

2025 Chubb US Youth Triplehanded Championship for the Sears Cup

August 7-10, 2025

Organizing Authority (OA): US Sailing

Host Club: St. Francis Yacht Club, San Francisco, CA

NOTICE OF RACE

The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the NoR means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule nor request redress based on that rule. This changes RRS 60.1 and 61.1.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 Maddendum '2025 Umpired Fleet Racing' applies.
- 1.3 J/22 Class rules shall not apply.
- 1.4 The US Sailing prescriptions to the following are deleted: The preamble of Part 5, Section B, RRS 63.1(b).
- 1.5 [NP] [DP] Rule 40.1 will apply when boats are in the racing area and on their way to and from the racing area.
- 1.6 Addendum EQUIPMENT LIST applies, and also applies to any practice sailing and sponsor races.
- 1.7 Addendum HANDLING PROVIDED BOATS applies, and also applies to any practice sailing and sponsor races.
- 1.8 Other documents that govern the event are:
- 1.8.1 US Sailing Championship Conditions available at https://www.ussailing.org/competition/resources/championship-conditions/
- 1.8.2 [DP] Conditions for the US Youth Triplehanded Championship (USYTC Conditions) available on the event website.
- 1.8.3 [NP] US Sailing Championship Code of Conduct available at https://www.ussailing.org/competition/resources/championship-conditions/
- 1.8.4 [DP] US Sailing Coaching and Support Boat Policy available at: https://www.ussailing.org/competition/resources/coaching-and-support-boat-policy/. This is a Grade 2 (US Sailing supplied coaches) event.
- 1.8.5 [DP] SafeSport Athlete Safety Handbook available at https://www.ussailing.org/athlete-safety/toolkit/
- 1.8.6 [DP] Each competitor shall wear a USCG-approved life jacket, in good condition, that is 100% dependent on foam for flotation and the appropriate size for the sailor, at all times while on the water except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment.
- 1.8.7 The PFD must be worn outside of all clothing except that a thin shirt or bib may be worn over the PFD to prevent snagging.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available on July 31, 2025 at the event website.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The online official notice board is located at the event website.
- 3.2 [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio.
- 3.3 On the water, the race committee shall make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel shall be stated in the SIs.
- 3.4 [DP] While racing, 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.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 This championship is a ladder event, with a preliminary round of qualifying events and a national finals, in accordance with the USYTC Conditions. This NoR applies to the championship finals. For information and notice of races for qualifying events, see the event-website.
- 4.2 The maximum number of entries is 22 teams. The organizing authority may cancel the event if 6 or less teams entered by July 21, 2025.
- 4.3 Teams shall have four members (including crew and skippers)
- 4.4 Competitors must have reached their 13th birthday but not their 19th birthday during the calendar year in which the event is held.
- 4.5 All competitors shall be members of US Sailing or, if non-members may compete, a member of their home country's Member National Authority. Non-members can join US Sailing directly online at: https://www.ussailing.org/membership/member-options/
- 4.6 All competitors (crew and skipper) 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.
- 4.7 Crew member(s) must be members of an LSO which is a member of US Sailing within the same US Sailing Area as the helm.
- 4.8 The skipper and all the members of the crew shall reside in or regularly compete in the same US Sailing Area where the club is geographically located.
- 4.9 All members of the crew shall reside in or regularly compete in the same US Sailing Area where the club is geographically located.
- 4.10 The team shall remain the same throughout the series of qualifying events and the national finals, unless substitution is permitted in accordance with the USYTRC Conditions.
- 4.11 Qualified teams may register no later than July 21, 2025 by registering online at <u>the event website</u> and paying the entry fee
- 4.12 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.13 The skipper shall be entered on completion of registration and the payment of the entry fee and damage deposit. All payments shall be by check, credit card or Club account.

5 FEES

- 5.1 The entry fee is \$1,000 per team, and includes boat charter fee, coaching, some meals, and entertainment.
- 5.2 All entry fees on or after July 21, 2025, 2025 are non-refundable.
- 5.3 Regatta grants are available for this event through the Glenn Lattimore regatta grants. Applications for eligible sailors can be found at <u>the event website</u>.

6 DAMAGE DEPOSIT

- 6.1 Each supplied boat is insured by the OA for third-party liability insurance.
- All skippers will be required to provide a \$2,000 damage deposit prior to the start of racing by providing credit card information or StFYC member number at registration. The deposit is a per-incident maximum, and includes damage to boats or race committee vessels. If a skipper has more than one incident, she is then liable for up to \$2,000 for each individual incident. The OA may require the damage deposit to be restored to its original amount before a team will be permitted to continue racing. Skippers should be aware that while the Dock Staff will attempt to identify all damage at the post-regatta inspection, often this is not possible due to the nature of the damage. The skipper is responsible for all damage, even if it is discovered only after the post-regatta report is completed. In the event that there is material damage not covered by insurance and no one acknowledges responsibility (e.g., crews are rotated among the boats and no one reports the damage), the cost of repairs will be charged to all the designated skippers on a prorated basis.

7 SCHEDULE

The schedule is as follows:

Date	Time	Event	
Thursday, August 07	0900-1800	Registration	
	1100-1700	US Sailing Clinic	
	1800	Opening Ceremony and Chubb Skipper Panel with hosted Dinner	
Friday, August 08	0900-1030	Registration	
	1030	Competitors' Meeting	
	1200	First Warning Signal	
	after racing	Hosted Dinner	
Saturday, August 09	0930	Competitors' Meeting	
	1100	First Warning Signal	
	after racing	Social & Courtyard Games with hosted Dinner	
Sunday, August 10	0930	Competitors' Meeting	
	1100	First Warning Signal	
	after racing	Awards Ceremony with hosted Dinner	

- 7.1 On the last scheduled day of racing, no warning signal will be made after 1600 hrs.
- 7.2 The regatta socials are included in the entry fee for the sailors. Additional dinner tickets for friends and family may be purchased online during the registration process or on the event website.
- 7.3 Early or late arrivals and/or departures are not permitted. Permission for any exceptions must be requested to the National Chair at least two weeks in advance and will only be granted in extenuating circumstances.
- 7.4 Mandatory Participation Required:
- 7.4.1 A mandatory clinic will be held preceding the championship. The purpose of the clinic will be to familiarize the competitors with the local conditions and probable race course. The clinic is intended to include a practice race. Coaches for the clinic will be provided by US Sailing.
- 7.4.2 [DP] Attendance at the Awards Ceremony is mandatory for all competitors. Regatta casual attire is requested. Competitors may depart the event after the Awards with a parent or guardian.

8 [DP] ONSITE REGISTRATION

- 8.1 By the end of onsite registration (see hours shown in the schedule above):
- 8.1.1 All competitors shall, in writing, agree to abide by the US Sailing Championship Code of Conduct.
- 8.1.2 All competitors shall, in writing, agree to US Sailing Waiver of Liability.

9 VENUE

9.1 The event will be hosted at the St. Francis Yacht Club 700 Marina Boulevard, San Francisco, 94123, CA, USA.

- 9.2 Addendum 'Driving Map' shows the location of the event venue.
- 9.3 The intended racing area will be the City Front of San Francisco Bay. See Addendum 'Racing Area'.

10 EVENT FORMAT

- 10.1 The regatta consists of a qualifying series (16 flights planned) and a final series (up to four races). The pairing list for the flights will be published with the Sailing Instruction before the event on the event on the event website.
- 10.2 The RC may change the format, terminate any stage or 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.
- 10.3 The OA intends to provide up to 11 J/22 type boats for racing in the event. Each boat will have the following sails: (Mainsail, Jib, Spinnaker).
- 10.4 Boats will be allocated by draw and pairing list. Boats may also be assigned during any stage by the OA or RC.
- 10.5 The OA or RC may require rotation of sails for any reason. Rotation of sails by the OA or RC shall not be grounds for redress by a competitor under RRS 61.4
- 10.6 The sails to be used will be allocated by the RC. Competitors may be requested to exchange sails during a series to satisfy sponsorship commitments.
- 10.7 While all reasonable steps are taken to equalize the boats, variations will not be grounds for redress under RRS 61.4.

11 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 11.1 All races will be umpired fleet racing as described in W Addendum '2025 Umpired Fleet Racing'.
- An umpire displaying flag X with one long sound means: 'A boat has been scored OCS, UFD or BFD by the race committee'. The umpire will hail or signal to identify each such boat. The identified boat shall promptly leave the course area. This signal may be given any time after 2 minutes after the starting signal.
- 11.3 A boat shall be exonerated from breaking RRS 31 if the umpires are satisfied that the breach is entirely due to MarkSetBot adjusting its position. This changes RRS 43.1.

12 SCORING

- 12.1 Three races will constitute a flight. The flights are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 12.2 A team's series score will be the total of its race scores. This changes RRS A2. The total score of each club is the amount of its individual scores according to the low point system of the RRS without eliminating the worst score.
- 12.3 Low-Point-Scoring will apply:

1st place = one point

2nd place = two points

3rd place = three points

... and so on

- DNC, DNS, OCS, DNF, RET, DSQ, etc. all score one point more than the number of boats starting in that race. This changes RRS A5.2.
- 12.5 When fewer than three races per club have been completed, all missing races will be scored with average points, according to RRS A9(b).
- 12.6 If a team is unable to start a race because the OA cannot supply a boat for racing, the team will get an average score (SCA) for that race according to RRS A9 (b). The average will be calculated based on the races that were sailed before the race mentioned. This changes RRS 63.2, A5.1 and A5.2.
- 12.7 For tied boats with the same points score, ties will be broken applying RRS A8. If a tie cannot be broken, the score from the last race in which the concerned teams competed in the same race will break the tie.
- 12.8 [DP] When there is contact that causes damage a scoring penalty of one point is imposed on a boat that was penalised in the incident. Furthermore, the umpires may also impose a scoring penalty of one point

on their boats if they consider that these boats contributed to the contact by breaking RRS14. This rule also applies to damage caused to other official boats or smartmarks.

13 PRIZES

- 13.1 US Sailing medals will be awarded to the top three finishers.
- 13.2 The winning competitor will have their name placed on the Sears Cup.
- 13.3 Additional awards may be given at the discretion of the organizing authority and host club.

14 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

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.

15 RIGHTS TO USE NAME, LIKENESS, AND PERSONAL INFORMATION

- 15.1 By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the organizing authority and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.
- 15.2 Additionally, competitors automatically grant the organizing authority and race officials the right to use their personal contact information, including but not limited to a current email address and cell phone number, for race administration and regatta communications.

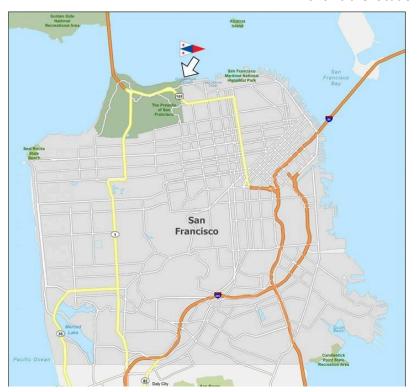
16 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please go to www.stfyc.com or contact:

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Addendum 'Driving Map'

shows the location of the event venue



Addendum 'Racing Area'

shows the location of the racing area

