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*dragonflite 95*

**US Sailing Championship of Champions  
Presented by Gowrie Risk Strategies  
October 20-22, 2023  
Organizing Authority: US Sailing (OA)**

**Hosted by: Corinthian Sailing Club (CSC)  
441 East Lawther Drive  
Dallas, Texas 75043**

**Notice of Race (NoR)**

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## **1 RULES**

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024* including *Appendix E for Radio Sailing*, by the [US Sailing Championship Conditions](#), [Championship of Champions Conditions](#) (referred to hereinafter as the Conditions), [US Sailing Regulations](#) Sections 2, 4, 10 and 15, the [SafeSport Handbook](#), and by the [US Sailing Championships Code of Conduct](#).
- 1.2 Rule 60.1(a) is modified to prohibit a boat from protesting another boat for an alleged breach of a class rule.

## **2 CLASS**

- 2.1 A newly built, radio controlled DragonFlite 95 will be provided to each competitor to use as "their boat" for the duration of the event and will be for sale at the end of the event, should the competitor wish to purchase the boat they raced.
- 2.2 The event is not being conducted as a class sanctioned or class association event.

## **3 ADVERTISING**

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

## **4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 4.1 The one-design class represented by each competing sailor must be a current member of US Sailing at the time of application.
- 4.2 All competitors must be at least 18 years of age at the time of the Championship of Champions and be current members of US Sailing. Proof of membership will be requested upon application and registration.
- 4.3 The applicant must be a 2022-2023 one-design class U.S. National Champion, North American Champion, or World Champion helmsperson during the qualifying period.
- 4.4 The qualifying period runs from August 15, 2022 to August 20, 2023. If a class championship is completed after August 20, 2023, the class champion will be eligible to apply for the 2024 Championship of Champions. If a current year champion has not been established prior to the application deadline, the current standing class champion is eligible to apply as long as this champion did not participate at the 2022 Championship of Champions event. Refer to the Conditions, paragraph 3 and 4 for a detailed discussion of eligibility and selection.

## **5 APPLICATION AND SELECTION**

- 5.1 Eligible class champions may apply for this event by submitting an online application and a non-refundable application fee of \$50.00. An Application to Apply link will be provided in the Invitation email sent to all champions by the Championship of Champions Committee. Application payment is due no later than Midnight, Pacific Time, August 23, 2023.
- 5.2 The US Sailing Championship of Champions Committee will review all applications and select 19 applicants, who will be notified no later than August 25, 2023.

Upon selection, applicants will be sent detailed information regarding on-line registration and the on-line payment of entry fees.

The 20th competitor will be an invited Mystery Guest.

- 5.3 Entries not invited by August 25, 2023, will be kept on a priority wait list and will be contacted, in the order determined by US Sailing, if any of the initial entrants are unable to attend.
- 5.4 Eligible late entries may be accepted or invited at the discretion of the US Sailing Championship of Champions Committee.

## **6 FEES**

- 6.1 The entry fee is \$275.00 per competitor and includes borrowed boat insurance, breakfast, lunches, dinners, parties, banquet and any commemorative item that may be provided.
- 6.2 Entry fees are due by September 13th, 2023. Registration information will be provided within the invitation letter sent to selected sailors.

- 6.3 Due to the nature of each competitor's boat being individually, custom branded, with their last name and one-design fleet they represent, **entry fees are not refundable.**
- 6.4 A non-competitor accompanying a competitor may purchase meal tickets at the registration desk or as part of registration online.

## **7 PROVISIONAL 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**

0800-0930	Breakfast
0900	Competitors meeting
1000	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

## **8 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 8.1 Provisional sailing instructions will be posted on the US Sailing event website one week prior to the event: <https://www.ussailing.org/competition/championships/2023-championship-of-champions/>
- 8.2 Official sailing instructions will be available at registration and on the US Sailing event website, see link above.

## **9 VENUE**

Racing will be held off the docks at the Corinthian Sailing Club clubhouse on White Rock Lake in Dallas, TX.

## **10 COURSES**

The courses will be windward/leeward and will be explained in detail in the sailing instructions.

## **11 PENALTY SYSTEM**

RRS Appendix E governs penalties for the event.

## **12 SCORING**

**The Low Point System of Appendix A will be used, with the following races excluded from a boat's score – 1 (one) exclusion per every 10<sup>th</sup>**

## **completed race.**

- 12.1 A Minimum of 7 (seven) completed races are required to constitute a regatta.

## **13 COACHING**

The Championship of Champions is a Grade 3 event as defined by US Sailing's Coaching and Support Boat Policy. No private coaching of any competitor shall be permitted during the period October 20-22, 2023.

## **14 CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES (US Sailing Regulation 10.03)**

- 14.1 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.
- 14.2 An alleged breach of this regulation shall not be grounds for protest. However, when the protest committee believes that a competitor may have breached this regulation, it shall follow the process described in the Championship's Code of Conduct. If a competitor 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 shall be disqualified from all races of the series and from the final results.

## **15 RISK STATEMENT**

Rule 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks.

## **16 PRIZES**

- 16.1 US Sailing medals will be awarded to the top three (3) competitors.
- 16.2 The winning competitor will be awarded the Jack Brown Perpetual Trophy. Their name will be engraved on the perpetual trophy, which will remain on display at US Sailing.

## **17 HOUSING AND HOTELS**

- 17.1 Limited Housing will be available to competitors in homes of CSC members. If you would like housing with a CSC member, please contact the Event Housing Chair, Heidi Gough at [heidi.gough@raymondjames.com](mailto:heidi.gough@raymondjames.com)
- 17.2 There are many local hotels within 5-10 miles including the Courtyard Marriott Mesquite and the Holiday Inn Express

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## **18 FURTHER INFORMATION**

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