

CONDITIONS FOR THE U.S. YOUTH TRIPLEHANDED CHAMPIONSHIP FOR THE SEARS CUP

1.0 CONDITIONS, NOTICE OF RACE, AND SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1.1 The Organizing Authority, the US Sailing Junior Championship Committee, issues these Conditions, the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions for the National Championship.

1.2 The championship is governed by the US Sailing Championship Conditions - <https://www.ussailing.org/competition/resources/championship-conditions/>

1.3 The championship is governed by the US Sailing Regulations, including Regulation 2 (Membership), Regulation 4 (Committees), Regulation 10 (Championships), available here: <https://www.ussailing.org/about/our-organization/#resources-block>

2.0 ELIGIBILITY AND SELECTION OF TEAMS

2.1 Each team shall meet the eligibility requirements of the US Sailing Championship Conditions and the US Sailing Regulations. See 1.2 and 1.3 for links to these documents.

2.2 This championship is a ladder event, with a preliminary round of Area Qualifier regattas and a final National Championship.

2.3 Each US Sailing Area will run a qualifying event, to be titled the U.S. Youth Triplehanded Championship Sears Cup Area Qualifier; the top two teams at each Area Qualifier will be eligible to participate in the National Championship.

2.4 Competitors shall have reached their 13th birthday but not their 19th birthday during the calendar year of competition.

2.5 Competitors shall be individual or family members, all in good standing, of US Sailing at the time of application, registration, and of the event and not otherwise ineligible to compete under the laws, regulations, policies and rules of the USOPC or its affiliated organizations.

2.6 All competitors shall be members of a Local Sailing Organization (LSO) and US Sailing. An LSO is defined to include a yacht club, sailing club, community sailing program or other sailing organization that is a member of US Sailing.

2.7 Crew member(s) shall be members of an LSO that is a member of US Sailing within the same US Sailing Area as the helm.

2.8 All members of the crew shall reside in or regularly compete in the same US Sailing Area where the club is geographically located.

3.0 CREW CHANGES

Crew changes shall meet the requirements of the US Sailing Championship Conditions. See 1.2 for a link to this document.

4.0 COACHING AND/OR SUPPORT BOATS

The Championship and its Area Qualifiers will meet US Sailing's policy on coach and support boats found at <https://www.ussailing.org/competition/resources/coaching-and-support-boat-policy/> and designate the grade in the respective Notice of Race(NOR).

5.0 BOAT/EQUIPMENT

5.1 It is of the utmost importance that chartered boats be treated with care at all times, as the V. 2023

future of these events depends on being able to charter boats.

5.2 If a boat is disabled and cannot be repaired before the next race, another boat, with the approval of the Organizing Authority, may be substituted and may continue to be used for the remaining races of the event. In such cases, the sails of the disabled boat shall be used if possible.

5.3 The use of electronic devices will follow the class rules. Class rules limiting the use of electronic communications devices may be changed, provided that the requirements of RRS 87 are met.

6.0 LIABILITY AND DAMAGE

6.1 At-fault occurrences to other boats are the responsibility of the helmsman. Contestants are not covered by any Liability Insurance provided by the host club and should provide their own coverage for personal goods and liability protection. US Sailing recommends those teams, or where minors are involved, their parents or guardians consult their own insurance carrier regarding additional personal liability insurance coverage

6.2 US Sailing does not require the use of hold harmless forms. It strongly recommends that organizing authorities seek local legal advice on the question and carry adequate insurance coverage such as that provided by the Regatta Liability Insurance Program endorsed by US Sailing.

6.3 Competitors participate in the Championship entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

7.0 EVENT FORMAT

7.1 AT THE AREA QUALIFIER LEVEL: The event format will be as described in the Notice of Race.

7.2 Area Qualifiers shall either be open events with teams bringing their own class compliant boats, or limited events with the boats provided by the Organizing Authority and host club. If boats are provided, the Organizing Authority may reserve one boat for each RSA within the Area. After a deadline listed in the Notice of Race, boats may be released on a first come, first serve basis.

7.3 Area Qualifiers are encouraged to be two day events, but one day is accepted.

7.4 At the National Championship, there may be mandatory clinic days as described in the NOR, followed by three days of fleet racing. The boat rotation will be as described in the Sailing Instructions.

7.5 In the event an entry from an Area, or a letter from the Area Coordinator committing to an entry, has not been received by the host club within two weeks of the event, the host chairman shall notify the national chairman, who shall then award the host Area an additional entry to replace the uncommitted Area entry to the finals. In the event that there is more than one Area which does not commit to an entry, the area which had the most entries competing in their area championship will be awarded an additional berth. The Area Coordinator shall be

responsible for obtaining the additional entry or waiving same. Any additional entry shall have competed in the elimination in their respective Area and shall fulfill all entry requirements.

7.6 AT ALL LEVELS The Organizing Authority, Regatta Chair, and Principal Race Officer (PRO) shall agree to the suitable racing conditions, including upper and lower wind limits, in advance. The host club must be able to provide equipment and adequate safety boats to run races in the upper range. Suggested parameters are: minimum-4 knots; maximum at start-18 knots; maximum for 5 minute duration-25 knots.

8.0 RACE ADMINISTRATION

8.1 GENERAL POLICY

- a) No person may serve as a member of the Protest Committee or as the PRO at an event in which any competitor in the event is a close relative. For the purpose of this policy the term "close relative" is defined as an individual related to another person or the person's spouse within the third degree. This includes parents, grandparents, great-grandparents, siblings, children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, spouses and close relatives of spouses including step- or in-law relatives.
- b) Volunteers in any capacity are expected to subordinate their personal and individual interests to the interests of the event and the sport of sailing.
- c) Except in illness or emergency, the Jury shall consist of a minimum of three judges.

9.0. POWER LINE HAZARDS

US Sailing Regulations require that US Sailing Championships at all levels be held at sites free of power line hazards.

10. HOST CLUB(S)

The host club should familiarize all competitors with the waters in which the races are to be held with emphasis on obstructions, tidal conditions and probable location of marks.