



**U.S. Offshore Championship
for the Lloyd Phoenix Trophy**
Organizing Authority: **US Sailing**

Event Host: **Naval Academy Sailing**

September 14 - 17, 2023

NOTICE OF RACE

Posted: February 28, 2023

1. **RULES** The regatta will be governed by *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), the prescriptions of US Sailing, and, the Conditions for the Offshore Championship and the US Sailing Conditions for Championships except as these are changed by this Notice of Race and by the Sailing Instructions.
2. **ALTERATION OF RACING RULES**
RRS 44.3, Scoring Penalty, is changed by adding: (d) A boat that complies with any part of the requirements of RRS 44.3 will be scored with a 50% penalty unless she complies with all of the requirements.
3. **CLASS & CREW**
Navy 44 MK II sloops (Pedrick design) will be used. Each team shall consist of a crew of eight including one skipper and six crew members plus one U.S. Naval Academy Midshipman provided from the varsity offshore racing team. The NAVY may require the addition of a Naval Academy representative to comply with Navy Regulations. If this representative is added, there will be a total of nine persons aboard each boat.
4. **ADVERTISING**
This event is classified as a Category A event in accordance with Rule 6.1, World Sailing Regulation 20, Advertising Code. See the World Sailing Regulations at the following link:
https://d7qh6ksdplczd.cloudfront.net/sailing/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/29190542/Regulations_October-2022.pdf
5. **ELIGIBILITY**
 - 5.1. Up to 9 teams may compete. Teams will be selected based on US Sailing Area and resume (see the US Sailing website for more information) and the U.S. Naval Academy may enter one team for a maximum of ten total entries.
 - 5.2. All registered crew shall sail in all races, unless the jury approves a substitute. A Naval Academy representative may also be aboard each boat, but will not be considered a member of the crew or count toward the required number of crew.
 - 5.3. There is no weight limit for this regatta.
 - 5.4. Rule 6.1, World Sailing Regulation 22, World Sailing Sailor Categorization Code, will apply. All

competitors must be classified under the World Sailing Sailor Categorization Code; classification Groups 1 and 3 competitors may compete. Teams are limited to up to three Group 3 competitors. No Group 3 competitor may act as helmsperson unless he/she was the helmsperson and owner of the boat used in the five races which qualified him/her for eligibility.

- 5.5. Each team's skipper must have been the regular helmsperson for the five qualifying regattas and must start and sail all windward legs in this regatta.
- 5.6. All skippers and crews of a team must be members of US Sailing prior to competing for the Championship.
- 5.7. Each team skipper must complete the Entry/Resume Form to include full race results from the qualifying races. See NOR 6.2.

6. SELECTION

- 6.1. Individual teams will submit resumes to US Sailing for consideration independent of the Area Director. Teams interested in entering this Championship shall complete the Application for Entry Form available online at <https://www.ussailing.org/competition/championships/2023-u-s-offshore-championship-pre-sailing/> and include full race results from the qualifying races, his/her own experience and that of the crew for the current season and submit a non-refundable \$50 fee. Applications must be received prior to July 1, 2023.
- 6.2. Selection of final competitors will be made by the National Offshore Championship Committee and Regatta Chair using the criteria on the Championship web page.
- 6.3. **Due to COVID cancellations of races, regatta results and sailing resumes for calendar years 2021, 2022 and 2023 will be considered.**
- 6.4. The Organizing Authority reserves the right to cancel this event at any time due to COVID concerns. All entry fees, less credit card handling fees, will be returned to the competitors.

7. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Host Club:	Regatta Chairman:
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Regatta Dates:

Thu 14 Sept.	1300 – 1500	Check in/registration
	1500 – 1600	Optional boat familiarization
	1600 – 1800	Mandatory practice sail with Naval Academy representative
	1900	Welcoming reception
Fri 15 Sept.	0830	Skipper's meeting/continental breakfast
	1000	Warning signal-First Race of the Day.
	1700	Post race social and daily awards
Sat 16 Sept.	0830	Skipper's meeting/continental breakfast
	1000	Warning signal-First Race of the Day.
	1700	Post race social and daily awards
Sun 17 Sept.	0830	Skipper's meeting/continental breakfast
	1000	Warning signal-First Race of the Day.
	1500	Presentation of awards

NOTE: No Warning signal may be made after 1400 on Sunday 17 Sept.

8. FEES

- 8.1. Entry fee is \$2300 payable by credit card at the time of registration. This will include use of a Navy 44 for racing throughout the event, welcome reception and post-race parties, and daily continental breakfasts for each team member. Additional guests will be able to purchase tickets for any or all of the social functions.
- 8.2. Each team shall be financially responsible for any vessel repair costs not covered by insurance. It is recommended that each team skipper check with his/her own insurance broker for the availability of non-owned boat liability insurance.
- 8.3. Damage Deposit: \$500 - Each team will pay a \$500 damage deposit (check or cash only) to be held by the Organizing Authority (OA). In the event a team's boat or equipment incurs damage or loss while under their care, or that team is ruled to have caused damage to a competitor's boat or equipment, or a Race Committee vessel, by the protest committee, this deposit will be applied towards remediation expenses. If any part of a team's deposit is needed to cover such damage or loss, that team must replenish deposit amount held by OA so that \$500 remains on account with the OA beyond those expenses. This deposit or unused portion thereof will be refunded at the end of the event.

9. HOUSING AND TRANSPORTATION

Teams are expected to arrange their own travel and housing. Lodging information will be provided to teams upon request.

10. REGISTRATION

Accepted teams shall complete Entry Form with registration paid online via credit card. Details will be provided within the acceptance notifications sent to the teams selected for the competition. A check for the damage deposit payable to "NAAA – Sailing" shall be sent directly to the host. Current US Sailing membership is required for all skippers and crew. Non-members can join US Sailing directly online at: <https://www.ussailing.org/membership/member-options/>

11. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be posted

at: <https://www.ussailing.org/competition/championships/2023-u-s-offshore-championship-pre-sailing/> in draft form and will be provided at registration in final form.

12. COURSES

The intent is to run medium and long distance races (weather permitting) as well as at least two buoy races. Buoy courses will be windward-leeward with legs of approximately 0.8 to 2.5 nautical miles. The distance races will be around inflatable buoys and government marks and be approximately 15 to 50 nautical miles. Charts for the distance races will be provided.

13. SCORING

The Low-Point System, Appendix A4 of the RRS will apply, with 7 races scheduled of which 3 shall be completed to constitute a regatta. The distance race scores will be multiplied by a factor of 1.25. To be considered a distance race the course sailed must be at least 10 NM. Each team's total score will be the sum of the scores for all races, and no score will be excluded. This modifies RRS Appendix A2.1.

14. **ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES**

The Scoring Penalty, rule 44.3 will apply as changed in NOR 2.

15. **PERSONAL FLOATATION DEVICES (PFD)**

For the US Sailing Offshore Championship, each competitor shall wear a PFD conforming to the regulations of US Sailing SER 3.1.1 Coastal Category at all times while on the water, except for brief periods while adding or removing clothing. Each competitor shall have a safety harness and compatible tether conforming to US Sailing SER 3.1.4 Coastal Category.

16. **PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES**

16.1. US Sailing Regulation 10.03 US Sailing Regulations Prohibited Substances will apply:

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.

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:

- marijuana or any other substance if possession is illegal under state or federal law; or
- any alcoholic beverages.

An alleged breach of one of these regulations shall not be grounds for a protest. 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 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.

16.2. It is against Naval Academy regulations to bring or possess alcoholic beverages of any kind aboard a Naval Academy vessel. Competitors in violation of this regulation are subject to disqualification from the regatta.

16.3 Smoking is not permitted aboard a Naval Academy Vessel.

17. **EQUIPMENT**

In addition to the equipment provided on the boats, competitors shall provide their own PFDs as required in NOR 15, and may bring a bowman's harness, handheld GPS, navigation equipment, typical ditty bag contents, a topping lift pennant (16') and any other personal safety equipment. No other equipment will be permitted on board unless specified in the sailing instructions.

18. **ACCESS and other regulations**

Rules and Regulations regarding access to the Naval Academy grounds will be posted on the official notice board and in the sailing instructions. Additional waivers and regulations due to COVID 19 may be required and will be detailed on the official notice board and in the sailing instructions.

19. **PRIZES**

The Lloyd Phoenix Trophy will be engraved with the winning skipper's Area and name, and will remain in the Sailing Hall of Fame at the United States Naval Academy.

19.1. US Sailing Medals will be provided to the skippers and crews of the top three teams.

19.2. First place prizes will be awarded for each race.

20. **COACHING and SPECTATOR BOATS**

This is a Grade 3 Coaching event under US Sailing Coaching and Support Boat policy.

<https://www.ussailing.org/competition/resources/coaching-and-support-boat-policy/> . No Coach and support craft will be allowed.

21. **FURTHER INFORMATION**

The National Offshore Championship Committee Chair, Bruce Bingman: blocrunner@aol.com

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