



October 3-6, 2024

Organizing Authority: US Sailing (OA)

Hosted by: Grande Maumelle Sailing Club (GMSC)

12000 Maumelle Harbor Road, Roland AR 72135

Notice of Race (NoR)

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1 RULES

1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing, 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 RRS 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 Y-Flyers will be provided and will be sailing in a "round robin" format.

2.2 The total number of crew aboard shall be 2 persons: 1 helmsperson and 1 crew.

2.3 The event is not being conducted as a class sanctioned or class association event.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The one-design class represented by each competing sailor must be a current member of US Sailing at the time of application. All competitors must be at least 18 years of age at time of the Championship of Champions and be current members of US Sailing. Proof of membership will be requested upon application and registration.
- 3.2 The applicant must be a one-design class U.S. National Champion, North American Champion, or World Champion helmsperson during the qualifying period.
- 3.3 The qualifying period runs from August 14, 2023, to August 12, 2024. If a class championship is completed after August 12, 2024, the class champion will be eligible to apply for the 2025 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 2023 Championship of Champions event. Refer to the Conditions, paragraph 3 and 4 for a detailed discussion of eligibility and selection.
- 3.4 As this Championship is held in the Corinthian spirit of competition, no skipper or crew may be paid to sail in this event. Skipper and crew shall sign a declaration of compliance during the registration process.

4 APPLICATION AND SELECTION

- 4.1 Eligible class champions may apply for this event by submitting an online application and a non-refundable application fee of \$50.00 at: <https://www.ussailing.org/competition/championships/2024-championship-of-champions/> no later than August 15, 2024, Midnight Pacific Time.
- 4.2 The US Sailing Championship of Champions Committee will review all applications. Applications selected to participate will be notified no later than August 20, 2024. Upon selection, applicants will be sent detailed information regarding on-line registration and the on-line payment of entry fees. Up to nineteen (19) applicants will be invited to attend this event. The twentieth (20th) competitor will be an invited Mystery Guest.
- 4.3 Eligible late entries may be accepted or invited at the discretion of the US Sailing Championship of Champions Committee. Entries not invited by August 20, 2024, 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 FEES

- 5.1 The entry fee is \$650 per boat and includes borrowed boat insurance, breakfast, lunches, dinners, parties, banquet (both skipper and crew) and any commemorative item that may be provided.
- 5.2 Entry fees are due by September 6th, 2024. Registration information will be provided within the invitation letter sent to selected sailors. Entrants who cancel at the last minute and whose slot cannot be filled may not receive a refund.

- 5.3 Entry fees are not refundable after September 10th, 2024.
- 5.4 A separate damage deposit fee of \$500.00 is required. This fee will be payable by credit card PayPal to Grande Maumelle Sailing Club and collected at registration on-site.
- 5.5 A non-competitor accompanying a competitor may purchase meal tickets online in advance or at registration.

6 BORROWED BOATS AND EQUIPMENT

GMSC will provide member-owned, race-ready Y-Flyer boats and sails for all teams. Teams must use the Y-Flyers as provided by the club and comply with this NOR and Attachment A (Boat Handling and Equipment Rules). [NP] [DP]

7 ADVERTISING

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

8 PROVISIONAL SCHEDULE

Wednesday, October 2 nd	1700	Casual welcome aboard
Thursday, October 3 rd	1030-1630	On-site registration and check-in
	1200-1300	Lunch
	1130-1630	Practice
	1730	Competitors meeting (mandatory)
	1830	Dinner
Friday, October 4 th	800-930	Breakfast
	900-930	Competitors meeting
	1030	Warning signal – first race of the day, subsequent races and lunch break will follow
	1900	Dinner
Saturday, October 5 th	800-930	Breakfast
	900-930	Competitors meeting
	1030	Warning signal – first race of the day, subsequent races and lunch break will follow
	1900	Dinner
Sunday, October 6 th	800-930	Breakfast
	900-930	Competitors meeting
	1030	Warning signal – first race of the day, subsequent races will follow, no race will begin after 1330
		Lunch and awards will follow the last race

9 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 9.1 Provisional sailing instructions will be posted on the us sailing event website one week prior to the event:
<https://www.ussailing.org/competition/championships/2024-championship-of-champions/>
- 9.2 Official sailing instructions will be available at registration and on the us sailing event website:
<https://www.ussailing.org/competition/championships/2024-championship-of-champions/>

10 VENUE

Racing will be held on Lake Maumelle in Little Rock, Arkansas

11 COURSES

The courses will be windward/leeward, Olympic Modified (OM), or Olympic (O)

12 SCORING

- 12.1 A complete round robin of races is scheduled.
- 12.2 Four races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 12.3 Appendix A2 is modified as follows:
- (a) When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a competitor's series score will be the total of that competitor's race scores.
 - (b) When seven (7) to thirteen (13) races have been completed, a competitor's series score will be the total of that competitor's race scores excluding that competitor's worst score. If 14 or more races have been completed, a competitor's series score will be the total of that competitor's race scores excluding that competitor's worst two (2) scores
- 12.4 Rule A5.3 applies.

13 PERSONAL FLOTATION

- 13.1 Competitors shall bring their own USCG PFD and show it at registration.
- 13.2 Each competitor shall wear a USCG approved life jacket that is 100% dependent on foam for flotation and the appropriate size for the sailor, at all times while on the water, except for brief periods while adding or removing clothing.

14 COMMUNICATIONS

- 14.1 The online official notice board is located at
<https://www.ussailing.org/competition/championships/2024-championship-of-champions/>.
- 14.2 Competitors are strongly encouraged to bring their own VHF radio. Radios will not be provided to competitors by the OA.

- 14.3 On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs.
- 14.4 [DP] From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. This includes cell phones.

15 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 while on the water shall be permitted during the period October 3-6, 2024.

16 CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES (US Sailing Regulation 10.03)

- 16.1 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.
- 16.2 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.

17 RISK STATEMENT

RRS 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. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.

18 SPECTATOR BOATS

Limited spectator boats will be available.

19 PRIZES

- 19.1 US Sailing medals will be awarded to the top three (3) teams.
- 19.2 The winning team will be awarded the Jack Brown Perpetual Trophy. Their names will be engraved on the perpetual trophy, which will remain on display at US Sailing.

20 HOUSING AND HOTELS

- 20.1 Limited housing will be available to competitors in homes of GMSC members. If you would like to request housing with an GMSC member, please contact the Event Housing Chair, **TBD**
- 20.2 US Sailing Members Are Eligible for discounted hotel accommodations through IGH Intercontinental Hotel Groups. Log into your US Sailing Account and click on Member Coupons & Benefits and then click IGH Intercontinental Hotel Groups. This discount can only be booked through this site.
- 20.3 There are local hotels in Little Rock within 10-20 miles from GMSC. The Aloft and The Burgundy hotels are recommended. Camping is also permitted at Maumelle Park (15 minutes from GMSC) Please note: GMSC is on Lake Maumelle but **not in the town of Maumelle, AR**

21 CONTACT INFORMATION

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22 FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT GRANDE MAUMELLE SAILING CLUB (GMSC)

Website: www.GMSC.org

Location: GMSC is located just 20 minutes outside of Little Rock, Arkansas on beautiful Lake Maumelle. For more information see: [Getting to GMSC](#)

[Google Maps Link](#)

