



US Sailing Championship of Champions

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Organizing Authority (OA): US Sailing

Hosted by Corinthian Sailing Club (CSC)

Sailing Instructions

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1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) including *Appendix E (Radio Sailing)*, by the US Sailing Conditions, Championship of Champions Conditions (referred to hereinafter as the Conditions), by the US Sailing Regulations Sections 2, 4, 10, 15, by the SafeSport Handbook, and by the US Sailing Code of Conduct.
- 1.2 The following rules in the RRS will be changed:
 - 1.2.1 RRS 60.1 (a) is modified to prohibit a boat from protesting another boat for an alleged breach of a class rule.
 - 1.2.2 RRS 62.2 If the request for redress is based on an incident in the racing area, it shall be reported to the Race Committee (RC) within the protest time limit.
 - 1.2.3 RRS 63.2 is changed to provide only for oral communication that a protest hearing is being opened.
 - 1.2.4 E6.4 and E6.5 are changed to require verbal reporting of a protest to the RC within 1 minute of the last boat finishing that race.

- 1.2.5 Advertising for this regatta is restricted in accordance with Regulation 20, World Sailing Advertising Code. Competitors may be required to sail boats displaying advertising chosen and supplied by the OA.
- 1.3 The regatta is not being conducted as a class sanctioned or class association event. Class rules do not apply.
- 1.4 This is a Grade 3 Coaching event; no private coaching is permitted.
- 1.5 Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from an event official. Failure to comply may be misconduct. [DP]
- 1.6 US Sailing Prescriptions to RRS 63.1 and 63.2 will not be in effect.
- 1.7 In case of a conflict between the NOR and the SIs, the SIs will take precedence.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official regatta notice board located at <https://www.ussailing.org/competition/championships/2023-championship-of-champions>, and, as a courtesy, on the physical notice board, located near the racing area.

3 CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be posted by 0900 the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 on the day before it will take effect.
- 3.2 Changes to the SIs may also be communicated orally before the warning signal of the affected race.

4 BOATS

- 4.1 A newly built, radio controlled DragonFlite 95 will be provided to each competitor to use as “their boat” for the duration of the event. Boats will not be rotated.
- 4.2 Rig changes shall be specified by the RC or OA, and all competitors are required to use the rig specified (A, B, or C) for each race. The time allowed for rig changes is at the discretion of the RC.
- 4.3 The RC may allow outside assistance for the sole purpose of changing rigs.
- 4.4 Competitors shall report any damage or loss of equipment to the RC as soon as possible [DP].
- 4.5 After the warning signal, a race will not be postponed or abandoned due to breakdown unless the breakdown was communicated to the RC one (1) minute prior to the warning signal.

5 SCHEDULE

Friday Oct 20

- 1000-1200 On-site registration and check-in
- 1200-1300 Lunch / Skipper briefing
- 1300-1700 Practice with coaches and riggers
- 1900-2200 CSC Hosted Party at the CSC Clubhouse

Saturday Oct 21

- 0800-0900 Breakfast
- 0900 Competitors’ Meeting
- 0930 Warning signal – first race of the day
- Subsequent races to follow

30-minute lunch break at PRO discretion
1900 Fleet Dinner (Site TBA)

Sunday Oct 22

0800-0900 Breakfast
0930 Warning signal – first race of the day
Subsequent races to follow
30-minute lunch break at PRO discretion
1430 No warning signal after this time
TBA Awards will follow the last race

6 RACING AREA

6.1 Racing will be held off the docks at the Corinthian Sailing Club clubhouse on White Rock Lake in Dallas, TX. At the discretion of the RC and OA, the racing area may be moved to an alternate location.

7 START

7.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26, as amended by Appendix E 3.4

8 THE COURSE

8.1 The course will be defined by the RC and displayed on the course board. Description of the marks, including starting and finishing marks, and the order and side on which each is to be left shall be posted on the course board. The course may be changed only between races. Any change to the course shall be posted on the course board and the next race shall be preceded by a verbal warning.

9 RECALLS

9.1 The RC will hail OCS boats. The order or timing of the hail or the failure to hear the hail will not be grounds for Redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

10 TIME LIMITS

10.1 A boat starting later than four (4) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.

10.2 The time limit for the first boat to cross the finish line will be 15 minutes. Once the first boat has crossed the line, the time limit for other boats to finish the race will be 10 minutes. This changes RRS 35.

11 PENALTY SYSTEM

11.1 RRS Appendix E7 governs penalties for the event.

12 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

12.1 Boats intending to protest shall verbally inform the RC no later than 1 minute after the last boat finishes the race in which the incident took place. This changes RRS E6.4 and E6.5

12.2 Protests involving rules of RRS Part 2 or RRS 31 shall be held in accordance with RRS Appendix E, using the following procedure:

- 12.2.1 The hearing will begin as soon as all parties are assembled after the 1-minute protest reporting time.
- 12.2.2 Parties to a protest will be notified verbally that the protest hearing is opening. No other notice of hearing will be given. This changes RRS 63.2
- 12.2.3 Each party will be given about 1 minute to state their case.
- 12.2.4 The judges may question the parties and/or call witnesses.
- 12.2.5 The judges will have about 1 minute to determine the facts and make their decision and inform the parties of the decision verbally.

13 SCORING

- 13.1 The Low Point Scoring System (RRS Appendix A) will be used, modified as follows:
- 13.2 For every 8 completed races, 1 race will be excluded.
- 13.3 14.2 Seven (7) races are required to constitute the regatta.

14 BREAKDOWNS

- 14.1 When a boat suffers a breakdown in the racing area, she may seek redress by notifying the RC as soon as possible.
- 14.2 In case of major damage, servo failure, or other breakdown, competitors may be allowed to substitute their supplied boat or rig with a boat or rig supplied by the OA. This decision is at the discretion of the RC or OA and is not subject to redress.
- 14.3 When the PC decides that the boat's finishing position was made significantly worse by the breakdown, that the breakdown was through no fault of the driver, it shall make as equitable a decision as possible.

15 CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES

- 15.1 US Sailing Regulation 10.03, for adult US Sailing Championship events, no competitor shall use or possess, either on or off the water: marijuana or any other substance if possession is illegal under state or federal law.
- 15.2 An alleged breach of one of these regulations shall not be grounds for a protest. However, when the PC believes that a competitor may have broken one of these regulations, it shall follow the process described in the Championships Code of Conduct. If a competitor is found to have broken 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.

16 PRIZES

- 16.1 The Jack Brown Trophy, a perpetual trophy, will be awarded to the winner of the Championship Finals. The perpetual trophy will be kept on display at US Sailing.
- 16.2 US Sailing medals will be awarded to the top three (3) competitors.