



2026 Chubb US Youth Triplehanded Championship for the Sears Cup

August 7-10, 2026

Organizing Authority (OA): **US Sailing**

Host Club: **Noroton Yacht Club**, Darien CT

NOTICE OF RACE

Note: This Event is for Four Sailors, Not Three

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the notice of race (NoR) or sailing instructions (SIs) 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 notice of race (NoR) or sailing instructions (SIs) 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. [Appendix UF 'Sears Cup 2026 Umpired Fleet Racing'](#) applies.
- 1.3. Sonar 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 A, Handling Provided Boats](#) applies, and also applies to any practice sailing.
- 1.7. [Addendum B, Equipment List](#) applies, and also applies to any practice sailing.
- 1.8. Other documents that govern the event are:
 - 1.8.1. US Sailing Championship Conditions
available at [US Sailing 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 [US Sailing Championship Conditions](#)
 - 1.8.4. [DP] US Sailing Coaching and Support Boat Policy
available at: [Coaching and Support Boat Policy – US Sailing](#).
This is a Grade 2 (US Sailing supplied coaches) event.
 - 1.8.5. [DP] SafeSport Athlete Safety Handbook
available at [US Sailing Member Athlete Safety Toolkit](#)
 - 1.8.6. [DP] [Addendum S, Safesport MAAPP and Reporting Protocol](#)
- 1.9. PFDs
 - 1.9.1. [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. This changes rule 40.1.
 - 1.9.2. [DP] 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, 2026 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 capable of receiving US VHF channels.
- 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, 2026.
- 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 online](#).
- 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 skipper.
- 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 shall register no later than July 21, 2026 by registering online at [the event website](#) 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 \$1,200 per team which includes coaching, some meals, and Sonar-type boats provided by the OA for competing teams.
- 5.2. All entry fees received on or after July 21, 2026 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 [the event website](#).

6. **DAMAGE DEPOSIT**

- 6.1. Each supplied boat is insured by the OA for third-party liability insurance.
- 6.2. All skippers will be required to provide a \$1,500 damage deposit prior to the start of racing by providing credit card information 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, the skipper is then liable for up to \$1,500 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
Friday, August 07	0900-1100	Registration
	1100-1800	US Sailing Clinic
	1800	Opening Ceremony and Chubb Skipper Panel, Buffet Dinner
Saturday, August 08	0930	Competitors' Meeting
	1100	First Warning Signal
	after racing	Snacks, debrief
Sunday, August 09	0930	Competitors' Meeting
	1100	First Warning Signal
	after racing	Snacks, debrief
Monday, August 10	0930	Competitors' Meeting
	1100	First Warning Signal
	after racing	Awards Ceremony, Snacks

- 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 area. 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 [Noroton Yacht Club, 23 Baywater Drive, Darien CT 06820](#)
- 9.2. The intended racing area will be Long Island Sound South of Long Neck Point. See Addendum 'Racing Area' available at [Racing Area](#).
- 9.3. When leaving for or returning from the Racing Area note navigational hazards as shown [here](#).

10. **EVENT FORMAT**

- 10.1. The regatta consists of 3 days of fleet races.
- 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 races under the existing conditions or in the remaining time scheduled.
- 10.3. The OA intends to provide Sonar type boats for all teams racing in the event. Each boat will have the following sails: (Mainsail, Jib, Spinnaker).
- 10.4. Boats will be allocated by draw. Boats may also be assigned during any stage by the OA or RC.
- 10.5. The OA or RC may require rotation of boats or provided equipment for any reason. Rotation of boats or provided equipment as specified by the OA or RC shall not be grounds for a boat to request redress. This changes RRS 61.4(b).
- 10.6. Boats and equipment needed to sail them will be provided by the OA.
- 10.7. While all reasonable steps are taken to equalize the boats, variations will not be grounds for a request for redress under RRS 61.4(b).

11. **PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 11.1. All races will be umpired fleet racing as described in [Appendix UF Sears Cup 2026 Umpired Fleet Racing](#).

12. **SCORING**

- 12.1. Twelve (12) races are scheduled.
- 12.2. A team's series score will be the total of its race scores. This changes RRS A2.
- 12.3. Three races will constitute a Series.

13. **COACHING**

- 13.1. This is a Grade 2 Event as defined in the US Sailing Championship Coaching and Support Boat Policy.
- 13.2. US Sailing coaches will be supplied and no private/team coaching is permitted. Private instructors, coaches and other support personnel including family members shall not go afloat in the defined racing area at any time during the clinic or racing days, except with written permission of the Organizing Authority.
- 13.3. Competitors shall not receive advice, instruction, or any type of assistance related to the competition outside of that provided by US Sailing. Outside contact with competitors, including electronic communication, for the purposes of offering a racing advantage is prohibited for the duration of the event; commencing with the competitor's arrival at the host club until dismissal by the US Sailing Coach on clinic days, or released by the Protest Committee on racing days.
- 13.4. The coaches provided by US Sailing will offer on-the-water instruction and group commentary/advice on land following each racing day. This coaching will be given to all competitors on an as equal basis as possible.

14. **PRIZES**

- 14.1. US Sailing Championship medals will be awarded to competitors who finish first through third.
- 14.2. The following trophies will be presented:
 - 14.2.1. The Sears Cup perpetual trophy will be presented to the winning team.
 - 14.2.2. The Judges Trophy will be awarded to the second-place team.
 - 14.2.3. The Cox Sportsmanship Award will be awarded to the sportsmanship award winners.
 - 14.2.4. The Seamanship Trophy will be awarded to the team that receives the greatest number of points for neatness and general shipshape condition of their boats.
 - 14.2.5. Additional awards may be given at the discretion of the organizing authority and host club.

15. **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.**

16. RIGHTS TO USE NAME, LIKENESS, AND PERSONAL INFORMATION

- 16.1. 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.
- 16.2. 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.

17. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please go to norotonyc.org or contact:

Regatta Chair	Lee Morrison	lee06820@gmail.com	(203) 644-6363
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Noroton YC Commodore	Scott Harrison		
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Addendum 'Racing Area'
shows the location of the racing area

