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## 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



Sailing Instructions  
Posted August 8, 2023



*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 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 following [RS21 Class Rules](#) will apply: C3.3 on Crew Positioning ; C.10.1 and C.10.2 on Bowsprit use. See Attachment 4 to the Sailing Instructions. This changes RRS 78.1.
  - 1.3.1. "Is being set" in Attachment 4 C10.1 will be interpreted as the process of continuously hoisting the sail by the halyard.
- 1.4. 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.
- 1.5. 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]
- 1.6. RRS 44.2 is modified to include after the first sentence: However, if Mark 1a is set, a boat may take a penalty for an incident in the zone around Mark 1 or on the leg between Mark 1 and Mark 1a, as soon as possible after leaving the zone around Mark 1a.
- 1.7. RRS 60.1 is changed to add: 60.1 (d) a boat may not protest another boat for an alleged breach of any class rule other than equipment measurement rules.
- 1.8. RRS 77 is changed so that a boat is not required to display national letters.
- 1.9. RRS A8.2 is changed to read: If a tie remains between two or more boats, they shall be ranked in order of each of their scores in each of their last race(s), regardless if they raced against each other. Any remaining ties shall be



broken by using the tied boats' scores in their next-to-last race(s) and so on until all ties are broken. If the tie remains then it will be settled by a game of chance to be conducted by the PRO.

1.10. Sailing Instruction Attachment 1 - Borrowed Boats shall apply.

## 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the glass doors to the Lakewood Yacht Club main lobby and online: <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/s3GaFfesRY/>

## 3. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1. Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted no later than 20 minutes after the close of the morning briefing on the day it takes effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted no later than the end of the protest time limit or 2000 hrs, whichever is later, on the day before it will take effect.

## 4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1. Signals ashore will be displayed from the clubhouse lawn signal mast at Lakewood Yacht Club.  
4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 30 minutes" in the Race Signal AP. This changes Race Signals.

## 5. FORMAT AND SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1. The regatta will be divided into a Qualifying Series and a Championship Series with Gold and Silver fleets.  
5.2. Boat assignments and rotation schedules will be posted daily on the notice board and online no later than 1000.  
5.3. Boat assignments and rotations will be the decision of the OA. Boat assignments and rotation schedules will be final and cannot be grounds for a boat to request redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).  
5.4. The intended rotation format is described in SI Attachment 5. The OA may adjust the rotation format and/or flight assignments without amendment of the Sailing Instructions.  
5.5. Qualifying Series:  
5.5.1. There will be two days of racing in the Qualifying Series: Friday, August 11 and Saturday, August 12.  
5.5.2. The fleet will rotate in "Sets" of races with each team completing an equal number of races in a full "Set".  
5.5.3. One full "Set" is scheduled on each day of the Qualifying Series. If a "Set" is not completed in one day, it will be continued on the following day.  
5.5.4. For the first day of the Qualifying Series, flight assignments will separate teams from the same US Sailing Area. For the second day of the Qualifying Series, provided that at least one complete "Set" has been sailed and scored, teams will be assigned to flights based on the cumulative regatta results as of the posted protest time limit following a pattern of 1-2-3-4-4-3-2-1, etc.  
5.5.5. In the event that fewer than one full "Set" is sailed over both days of the Qualifying Series, the fleet will not be divided into Gold and Silver fleets. A Championship Series will not be held.  
5.6. Championship Series:  
5.6.1. The Championship Series will take place on the last day of the regatta: Sunday, August 13.  
5.6.2. Competitors will be assigned to Gold and Silver fleets for the Championship Series for the final day of racing by their results in the Qualifying Series with the top finishing boats assigned to the Gold fleet.  
5.6.3. Gold and Silver fleets will be of equal number if there are an even number of competitors. The Gold fleet will be one greater in number if there are an odd number of competitors.

## 6. EVENT SCHEDULE

6.1. Event Schedule:

Wednesday, August 9	1400-1800	Early Registration
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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)

## 7. SAFETY AND PERSONAL EQUIPMENT

- 7.1. A boat retiring from a race shall notify a RC Vessel before leaving the course, or, when that is impossible, immediately after arrival ashore. [DP]
- 7.2. The only gear, rigging, or equipment that a competitor may take aboard is: a refillable water bottle, flags, normally equipped ditty-bag, personal effects, PFDs and protective clothing. [DP]
- 7.3. GPS devices of all varieties, styles and combinations and VHF radios are specifically prohibited. [DP]
- 7.4. Boats may be required to sail without spinnakers if wind exceeds level which the Race Committee deems may increase risk of damage to boats or equipment. The requirement to sail without hoisting spinnakers shall be announced by the Race Committee prior to the start of a race by flying the Bravo flag with one long sound signal prior to the warning signal for a race. This requirement shall remain in place for the duration of the race. The requirement to sail without spinnakers shall remain in place for all subsequent races on the same day until the Bravo flag is dropped with one long sound signal prior to the subsequent race's warning signal.

## 8. CLASS FLAGS

- 8.1. The class flag will be a RS21 flag.

## 9. RACING AREA

- 9.1. Attachment 2 shows the location of the racing area.

## 10. OBSTRUCTIONS

- 10.1. The Clear Lake Channel and all areas within Clear Lake south of the Clear Lake Channel are designated as obstructions. Boats shall not cross the line of the north side of the Clear Lake Channel. This line is marked by the red channel markers for Clear Lake Channel.

## 11. THE COURSE

- 11.1. The diagram in Attachment 3 shows the courses.
- 11.2. No later than the warning signal, the RC signal boat will display the course designation and the approximate compass bearing for the first leg.

## 12. MARKS

- 12.1. Rounding marks will be orange inflatable marks.
- 12.2. The windward offset mark (1a) will be an orange sphere.
- 12.3. The start and finish pin, if used, will be an orange sphere.
- 12.4. Change marks will be yellow inflatable marks.

## 13. THE START

- 13.1. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee vessel and the course side of the mark or a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee boat at the port end of the line.
- 13.2. A boat starting later than four minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, 63.1, and A5.

## 14. RECALLS

- 14.1. The race committee will attempt to hail the recall numbers of OCS boats after the starting signal. This changes RRS 29.1.
- 14.2. Failure of any boat to hear the hail, promptness of the hail, failure to hail any boats or the order of boats hailed shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1.

## 15. CHANGES TO THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 15.1. To change the next leg of the course, the RC will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the old marks as soon as practical.
- 15.2. The Race Committee may make minor adjustments by moving the original marks to new locations (up to 10 degrees and 0.1 NM in length) to the course during a race without signaling a course change. This changes RRS 33.
- 15.3. One or the other gate mark may be moved without signal to support the course configuration.

## 16. THE FINISH

- 16.1. The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee vessel and the course side of the finishing mark.

## 17. TIME LIMIT

- 17.1. The Race Time Limit for each race will be 45 minutes for the first boat to finish.
- 17.2. The Finishing Window for each race is 10 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window. This changes RRS 35, A4, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.
- 17.3. Failure to meet the time limit will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

## 18. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 18.1. A boat intending to protest does not need to display a red flag, but shall hail "protest" immediately and inform the Race Committee immediately after finishing. This modifies RRS 61.1.
- 18.2. RRS 44.3 will not apply.
- 18.3. Protest forms will be available at the Jury Desk located in the Lakewood Yacht Club main lobby.
- 18.4. The protest time limit is 45 minutes after the RC Signal Boat docks.
- 18.5. Notice of actions taken by the RC or PC will be posted on the official notice board.

## 19. SCORING

- 19.1. The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply.
- 19.2. Three (3) races for each boat are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 19.3. No races shall be excluded. This changes RRS A2.1. For series ties all races in both the Qualifying Series and Championship Series will be used to break ties.
- 19.4. For the Qualifying Series, RRS A5.2 is changed so that the scores are based on the number of boats assigned to the largest fleet.

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- 19.5. All boats must sail an equal number of races in the Qualifying Series. If an unequal number of races are finished then only races up to the last race at which point all boats had sailed an equal number of races (a completed "Set" per SI 5.5.2) will be included in the Qualifying Series score.
- 19.6. If insufficient races are completed to hold a Championship Series, per SI 5.5.5, then the score for the Championship Series will be zero for all boats. If weather conditions result in no races being finished in the Championship Series for either or both fleets then the score for the Championship Series shall be zero for all boats affected.
- 19.7. Championship Series Silver and Gold fleets need not have completed the same number of races.
- 19.8. The boats in the Gold fleet will be ranked above the boats in the Silver fleet.
- 19.9. A boat's overall series score will be the sum of her Qualifying Series score and her Championship Series score.

## **20. REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT**

- 20.1. Substitution or repair or replacement of hulls, sails, or equipment will not be allowed without prior written approval of the PC. [DP]

## **21. COACHING AND SUPPORT BOATS**

- 21.1. This is a Grade 2 Event as defined in the US Sailing Championship Support Vessel Policy. See 1.2.3 for a link to this document.

## **22. PRIZES**

- 22.1. US Sailing Championship medals will be awarded to competitors who finish first through third.
- 22.2. The following trophies will be presented:
  - 22.2.1. The Sears Cup will be awarded to the winning team.
  - 22.2.2. The Judges Trophy will be awarded to the second place team.
  - 22.2.3. The Cox Sportsmanship Award will be awarded to the sportsmanship award winners.
  - 22.2.4. The Seamanship Trophy will be awarded to the team of the shipshape award winners.

## **23. FURTHER INFORMATION**

National Chair:	Steven Hochart	<a href="mailto:stevehochart@gmail.com">stevehochart@gmail.com</a>
Event Chair:	Marie Wise	<a href="mailto:sailmom@gmail.com">sailmom@gmail.com</a>
US Sailing:		<a href="mailto:youthchampionships@ussailing.org">youthchampionships@ussailing.org</a>

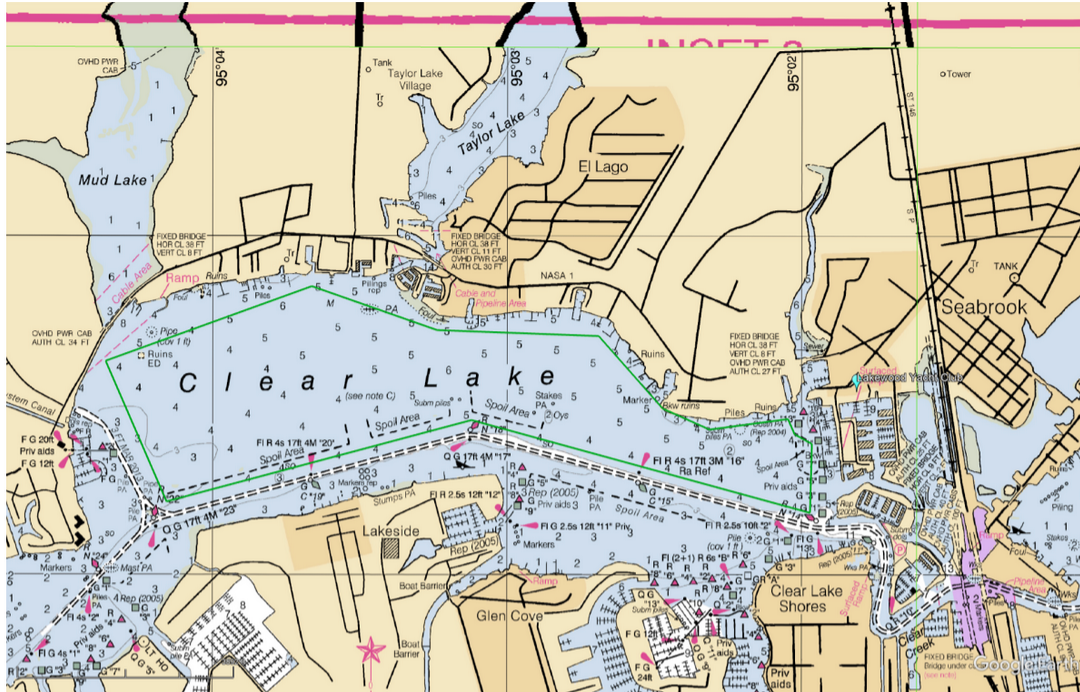


## ATTACHMENT 1 – BORROWED BOATS

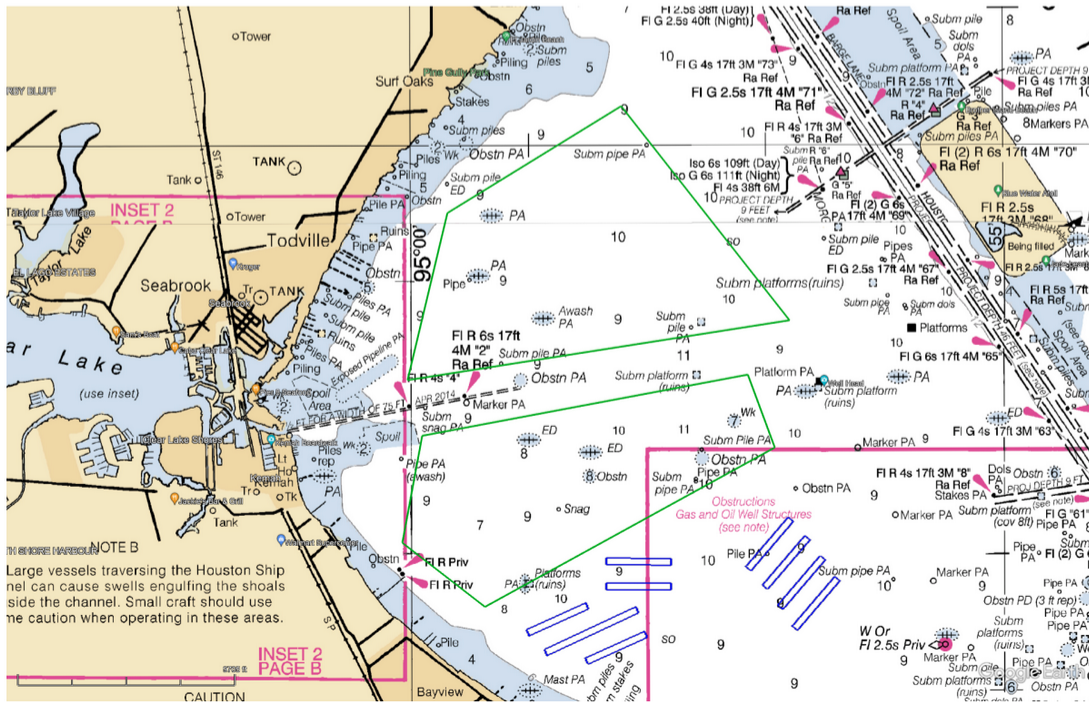
- A1.1 Boats will be provided for all competitors, who shall not modify them or cause them to be modified in any way except that:
- (a) wind indicators, including yarn or thread, may be tied or taped anywhere on the boat;
  - (b) hulls, centerboards and rudders may be cleaned, but only with water;
  - (c) adhesive (electrical) tape may be used anywhere above the water line, but not duct tape or equivalent.
- A1.2 All equipment provided with the boat for sailing purposes shall be in the boat while afloat.
- A1.3 The penalty for not complying with one of the above SIs in this Attachment may be disqualification from all races sailed in which the SI was broken. [DP]
- A1.4 Competitors shall report any damage or loss of equipment, however slight, to the Organizing Authority's representative immediately after securing the boat ashore. The penalty for breaking this SI, unless the PC is satisfied that the competitor made a determined effort to comply, may be disqualification from the race most recently sailed. [DP]
- A1.5 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. A yellow breakdown flag will be provided.

## ATTACHMENT 2 - RACING AREA

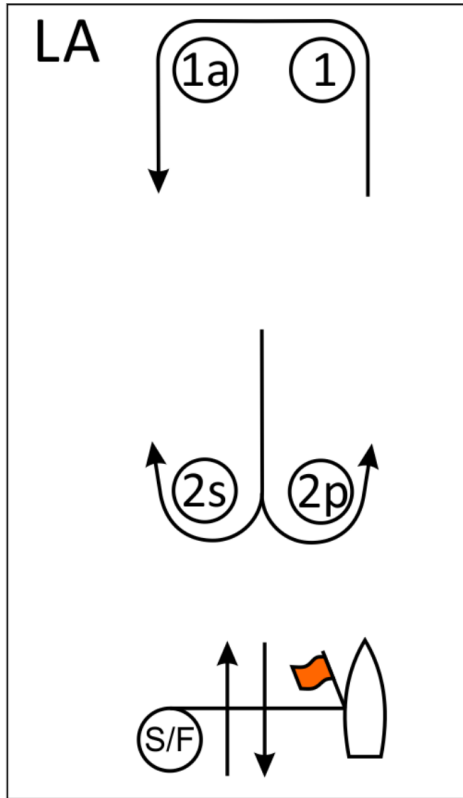
Clear Lake Race Area - marked with **GREEN LINE**



Galveston Bay Race Area - marked with **GREEN LINE**



## ATTACHMENT 3 - COURSES



Course LA – Windward/Leeward with Offset Mark, Leeward Finish

Signal	Mark Rounding Order
LA2	Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – Finish
LA3	Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – Finish
LA4	Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – Finish



## ATTACHMENT 4 – EXCERPT FROM [RS21 Class Rules](#)

### C3.3 CREW POSITIONING

- (a) Except for momentary sail handling and/or repair needs, crew shall remain aft of the mast while on deck.
- (b) Crew shall not stand or lean out over the cockpit safety lines or stern rails to promote roll tacking, roll gybing or to increase hiking leverage, or for any other reason, other than for temporary needs to make repairs or correct problems.
- (c) No crew may have their legs outboard of the shearline, and generally facing to the center of the boat.
- (d) When tacking or gybing, crew shall not hang, push or pull on the shrouds, mast, cockpit safety lines, stanchions, mainsheet hoop or any other item to promote the maneuver.
- (e) Except for a medical emergency or momentary sail handling and/or repair needs, crew heads and shoulders shall remain above deck.

### C.10 BOWSPRIT

- C.10.1 The bowsprit shall always be fully retracted except when the gennaker is being set, is set, or is being retrieved, and shall be retracted at the first reasonable opportunity after the retrieval.
- C.10.2 An extended bowsprit shall not be considered part of the boat for the purposes of
  - (a) establishing an overlap, or
  - (b) establishing right of way, unless the gennaker is set.



## ATTACHMENT 5 - ROTATION FORMAT

Teams are assigned to one of 4 Flights: Yellow ; Pink ; Blue ; Green

Each Flight has 5 teams. With 19 teams, one flight will have 4 teams.

Five boats will rotate after the specified number of races.

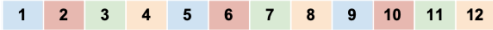
Day one flight assignments separate teams from the same area.

Day two flight assignments are made using day one results:

1st Y, 2nd P, 3rd B, 4th G, 5th G, 6th B, 7th P, 8th Y, etc.

Bow number assignments are subject to change. The graph below is an EXAMPLE of a rotation.

There are 12 numbered boats with color bow numbers in the LYC RS21 Fleet:



Days 1 and 2 Qualifying Series												Day 3																									
Three Race Option, Six Races Per Team						Two Race Option, Four Races Per Team						One Race Option				Championship Series																					
Race Number:												Race Number:				Race Number:				Race Number:																	
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