



**2025 U.S. Offshore Championship
for the Lloyd Phoenix Trophy**
October 2-5, 2025
Annapolis, MD



NOTICE OF RACE (NoR)

Organizing Authority: US Sailing
Host Club: Naval Academy Sailing

All times are US Eastern Time

Event Website:

<https://www.ussailing.org/competition/championships/2025-offshore-sailing-championship/>

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the NoR means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. 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.

RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 Other documents that govern the event are:
 - (a) US Sailing Championship Conditions, available at <https://www.ussailing.org/competition/resources/championship-conditions/>
 - (b) Conditions for the US Offshore Championship, available on the [event website](#).
 - (c) [NP] [US Sailing Championship Code of Conduct](#)
 - (d) [DP] [US Sailing Coaching and Support Boat Policy](#)
 - (e) This is a Grade 3 (no private coaching) event.
- 1.3 The US Championship Code of Conduct is changed to add:
 - (a) It is against Naval Academy regulations to bring or possess alcoholic beverages of any kind aboard a Naval Academy vessel.
 - (b) Smoking is not permitted aboard a Naval Academy Vessel.
 - (c) Competitors in violation of (a) and (b) above are subject to discipline in accordance with the US Championship Code of Conduct.

2 SAFETY

- 2.1 [DP] Each competitor shall wear a PFD conforming to the regulations of US Sailing SER 3.1.1 Coastal Category at all times while on the water, except for brief periods while adding or removing clothing. Competitors are responsible for providing their own PFD's.
- 2.2 [DP] In addition to the equipment provided on the boats, each competitor shall also provide a safety harness and compatible tether conforming to US Sailing SER 3.1.4 Coastal Category and may bring a bowman's harness, and any other personal safety equipment. No other equipment will be permitted on board unless specified in the sailing instructions.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The official notice board is online and located at the [event website](#).
- 3.2 All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on standard US VHF channels.
- 3.3 On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs.
- 3.4 [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.

4 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 The sailing instructions will be posted on the notice board approximately two weeks before the event.

5 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 5.1 The event will be sailed in Navy 44 MK II sloops (Pedrick design) provided by the US Naval Academy (USNA). Each team shall consist of a crew of eight including one skipper and six crew members plus one USNA Midshipman provided from the varsity offshore racing team. The USNA may require the addition of a Naval Academy representative to comply with Navy Regulations. If this representative is added, there will be a total of nine persons aboard each boat.
- 5.2 Up to 9 teams will be selected based on US Sailing Area and resume (see the event website for more information) and one team will be entered by the U.S. Naval Academy for a maximum of ten total entries. All teams must be from a US Sailing Area:
- (a) Teams interested in entering this Championship shall complete and submit the Application for Entry Form available online at the [event website](#). The submittal shall include full race results from the qualifying races, the skipper's overall experience and the experience of the crew for the qualifying races. Applications must be received prior to July 15, 2025, and include a non-refundable \$50 fee.
 - (b) Selection of final competitors will be made by the National Offshore Championship Committee and Regatta Chair using the criteria on the Championship web page. Selected teams will be notified by 1 August 2025.
 - (c) The Organizing Authority reserves the right to cancel this event at any time. All entry fees, less credit card handling fees, will be returned to the competitors.
- 5.3 All competitors shall be members of US Sailing. Non-members can join US Sailing directly online at: <https://www.ussailing.org/membership/member-options/>. If a team has an international member, that individual must be a member of US Sailing or their home country's Member National Authority.
- 5.4 All registered crew shall sail in all races, unless the Organizing Authority or their delegate approves a substitute. If a Naval Academy representative is aboard a boat, that person will not be considered a member of the crew and will not count toward the required number of crew.
- 5.5 There is no weight limit for this regatta.
- 5.6 Rule 6.1, World Sailing Regulation 22, World Sailing Sailor Categorization Code, will apply. All competitors must be classified under the World Sailing Sailor Categorization Code. Group 1 and Group 3 competitors may compete. Teams are limited to up to three Group 3 competitors. No Group 3 competitor may act as helmsperson unless he/she was the helmsperson and owner/charterer of the boat used in the five races which qualified him/her for eligibility.

6 FEES

- 6.1 The entry fee of \$2300 is due at the time of registration, payable by credit card. This will include use of a Navy 44 for racing throughout the event, welcome reception and post-race parties, and daily continental breakfasts for each team member. Additional guests will be able to purchase tickets for any or all of the social functions.
- 6.2 An initial damage deposit of \$1000 must be paid by each team during on-site registration.

7 CREW SUBSTITUTIONS

- 7.1 Crew substitutions shall be in accordance with the US Championship Conditions.

8 ADVERTISING

- 8.1 This event is classified as a Category A event in accordance with Rule 6.1, World Sailing Regulation 20, Advertising Code. See the World Sailing Regulations at the following link: https://d7qh6ksdplczd.cloudfront.net/sailing/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/29190542/Regulations_October-2025.pdf.

9 SCHEDULE

- 9.1 The schedule is as follows (all times are US Eastern Standard Time):

Date	Time	Item
Thursday	1300-1500	Check-in and on-site Registration
October 2	1500-1600	Optional boat familiarization
	1600-1800	Mandatory practice sail with Naval Academy representative
	1900	Welcoming reception

Friday	0830	Skipper's meeting/continental breakfast
October 3	1000	Scheduled warning signal for first race of the day
	1700	Post race social and daily award
Saturday	0830	Skipper's meeting/continental breakfast
October 4	1000	Scheduled warning signal for first race of the day
	1700	Post race social and daily award
Sunday	0830	Skipper's meeting/continental breakfast
October 5	1000	Scheduled warning signal for first race of the day
	1400	No warning after this time
	1500	Prizegiving

9.2 There are 7 races scheduled.

10 [DP] REGISTRATION AND EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

10.1 Advanced Registration:

(a) Accepted teams shall register by 15 August 2025 by completing and submitting the Entry Form. Details will be provided within the acceptance notifications sent to the teams selected for the competition.

10.2 Teams may bring and use a handheld GPS, portable navigation equipment, typical ditty bag contents, and a topping lift pennant (16'). No other equipment will be permitted on board unless specified in the sailing instructions.

10.3 During onsite Registration (see hours shown in the schedule above):

(a) All competitors shall, in writing, agree to abide by the US Sailing Championship Code of Conduct.

(b) All competitors shall, in writing, agree to US Sailing Waiver of Liability.

(c) Each team will provide the damage deposit (if not already provided).

11 VENUE

11.1 The venue will be the Robert Crown Sailing Center at the United States Naval Academy.

11.2 The racing area will be the northern portion of the Chesapeake Bay from approximately Cove Point to Baltimore Harbor.

12 COURSES

12.1 The intent is to run medium and long-distance races (weather permitting) as well as at least two buoy races. Buoy courses will be windward-leeward with legs of approximately 0.8 to 2.5 nautical miles. The distance races will be around inflatable buoys and government marks and be approximately 15 to 50 nautical miles. Charts for the distance races will be provided.

13 PENALTY SYSTEM

13.1 RRS 44.3, Scoring Penalty, will apply, changed by adding: (d) A boat that complies with any part of the requirements of RRS 44.3 will be scored with a 50% penalty unless she complies with all of the requirements.

14 SCORING

14.1 Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a championship.

14.2 The Low-Point System, Appendix A4 of the RRS will apply. The distance race scores will be multiplied by a factor of 1.25. To be considered a distance race the course sailed must be at least 10 NM in length.

14.3 Each team's total score will be the sum of the scores for all races, and no score will be excluded.

15 RISK, DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

15.1 Competitors participate in the regatta at their own risk. See Racing Rules of Sailing rule 3 (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.

15.2 Competitors shall accept full responsibility for their actions during any activity related to the event. This includes activities before, during, and after the regatta from the time they arrive at the venue until they leave the venue at the conclusion of the event.

- 15.3 All competitors are expected to maintain the highest levels of conduct throughout the entire event. Enforcement of discipline and conduct shall be conducted as per the Racing Rules of Sailing (rule 69) and the US Sailing Championship Code of Conduct.

16 INSURANCE

- 16.1 Each team shall be financially responsible for any vessel repair costs not covered by insurance. It is recommended that each team skipper check with his/her own insurance broker for the availability of non-owned boat liability insurance.
- 16.2 Damage Deposit: The damage deposit will be held by the Host. In the event a team's boat or equipment incurs damage or loss while under their care, or the protest committee rules that a team has caused damage to a competitor's boat or equipment or a race committee vessel or equipment, this deposit will be applied towards remediation expenses. If any part of a team's deposit is needed to cover such damage or loss, that team must replenish deposit amount held by the Organizing Authority so that \$1000 remains on account with the Organizing Authority beyond those expenses. The deposit or unused portion thereof will be refunded at the end of the event.

17 PRIZES

- 17.1 US Sailing medals will be awarded to the top three teams.
- 17.2 The winning competitor will have their name placed on the Lloyd Phoenix Trophy, which will remain on display in the Sailing Hall of Fame at the United States Naval Academy.
- 17.3 More prizes may be awarded at the OA and host club's discretion.

18 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 18.1 The National Offshore Championship Committee Chair, Bruce Bingman, blocrunner@aol.com
- 18.2 Regatta Chairman: Nelson Pemberton, nnelsoncp@aol.com
- 18.3 Principal Race Officer: Taran Teague, janetaranteague@gmail.com
- 18.4 Host Club: U.S. Naval Academy Sailing, 601 Brownson Road, U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD 21402

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

HOUSING AND TRANSPORTATION

Teams are expected to arrange their own travel and housing. Lodging information will be provided to teams upon request.

ACCESS and other regulations

Rules and Regulations regarding access to the Naval Academy grounds will be posted on the official notice board and in the sailing instructions.