

2026 U.S. Youth Match Racing Championship for the Rose Cup

Organizing Authority: US Sailing
Host: Oakcliff Sailing Center, Oyster Bay, NY
With Support From: Seawanhaka Corinthian Yacht Club

June 24-28, 2026
All times are Eastern Time

Event Website: [2026 US Youth Match Race Championship](#)

NOTICE OF RACE

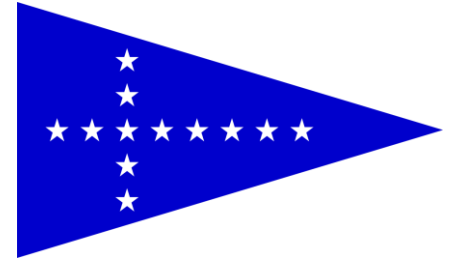
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The following abbreviations apply to this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions:

PC: Protest Committee or International Jury	RC: Race Committee
NoR: Notice of Race	SI: Sailing Instruction
OA: Organizing Authority	TD: Technical Delegate
RRS: Racing Rules of Sailing	WS: World Sailing

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing, including Appendix C.
- 1.2 The most current versions of the following US Sailing documents apply:
 - (a) [The US Sailing Regulations which govern all US Sailing Championships and Qualifying Events](#). Attention is drawn to regulations 2.02, 4.02, 10, 13, and 14.04, although other regulations may be applicable as well.
 - (b) [DP] US Sailing's current [Championship Conditions](#).
 - (c) [NP] [US Sailing's Championships Code of Conduct](#).
 - (d) [US Youth Match Racing Championship Conditions](#).
 - (e) [DP] [US Sailing Coaching and Support Vessel Policy](#)
 - (f) Rules for the handling of boats and the equipment list will be detailed in the SI. These also apply to any practice sailing and sponsor races.
- 1.3 Class rules will not apply.
- 1.4 The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1.
- 1.5 The notation '[DP]' in a rule means the penalty for a breach of the rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.
- 1.6 The US Sailing prescriptions to the preamble to Part 5, Section B, and to Rule 63.1(b) do not apply.
- 1.7 [Regulation 10.04 B and D](#):
10.04 B: "Youth or Junior Events, including Junior Olympics, Qualifying and Championship Events For all US Sailing Youth or Junior sanctioned events (Jos, qualifiers, finals), 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."
(This modifies RRS 40 and the preamble to Part 4.)
10.04 D: Regulation 10.04 B shall be included in the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions. The Sailing Instructions shall include the words, "A violation of this Instruction may be protested by



race officials or a competitor; however, an inadvertent and momentary breach of this instruction may receive a penalty less than disqualification at the discretion of the protest committee. This changes rule 64.”

- 1.8 When a boat in a match fails to *sail the course*, she will be disqualified without a hearing and scored zero points unless both boats in the match have sailed the same course in which case the boats will be scored as if they had sailed the course. This changes RRS 28, 35, 60.5(b), 90.3(a), A5, and C10.7
- 1.9 Errors or omissions by the RC will NOT be grounds for redress by a competitor. In the event of an error or omission, the Match or Chief Umpire may notify the RC of the incident and request postponement or abandonment. This changes RRS 61.4 (b)(1).
- 1.10 [DP] Drones shall not be flown in the racing area except with prior written authorization from the regatta chair.
- 1.11 A Protest Committee (PC) shall be appointed by the OA.
- 1.12 The event has applied for World Sailing (WS) GRADE 3. This grading is subject to review by World Sailing. The event may be re-graded when there is a clear reason to do so.
- 1.13 The OA reserves the right to amend this NOR. Any amendments to the NOR shall be posted on the official notice board online at the USYMRC Website.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SI's)

The SI's will be available on the USYMRC website approximately one week before the event.

3 COMMUNICATION

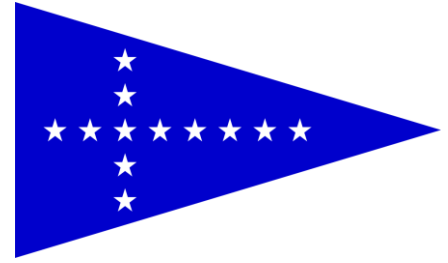
- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official noticeboard onsite.
- 3.2 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flag staff located at Oakcliff Sailing Center.

4 ELIGIBILITY

- 4.1 Competitors must have reached their 16th birthday but not their 21st birthday during the calendar year in which the event is held; i.e., must be born between January 1, 2006 and December 31, 2010 inclusive. Competitors will be asked to show their driver's license or some other proof of birth date at the event.
- 4.2 Competitors must be current individual or family members, all in good standing, of US Sailing at the time of registration and the duration of the event.
- 4.3 Up to 10 skippers will be invited. Only skippers invited by the OA, and who confirm acceptance of the invitation, as detailed in the letter of invitation, will be eligible to enter this event.
- 4.4 The registered skipper shall helm the boat at all times while racing, except in an emergency.
- 4.5 To remain eligible, a skipper shall register (see NoR 6) by the date specified on the letter of invitation, unless the eligible skipper has requested and received written permission from the OA for late registration.
- 4.6 All competitors shall meet the eligibility requirements of the World Sailing Eligibility Code.
- 4.7 All competitors shall obtain a World Sailing Sailor ID. Skippers shall inform the OA of their World Sailing Sailor ID by submitting it online when registering. To get a WS Sailor ID number, go to this link: [World Sailing - Sailor Dashboard](#)

5 ENTRIES

- 5.1 The entry fee is \$800 per team, which includes boat use, coaching, **some** of the meals and entertainment.
- 5.2 Housing at Oakcliff Sailing Center will be available on a first come first served basis and can be requested via the attached housing donation form.
- 5.3 The entry fee shall be paid by credit card by the date listed in NoR 6.2.
- 5.4 No refunds of the entry fee will be made after April 24, 2026, unless an acceptable replacement team is found.



- 5.5 A team shall be entered on completion of registration, crew weighing and payment of all fees and deposits.

6 REGISTRATION

- 6.1 Online registration for invited skippers may only be made by filling out the online forms as described in the invitation letter.
- 6.2 Online registrations, including registration fees, shall be submitted online **no later than midnight (EDT), April 24, 2026**, unless the invited skipper has requested and received written permission from the OA for late registration.

7 DAMAGE DEPOSIT

- 7.1 An initial damage deposit of \$1,000 shall be paid at registration, unless extended by the OA.
- 7.2 Each skipper is responsible for the damage or loss to their boat unless responsibility is otherwise assigned by the umpires or PC. The damage deposit is the limit of liability of each skipper for each incident. If a deduction is made from the deposit, the skipper will be required to restore the deposit to the original value to continue in the event.
- 7.3 Any remaining deposit after the event will be refunded within thirty (30) days.

8 CREW (INCLUDING SKIPPER)

- 8.1 The number of crew (including the skipper) shall be four (4). There shall be at least one female and one male in the crew. All registered crew shall sail all races.
- 8.2 The maximum total crew weight, determined prior to racing, shall be 660 pounds, when wearing at least shorts and a shirt.
- 8.3 When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the event, the OA may authorize an original crew member to substitute.
- 8.4 When a registered crew member is unable to continue in the event, the OA may authorize a substitute, a temporary substitute, or other adjustment. See the [US Sailing Championships Conditions](#).

9 BOATS AND SAILS

- 9.1 The OA intends to provide at least eight (8) Sonar type boats.
- 9.2 The following sails will be provided for each boat: Mainsail, Jib and Spinnaker.
- 9.3 Boats will be allocated as decided by the OA or RC, either daily or for each round as decided by the race committee.
- 9.4 While all reasonable steps are taken to equalize the boats, variations will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.4(b).

10 EVENT FORMAT

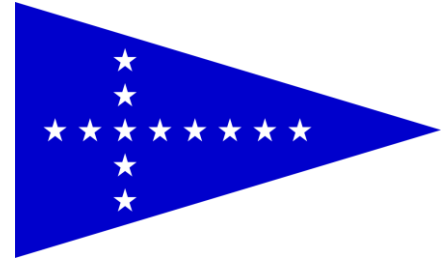
- 10.1 The intended racing area will be Oyster Bay or Cold Spring Harbor.
- 10.2 The event will consist of the following stages:

Stage 1 – Round Robin

All skippers are scheduled to sail against all other skippers once.

Stage 2 – Quarterfinal Knock-outs / 9th – 10th Series

- a) Skippers placing 1 through 8 in the round robin will be paired 1 v 8, 2 v 7, etc. in accordance with a table to be distributed by the race committee. The first skippers to score at least three (3) points qualify for Stage 4. The others will sail in Stage 3.
- b) Skippers placing 9 and 10 in the round robin will be paired. The first skipper to score at least three (3) points will place ninth; the other skipper will place tenth.



Stage 3 – 5th – 8th Knockout

The four losing skippers from the Quarterfinal Knock-outs (Stage 2) will be paired highest seed from Stage 1 v lowest seed from Stage 1, etc. The first skippers to score at least two (2) points will be the winners. The two winners will sail each other for places 5 and 6 in Stage 5; the two losers will sail for places 7 and 8 in Stage 5.

Stage 4 – Semi-Finals

The four winning skippers from the Quarterfinal Knock-outs (Stage 2), or if Stage 2 is not sailed then the four highest ranking skippers from the round robin, will be paired highest seed from Stage 1 v lowest seed from Stage 1, etc. The first skippers to score at least three (3) points shall proceed to Stage 7. The other skippers will move to Stage 6.

Stage 5 – 5th – 8th Finals

The skippers qualifying for this stage will be paired in accordance with a table to be distributed by the race committee. The two winners from Stage 3 will sail each other for places 5 and 6; the two losers will sail for places 7 and 8. The first skippers to score at least two (2) points will be the winners.

Stage 6 – Petite-Final

The skippers qualifying for this stage will be paired in accordance with a table to be distributed by the race committee. The first skipper to score at least two (2) points will place third in the regatta. The other skipper will place fourth.

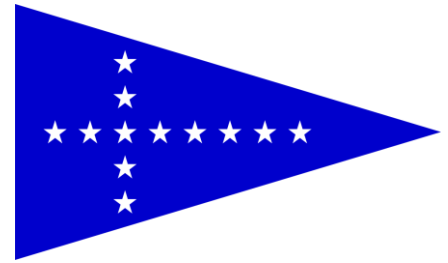
Stage 7 – Final Series

The skippers qualifying for this stage will be paired in accordance with a table to be distributed by the race committee. The first skipper to score at least three (3) points will be the winner. The other skipper will place second.

- 10.3 The US Sailing representative, in consultation with the PRO and Chief Umpire, may change the format, terminate or eliminate any scheduled stage, or terminate the event when, in its opinion, conditions or the remaining time scheduled are not expected to permit the completion of the intended format.

11 PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

- 11.1 (a) Wednesday, June 24, 1000 - 1230, registration and weigh-in
(b) Wednesday, June 24, 1300 - 1730, practice sailing with coaching
(c) Wednesday, June 24, 1900 - 2100, meeting for all sailors
(d) Thursday, June 25, 0830 - 0900, final registration and weigh-in
(e) Thursday, June 25, 0900 - 1730, Advanced Match Racing Clinic
(f) Thursday, June 25, 1900 - 2030, Opening Ceremony
(g) Friday, June 26 to Sunday, June 28, Racing
(h) Daily briefing on racing days at 0830, including first umpire briefing on Friday, June 26
(i) The intended time of the first Attention Signal each racing day will be 1030
(j) Sunday, June 28, no Attention Signal will be made after **1430**
(k) Sunday, June 28, Awards Ceremony immediately following the racing



- 11.2 [DP] Unless excused in writing by the OA, attendance by all competitors at the following is mandatory:
- (a) Opening Ceremony
 - (b) Daily briefings on racing days
 - (c) Award Ceremony

12 [NP] ADVERTISING

- 12.1 As boats and equipment will be supplied by the Organizing Authority, World Sailing Advertising Code applies. Each boat will be required to display advertising as supplied by the OA.
- 12.2 The OA intends to supply the following equipment: Boats and Sails. Advertising as supplied by the OA is to be displayed on this equipment.
- 12.3 Competitors may be permitted to display advertising ashore at the venue, but this is subject to individual negotiation with the OA.
- 12.4 Boats shall not be permitted the right to protest for infringements of any rules regarding advertising. This changes **RRS 60.1**.

13 [NP] CODE OF CONDUCT

- 13.1 Competitors and Support Persons shall comply with any reasonable request from any official, including attendance at official functions and co-operation with event sponsors, and shall behave so as to not bring the event into disrepute.
- 13.2 Competitors and support persons shall handle any equipment provided by the organizing authority with care, seamanship, in accordance with any instructions for its use and without interfering with its functionality.

14 [NP] SUPPORT PERSONS

- 14.1 For the purposes of coach boat rules, this event is a US Sailing Grade 2 event as defined in the [US Sailing Coaching and Support Boat Policy](#).
- 14.2 There will be US Sailing-supplied coaching. No private/team coaching or support (other than encouragement) is permitted from the time the competitors leave the dock until they have returned to the dock.
- 14.3 Every effort will be made to get spectators on the water when possible; please let the OA know in advance if you would like to reserve a place on a spectator boat. Private spectator boats are allowed provided they comply with SI 14.1 & SI 14.2.

15 [NP] MEDIA, IMAGES and SOUND

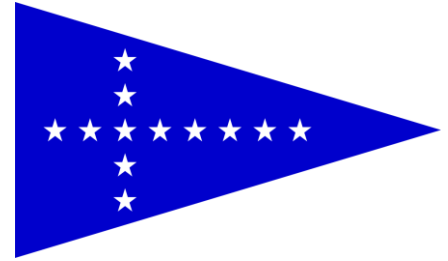
The OA has the right to use any images and sound recorded during the event free of any charge.

16 DATA PROTECTION

Any personal information given will be kept secure. The OA and Host will not sell or rent your personally identifiable information.

17 DRESS CODE

Appropriate attire must be worn at all times. Bring one dress outfit (collared shirt and nice shorts/pants for men and equivalent for women; no coats or ties required). Footwear must be worn at all times on land.



18 RISK, DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY, & PERSONAL CONDUCT

- 18.1 Competitors participate in the regatta at their own risk. See RRS 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.
- 18.2 Each competitor will accept full responsibility for all his/her actions during any activity related to the event. This includes on-shore activities before, during, and after the regatta. All competitors are expected to maintain the highest levels of conduct throughout the entire event. Enforcement of discipline and conduct shall be conducted as described in the [Championships Code of Conduct](#).
- 18.3 [NP] Competitors must be in their accommodation by 2200 each evening. NO EXCEPTIONS.
- 18.4 An alleged breach of NoR 18.3 shall not be grounds for a protest; this changes RRS 60.1. However, when the protest committee believes that a competitor may have breached NoR 18.3, it shall follow the process described in the [Championships Code of Conduct](#).

19 PRIZES

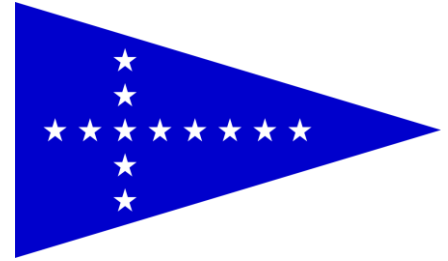
- 19.1 The Rose Cup is the perpetual trophy presented to the winning team.
- 19.2 US Sailing medals will be awarded to the competitors who finish first through third.
- 19.3 The Nick Scandone Sportsmanship Award is the perpetual trophy presented for sportsmanship.
- 19.4 The two perpetual trophies will remain at the Balboa Yacht Club and will be engraved with the winners' names.
- 19.5 The top finishing skipper will receive an invitation to the 2026 Governor's Cup, to be held July 27-August 1, 2026, at the Balboa Yacht Club in Corona del Mar, California, **provided that the skipper has requested an invitation to the Governor's Cup organizing authority within their deadline** (April 11, 2026) (www.govcupracing.com).
- 19.6 The second place skipper will receive an invitation to the 2026 Oakcliff Halloween Invitational, October 30 – November 1, 2026, in Match 40s.

20 ARRIVAL / DEPARTURE; TRANSPORTATION

- 20.1 Participants should fly into the John F Kennedy International Airport (JFK) if possible. Travel time from JFK to the Oakcliff Sailing Center is about forty-five minutes by car or one hour and thirty minutes by train (LIRR). Participants should plan on making their own transportation arrangements from the airport to the Oakcliff. *Other options include LaGuardia Airport (LGA), which is approximately forty-five minutes by car and two hours by public transportation.*
- 20.2 The OA may provide transportation to the airport after the awards ceremony.
- 20.3 Flights should not be scheduled prior to 7:00pm on Sunday, June 29 from JFK or LGA.

21 INVITATIONS

- 21.1 Invitations are by resume only. Entries will only be accepted from invited skippers. Requests for Invitation (RFI) must be filled out using the online RFI form which is available as of January 15, 2026 at: <https://www.ussailing.org/competition/championships/2026-u-s-youth-match-racing-championship/>
- 21.2 Requests for invitation received by April 1, 2026, will be given preference, and selected skippers will be notified by April 7, 2026.
- 21.3 When a skipper accepts an invitation and later withdraws within two months of the event or leaves the event before the end without written approval from the OA, a zero score may be applied to their Ranking points for that event by WS. (World Sailing Policy H1.5)



22 FURTHER INFORMATION

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