



Invitation Criteria
US Youth Team Training Camps
Thanksgiving Invitational Racing Camp
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2024 Calendar of Events

Early May (tbd based on team member schedules)	US Youth Team Camp in Fort Lauderdale, FL
June 18-20, 2024	US Youth Team Camp in Bristol, RI
June 22-25, 2024	US Youth Championship in Bristol, RI
July 11-21, 2024	World Sailing Youth Championships in Lake Garda, Italy
November 23-26, 2024	Thanksgiving Invitational in Miami, FL
November 25-27, 2024	Thanksgiving Invitational in Long Beach, CA

US Youth Team Camp Invitation Criteria

US Sailing supports a US Youth Team composed of athletes selected via annual Youth World qualification events. The US Youth Team represents Team USA at the annual World Sailing Youth Championships, and receives support at training camp(s) prior to the event.

The top runners up of the Youth Worlds qualification event(s) will receive an invitation to the US Youth Team Training Camp(s) based on results in each class. The number of training camp invitation berths are unique to each class, as outlined below.

Summary of US Youth Team Training Camp Invitation Criteria

Class	Berths	Additional Berths
ILCA 6 (8 sailors)	Top Female & Top Male (Youth Worlds qualified athletes)	Top 3 male and top 3 female runners up finishers in ILCA 6 overall YW qualification results
iQFOiL (7 sailors)	Top Female & Top Male (Youth Worlds qualified athletes)	Top 5 runners up in iQFOiL overall YW qualification results (Top 2 males and top 2 female runners up + next top finisher regardless of gender)



Nacra 15 (10 sailors)	Top Mixed Team (Youth Worlds qualified athletes)	Top 4 runners up in N15 overall YW qualification results
29er (10 sailors)	Top Female team & Top Mixed/Male team (Youth Worlds qualified athletes)	Top 2 male/mixed and Top 2 female runners up in 29er overall YW qualification results
420 (10 sailors)	Top Female team & Top Mixed/Male team (Youth Worlds qualified athletes)	Top 2 male/mixed and Top 2 female runners up in 420 overall YW qualification results

May US Youth Team Training Camp overview

- Goals: First combined class camp with YW qualified athletes and runners up to prepare for unique challenges of the 2024 Youth Worlds regatta.
- Structure: This will be a full-day camp where athletes will be expected to participate in on-shore fitness evaluations, on-water training, and briefings with Youth World coaching staff.

June US Youth Team Training Camp overview

- Goals: To continue US Youth Team building alongside existing individual training blocks in advance of the 2024 Youth Champs regatta in Bristol, RI.
- Structure: Team will meet in mornings and afternoons for fitness, on-water training, and briefings with Youth World coaching staff. The schedule will be made to not conflict with private team training.

Thanksgiving Invitational Racing Camp Criteria

Invited sailors must attend with their own regional program coach. This event is organized as an intense racing camp. Participating teams/sailors must adhere to a 1:6 coach to boat ratio in ILCA 6, N15, and i420, and a 1:5 ratio for the 29er.

Summary of Thanksgiving Invitational - November 2024 Invitation Criteria

Class	Berths	Additional Berths
ILCA 6	Top 10 finishers at the YWQ and Top 25 finishers at 2024 Youth Champs	Top 10 finishers at the Long Beach OCR. Top 5 finishers at the Leiter Cup Regatta
iQFOiL	Top 6 finishers at the YWQ and Top 12 finishers at the Youth Champs	
Nacra 15	Top 5 finishers at the YWQ and top 8 finishers at the Youth Champs	



29er	Top 8 finishers at the YWQ and Top 12 finishers at the Youth Champs	Top 8 finishers at 29er Nationals and Top 2 at the Ida Lewis Regatta
420	Top 8 finishers at the YWQ and Top 12 finishers at the Youth Champs	Top 10 finishers at the Long Beach OCR

Additional Information - US Youth Team Training Camps

- Discretionary invitations may be reserved for sailors with special circumstances that may have prevented the sailor from competing and/or qualifying for an invitation at YWQ or Youth Championships, but where the sailor has exhibited the high skill level otherwise required to qualify for invitation to the Youth Team.
- Guest sailors from a club hosting or coordinating a training block may be invited to that training camp.
- Training camp fees will be assessed on a per-event basis, and registration will be managed by US Sailing.
- Invited sailors are expected to register for training blocks prior to the established deadline, which is usually four (4) weeks prior to the start of training block. If a sailor registers for a training block within a one-week window after the general registration deadline and space permits, they may be allowed to register with a late fee.

Refund Policy:

- If a sailor cancels before the initial registration deadline, then they may receive a full refund, less a \$25 administrative fee.
- If a sailor cancels after the initial deadline, but before registration closes (so within the "late fee" period), then they may receive a refund for the practice fee less the late fee.
- If a sailor cancels after registration closes then there is no refund since coaches have been confirmed, flights paid for, etc.
- Host Club guests will not be assessed any late fees or cancellation fees, however they must have completed the registration process prior to the start of the training block to which they have been invited.

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