



## 2024 U.S. Team Racing Championship for the George R. Hinman Trophy August 16-18, 2024

Organizing Authority: US Sailing

Host: Severn Sailing Association

### Notice of Race

#### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*. Appendix D - Team Racing Rules applies. Other documents under RRS Definition Rule (g) include:
  - a) the US Sailing Championship Conditions;
  - b) the US Sailing Athlete Safe Sport Policy Handbook;
  - c) the US Sailing Championships Code of Conduct; and
  - d) the Conditions for the US Team Racing Championship for the George R. Hinman Trophy.
- 1.2 US Sailing Prescriptions and Regulations
  - 1.2.1 US Sailing Regulation 10 applies in its entirety.
  - 1.2.2 The US Sailing Prescriptions to RRS 63.1 and 63.2 shall not apply.
- 1.3 Changes to the RRS:
  - 1.3.1 The Organizing Authority may change the format and/or terminate any stage of the event when, in its opinion, it is impractical to attempt to hold the remainder of matches under the existing conditions or in the remaining time scheduled; early stages may be terminated in favor of later stages. Such a decision by the Organizing Authority shall not be subject to a request for redress. This changes RRS 62 and D4.2(a).
  - 1.3.2 RRS 66.2 and 66.3 are deleted.
  - 1.3.3 Rule D5.3 and 5.4 are changed by replacing "race committee" with "protest committee" in all instances.



- 1.3.4 Add new *rule* D4.6: When a competitor withdraws from part of an event, the scores of all completed races shall stand. When a competitor withdraws from an event pursuant to the US Sailing Code of Conduct [voluntarily or by reason of being excluded by a protest committee], that competitor's team shall be removed from the final event scores and each team with a worse finishing place in the event shall be moved up one place.

## **2 Boats provided by the Organizing Authority**

- 2.1 Collegiate FJ sailboats, and sails, will be provided by SSA and USNA.
- 2.2 Standing rigging including battens and jib luff tension shall not be adjusted, unless directed by the umpires or boatswain. Running rigging and fittings shall be used for their intended purposes only. All equipment supplied shall be carried aboard while racing. Boats, centerboards, and rudders may be cleaned only with water.
- 2.3 A Team Representative will provide a valid credit card number and completed charter form for their team to the regatta organizer prior to sailing. The representative's credit card may be charged in the event of damage to the boats. Damage that cannot be attributed to a particular incident will be split evenly among all the competitors in the regatta.

## **3 TEAMS, BIBS, AND PROTEST FLAGS**

- 3.1 Each competing team shall consist of three skippers and three crew.
- 3.2 Teams shall wear identification bibs supplied by the Organizing Authority outside of their PFDs.
- 3.3 Teams shall provide **their own red protest flags (at least 3)**. Each flag shall measure at least 8 inches by 8 inches. Each team's red flags shall be inspected and approved by the Chief Umpire or an appointed representative at check-in.

## **4 ELIGIBILITY**

- 4.1 24 Teams will be selected or invited by the U.S. Team Racing Championship Committee from team resumes and applications. Non-US teams may be invited to compete.
- 4.2 The winning team from the following regattas will receive invitations: ICSA Team Racing Nationals, ICSA Women's Team Racing Nationals, Charles River Open Team Race, 2023 Hinman Trophy, and a west coast qualifying event if sailed.
- 4.3 The Championship Committee may give selection preference to one or more all women's teams.
- 4.4 Sailors who are current members of US Sailing or another Member National Authority (MNA) may apply as a member of a six-person team. US Sailing Regulation 10.02 "Non-USA Resident Participation in US Sailing Championships" applies.



## 5 ENTRIES

- 5.1 Complete entry forms (that will consist of a team roster and resumes) and an application fee shall be submitted online between May 13, 2024 and June 28, 2024 at the following address: <https://www.ussailing.org/competition/championships/2024-u-s-team-racing-championship/>

U.S. Team Racing Championship Committee will thereafter review the applications and notify all applicants of their status no later than July 3, 2024.

- 5.2 An invited team shall pay its entry fee and complete registration online at the address listed in 5.1 by July 12, 2024. The invitation of a team with an incomplete registration or entry fee as of July 12 will be deemed canceled unless the Organizing Authority extends this time limit.
- 5.3 No competitor or team will be permitted to sail [practice or race] at the venue unless all fees are paid, registration is complete, a valid credit card has been provided to the host for damage, and all of their team members have been otherwise checked in at the venue.

## 6 FEES

- 6.1 The entry fee for accepted teams is \$1200 per team. The entry fee includes one dinner on Saturday. The host will provide various beverages and light snacks throughout the weekend. Housing cannot be guaranteed but will be attempted for teams requesting. See regatta information sheet for additional available housing options.
- 6.2 An extension of the time limit set forth in 5.2 may be subject to a late fee of \$100 at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.
- 6.3 There will be a non-refundable \$50 application fee that covers platform, credit card, shipping, and other fees. Application fees and entry fees are non-refundable and shall be paid only by credit card at: <https://www.ussailing.org/competition/championships/2024-u-s-team-racing-championship/>

## 7 SUBSTITUTIONS

- 7.1 The Substitution Deadline for making changes to the team roster is July 31, 2024.
- 7.2 Only one team member (helm or crew) may be changed prior to the Substitution Deadline. See Championship Conditions. After July 31, team member substitutions are prohibited, unless due to illness, injury, or other emergency.
- 7.3 Substitution requires the approval of the Chief Umpire in consultation with the U.S. Team Racing Championship Committee Chairman. Requests for substitutions should be made by email to the Committee Chairman at [clintonearlhayes@gmail.com](mailto:clintonearlhayes@gmail.com); during the event, a written request for substitution may be delivered to the Chief Umpire or Committee Chairman.



**8 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

The proposed schedule of events is:

	<b>Thursday August 15</b>	<b>Friday August 16</b>	<b>Saturday August 17</b>	<b>Sunday August 18</b>
Check In and Weight in	1200 - 1900	0800 - 0845	0800 - 0845	0800 - 0845
Daily Competitors' Briefing	—	0900	0900	0900
First Warning	—	1000	1000	1000
Practice	1200-1800	—	—	—
Regatta Social	1800	1800	1800	1600
Regatta Dinner		TBD	1900	—
Trophy Presentation	—	—	—	1700

NOTE: It is the intention of the OA to start awards no later than 1700 on Sunday, August 18th, 2024 although this is not a hard cutoff time. It is strongly suggested that competitors do not plan on leaving the regatta venue until after 1800 on the last day of racing.

**9 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Sailing Instructions will be available at check-in and online after August 1 at:

<https://www.ussailing.org/competition/championships/2024-u-s-team-racing-championship/>

**10 VENUE**

Racing will be conducted at the mouth of Spa Creek on the Chesapeake Bay. Rotations will be off the docks at SSA.



## **11 FORMAT**

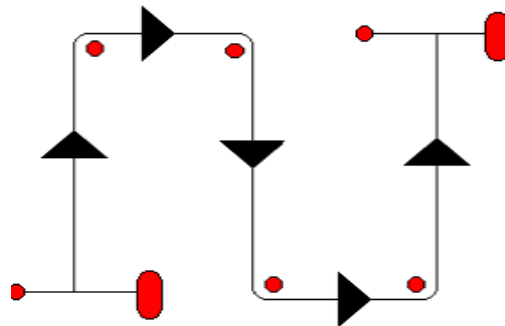
The racing format at the event will consist of one or more stages. Races will be organized in a Swiss-league rotation with knockout style final series.

## **12 COACHING AND SUPPORT BOATS**

This championship is a Grade 3 event as outlined in US Sailing Regulation 10.07

## **13 COURSE**

The intended course is a digital N as shown below. Other courses may be used and will be identified in the Sailing Instructions. Courses will not be shortened.



## **14 SCORING**

Scoring will be in accordance with Appendix D, except as changed in the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions.

## **15 MINIMUM CREW WEIGHT**

- 15.1 The combined weight of each six-person team shall not be less than 870 pounds. Each team whose combined weight is less than this amount shall carry corrector weight while racing. The amount of corrector weight will be one pound of corrector weight for each pound of combined crew weight less than 870 pounds. Corrector weights shall be distributed among the boats of a team to make the combined weight of skipper and crew of each of the three boats as even as practicable. The jury, on request, may approve a more equitable distribution.
- 15.2 Each team with a combined weight of less than 870 pounds shall be responsible for supplying its own corrector weights. Only water in sealed jugs shall be acceptable. Competitors shall carry the corrector weights in every race, from boat to boat, and shall secure them in the cockpit of each boat.



- 15.3 Competitors shall be weighed by the organizing authority at check-in to determine the combined weight. The competitors shall be weighed-in dry athletic attire, wearing no shoes, no hats and no additional accessories.
- 15.4 Competitors will be weighed during registration, prior to each day of racing, and during the knockout rounds. Additionally, spot checks may be conducted at any time.
- 15.5 In the event that a team does not meet the required weight limit of 870 pounds, the team's previous scores between the closest two weigh-ins shall be deemed as losses. Accordingly, all races scored as losses due to the failed weigh-in shall be counted as wins for each team raced against.

## **17 UMPIRING**

The regatta will be umpired in accordance with rule D2.

## **18 PRIZES**

- 18.1 The winning team will be presented with the George R. Hinman Trophy.
- 18.2 US Sailing medals for permanent possession will be awarded to the top three placing teams.
- 18.3 The highest finishing U.S. team (all team members possess U.S. passports) will be named United States Team Racing Champions.

## **19 FURTHER INFORMATION**

Contact Information:

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US Sailing Event Website at: <https://www.ussailing.org/competition/championships/2024-u-s-team-racing-championship/>

US Sailing Regulations at: <https://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/US-Sailing-Regulations-2024-01-31.pdf>

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