Award will be awarded to the sportsmanship award winners.
  - 18.2.4. The Seamanship Trophy will be awarded to the team that receives the greatest number of points for neatness and general shipshape condition of their boats.

## **19. FURTHER INFORMATION**

National Chair: Steven Hochart [stevehochart@gmail.com](mailto:stevehochart@gmail.com)

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