



2026 US Youth Championship

October 9-12, 2026
Long Beach, CA

NOTICE OF RACE (NoR)

Organizing Authority: US Sailing Host:
Alamitos Bay Yacht Club

All times are US Pacific Daylight Time

Event Website:

<https://www.ussailing.org/competition/championships/2026-u-s-youth-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.

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 Youth Championship available on the [event website](#).
 - (c) [NP] US Sailing Championship Code of Conduct, available at: <https://www.ussailing.org/competition/resources/championship-conditions/>
 - (d) [DP] US Sailing Coaching and Support Vessel Policy, available at: <https://www.ussailing.org/competition/resources/coaching-and-support-vessel-policy/> .
This is a Grade 1 (private coaches permitted) event. See also NoR 18 below.
- 1.3 RRS Appendix B, Windsurfing Competition Rules, shall apply for the Windsurfing Event, as changed by the sailing instructions or this notice of race (NoR).
- 1.4 RRS Appendix F, Kiteboarding Competition Rules, shall apply for the Kiteboarding Event, as changed by the sailing instructions or this notice of race (NoR).
- 1.5 RRS Appendix P, Special Procedures for RRS 42, shall apply for the 29er, i420, ILCA 6 and ILCA 7 classes and may be modified by the sailing instructions.
- 1.6 RRS 60.1 is changed to add: 'However, a boat shall not protest another boat for an alleged breach of a class rule other than class equipment measurement rules.'
- 1.7 Rule 60.4(a)(2) is changed as follows: '(2) if it alleges a breach of a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 and is from a boat that was not involved in, and did not see, the incident, or'
- 1.8 RRS 77 is changed so that a boat is not required to display national letters.

2 SAFETY

- 2.1 [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 per Rule 40.1 and 40.2(c).
- 2.2 [DP] In exception to 2.1 above, for competitors in the iQFOiL and Formula Kite class: Body protection (Impact vest) which may also act as a personal flotation device in accordance with iQFOiL Class Rule C.3.2(1)(iii) shall be worn at all times when afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. This meets the requirements of US Championship Conditions B9 and US Sailing Regulation 10.
- 2.3 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.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The official notice board is online and located at the [event website](#).
- 3.2 [DP] From the first warning signal until their finish in 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 official notice board approximately one week before the event.

5 EVENTS

- 5.1 The regatta shall include the following events utilizing the following class compliant equipment:

Event	Class
Doublehanded Dinghy	International 420
Doublehanded Skiff	29er
Singlehanded Dinghy - Light	ILCA 6
Singlehanded Dinghy	ILCA 7
Windsurfing	iQ FOiL Youth & Junior
Kitesurfing	Formula Kite

- 5.2 All events are open to male and female competitors. Doublehanded events may be sailed with mixed teams.
- 5.3 A class shall have a minimum of five (5) boats registered as of the end of the late registration period (see below), or that class will be dropped from the championship and registration fees will be refunded.

6 ELIGIBILITY

- 6.1 Competitors (skippers and crews) shall not reach their 20th birthday in the 2026 calendar year.
- 6.2 Competitors should have adequate experience and ability to safely compete in 20 knots of wind and large waves.
- 6.3 Competitors shall be either US Citizens or resident aliens in accordance with US Championship Conditions B7.3(a). The Organizing Authority may grant an exception to this requirement based on:
- (a) a written request to do so.
 - (b) nominations from other MNAs to attend the regatta with US Sailing approval.
 - (c) Requests should be emailed to US Sailing at YouthChampionships@ussailing.org by September 1, 2026.
- 6.4 Competitors shall be members of US Sailing or, if non-US competitors 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/>
- 6.5 Eligibility for the ILCA 6 Class will be by invitation. Please see NoR Attachment A for invitation criteria.
- 6.6 Eligibility for the International 420, 29er, ILCA 7, iQFOiL, and Formula Kite Classes is open to all eligible athletes.

7 ENTRY

- 7.1 Eligible boats may enter by registering online between July 1 and September 1 at the [event website](#) and paying all required fees.
- 7.2 Late entries will be accepted until September 15 subject to a late entry fee.
- 7.3 A competitor is not a valid entry until they have completed all online and onsite registration steps and all fees and deposits have been paid.

8 FEES

- 8.1 Entry fees are as follows:

If paid by midnight on:	Singlehanded Classes	Doublehanded Classes
Sep 1, 2026	US\$ 375	US\$ 475
Sep 15, 2026	US\$ 475	US\$ 575

- 8.2 The entry fee includes racing, boat storage and launching during the event, post-race socials, and the awards dinner.
- 8.3 Registration fees will be refunded, less a \$50 processing fee, to entries that cancel on or before September 1. No refunds will be granted after September 1 (except per NoR 5.3)

9 BOATS AND EQUIPMENT

- 9.1 Competitors are responsible for providing their own boat and equipment.
- 9.2 Each boat shall comply with the equipment measurement rules of its class and may be inspected for compliance at any time during the regatta at the discretion of the organizing authority.
- 9.3 [DP] All boats shall display top sail or bow numbers, or numbered bibs, if provided by the OA, while racing.

10 CREW SUBSTITUTIONS

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

11 ADVERTISING

- 11.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.
- 11.2 The organizing authority may provide bibs that competitors are required to wear as permitted by the World Sailing Advertising Code.

12 SCHEDULE

- 12.1 [DP] Beginning September 14, competitors shall not arrive at the host club prior to 1000 October 8, 2026 unless they have been provided prior written permission by US Sailing, with an exception for members of the host club ("visiting sailors" are not considered to be members).
- 12.2 The schedule is as follows (all times are US Pacific Time):

Date	Time	Item
Thursday, Oct 8	1000	Earliest Arrival Date
	1300 -1800	On-site registration
Friday, Oct 9	0800-1100	On-site registration
	1000	Mandatory Coaches and Spectator Vessel Meeting
	1030	Competitors Meeting
	1300	Warning Signal for first race of the day
Saturday, Oct 10	1100	Morning Briefing
	1300	Warning Signal for first race of the day
Sunday, Oct 11	1100	Morning Briefing
	1300	Warning Signal for first race of the day
Monday, Oct 12	1000	Morning Briefing
	1200	Warning Signal for first race of the day
	1500	No Warning Signal after
	ASAP	Award Ceremony

13 [DP] REGISTRATION AND EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 13.1 By the end of onsite registration all competitors shall sign and agree to abide by the US Sailing Championship Code of Conduct and US Sailing Waiver of Liability.
- 13.2 Boats, sails, and equipment may be inspected at any time.

14 VENUE

- 14.1 NoR Attachment B shows the location of the racing areas.

15 COURSES

- 15.1 Courses will be described in the sailing instructions.

16 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 16.1 For the Skiff event: RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

17 SCORING

- 17.1 Scoring details will be provided in the sailing instructions.

18 COACHING AND SUPPORT VESSELS

- 18.1 This is a Grade 1 event as defined in the US Sailing Coaching and Support Vessel Policy. Coaches shall comply with the US Sailing Coaching and Support Vessel Policy, including US Sailing Smallboat Certification and SafeSport Training requirements.
- 18.2 Private Coaches shall register on the [event website](#) by October 1. The Entry Fee for Private Coaches is \$200.
- 18.3 Private Coaches are responsible for their own housing and coach vessel. Information about docking, trailer storage and meal costs will be posted on the regatta website.

19 RISK, DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 19.1 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.
- 19.2 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.

20 PROCEDURES FOR US SAILING SELECTION COMPETITIONS

- 20.1 US Sailing Regulation 12.03, US Sailing Selection Competitions, will be in effect for the following classes: International 420, 29er, ILCA 6, iQFOiL Youth, Formula Kite. The following rules and procedures will apply:
- (a) The US Sailing prescriptions in the preamble to Part 5, Section B and rule 63.1(b) shall apply to a US Sailing Selection Competition.
- (b) The right of appeal will not be denied under rule 70.5 (b), (c) or (d), but an expedited appeal process will be used that balances the needs of the competitor for certainty with respect to berths in future competitions and sufficient time to prepare the arguments and evidence for the appeal. Specifically, the appeal shall be sent no later than 24 hours after the protest time limit on the last day of the event, or 24 hours after receiving the written decision being appealed or the protest committee's decision not to reopen the hearing, whichever is latest. This changes rule R1.1(a).
- (c) If a hearing is scheduled after the event is concluded and after the sailors and officials have left the venue, it will be scheduled as soon as possible, and in a place and manner chosen with deference to the competitor's preferences or circumstances; and parties to the hearing have the right to be present telephonically or via video feed as appropriate, provided all participants can see, hear, and speak to each other.
- 20.2 Other rule changes
- (a) Rule 63.6(b) is changed as follows: "seven days" is changed to "24 hours" and "promptly" is changed to "within 24 hours."
- (b) Rule 63.7, Reopening a Hearing, second sentence is deleted and replaced by: "However, if an appeal of its decision has been sent to the national authority, the hearing shall not be reopened unless the national authority requires reopening under rule R5.4 or decides the appeal cannot be considered."
- 20.3 Expedited appeals procedure. The expedited appeals system in rule R8, Expedited Appeals, will be used. Go to: <https://www.ussailing.org/competition/rules-officiating/appeals/#expedited-appeals>

21 PRIZES

- 21.1 US Sailing Championship medals will be awarded to the top five in classes with twenty-five or more entries, top three in classes with less than twenty-five entries.
- 21.2 US Sailing Championship medals will be awarded to the top three female competitors (singlehanded) / female teams (doublehanded).
- 21.3 The Manton D. Scott Memorial Trophy will be awarded to the winning Doublehanded Dinghy team.
- 21.4 The Robert L. Johnstone III Trophy will be awarded to the winning Singlehanded Dinghy competitor.
- 21.5 The Robert and Ann Conner Trophy will be awarded to the winning Singlehanded Dinghy - Light competitor.
- 21.6 The Major Hall Trophy will be awarded to the winning Windsurfing competitor.

- 21.7 The Trevor Moore Trophy will be awarded to the winning Doublehanded Skiff team.
 - 21.8 The David M. Perry Perpetual Sportsmanship Trophy will be awarded in each class.
 - 21.9 The Smythe Trophy will be awarded to the top new singlehanded sailor (sailing in their first U.S. Youth Championship) in the largest singlehanded fleet.
 - 21.10 The Bemis Trophy will be awarded to the top new doublehanded team (both sailors sailing in their first U.S. Youth Championship) in the largest doublehanded fleet.
 - 21.11 Non-US Competitors (see NoR 6.3) are eligible to win US Sailing medals but are not eligible to win perpetual trophies.
 - 21.12 US Sailing's International Selection Committee (ISC) will select the top eligible prospective athlete in the following events: Male One Person Dinghy-Light (ILCA 6), Female One Person Dinghy- Light (ILCA 6), Mixed or Male Two Person Dinghy (i420), Female Two Person Dinghy (i420), Mixed or Male Skiff (29er), Female Skiff (29er), Male Windsurfer (iQFOiL Youth), Female Windsurfer (iQFOiL Youth), Male Kiteboarding (Formula Kite) and Female Kiteboarding (Formula Kite) to represent the United States at the Youth Sailing World Championship. See <https://www.ussailing.org/olympics/selection/youth-worlds-team/> for eligibility requirements and selection details.
 - 21.13 Additional awards may be given at the discretion of the organizing authority and host club.
- 22 FURTHER INFORMATION**
- 22.1 All official applications, notices, forms and results will be posted on the event website: <https://www.ussailing.org/competition/championships/2026-u-s-youth-championship/>
 - 22.2 For further information please contact US Sailing: youthchampionships@ussailing.org

NoR Attachment A - ILCA 6 Class Invitation Criteria

Up to 65 competitors will be invited to compete in the ILCA 6 class, based on the following criteria:

Round 1: 2026 [US Sailing Youth National Team Members](#) (up to 20 sailors)

Round 2: Regatta Qualification. **Sailor must also finish in the top 60% of the fleet at the regatta to be eligible for the invitation.*

- Top 1 eligible sailor not already qualified* - USA Junior Olympic Sailing Festival Hawaii and other USA Junior Olympic Sailing Festivals with 20 or more ILCA 6 sailors competing.
- Top 3 eligible boys not already qualified*, top 3 eligible girls not already qualified* - ILCA 6 US Championships, Corpus Christi, TX, May 22-24
- Top 3 eligible boys not already qualified*, top 3 eligible girls not already qualified* - ILCA 6 North American Championships, San Pedro, CA, July 9-12
- Top 3 eligible girls not already qualified - ILCA 6 Leiter Trophy, US Junior Women's Championship, Corpus Christi, TX July 27-30
- Top 3 eligible boys not already qualified*, top 3 eligible girls not already qualified* - ILCA 4 Youth World Championships, Aarhus, Denmark, August 1-7
- Top 3 eligible boys not already qualified*, top 3 eligible girls not already qualified* - ILCA 6 Youth World Championships, Aarhus, Denmark, August 11-18

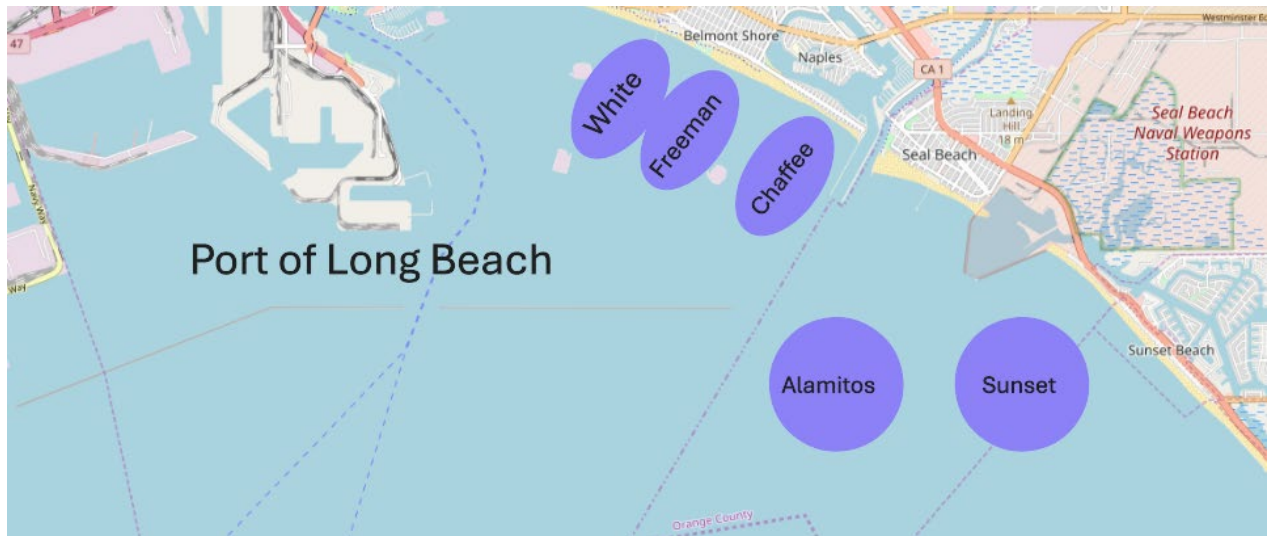
ROUND 1 and 2 INVITEES MUST REGISTER FOR THE 2026 YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS NO LATER THAN AUGUST 23, 2026. UNACCEPTED SPOTS WILL ROLL INTO ROUND 3.

Round 3: ILCA-NA Grand Prix Points

- Top 5 eligible boys not already qualified, top 5 eligible girls not already qualified - [ILCA 6 ILCA-North America Grand Prix Points](#) as of August 25
- All remaining invitations - Top eligible sailor not already qualified (regardless of gender) - [ILCA 6 ILCA-North America Grand Prix Points](#) as of August 25

NoR Attachment B - Racing Areas

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NoR Attachment C - SafeSport Guide



SafeSport Guide: US Sailing Youth Championships

US Sailing Youth Championship hosts are required to implement SafeSport's Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies ("MAAPP") during Championship events. The MAAPPs consist of both:

- A. SafeSport Training requirements
- B. One-on-one abuse prevention policies

SafeSport Training Requirements

The following adults must complete SafeSport training prior to working a US Sailing Youth Championship Event	• US Sailing Championship Committee Chairs, • All race officials (Principal Race Officers, Judges, & Umpires), • Volunteer Medical Professionals, • Coaches and Instructors, • On-site Championship organizers and regatta officials, • Competitors who are 18 years of age or older who are teammates (aboard the sameboat) with minor competitors.
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One-on-One Abuse Prevention Policies

For the duration of any US Sailing Championship event, all adults participating in the event as coaches, race officers, event organizers, medical staff, and volunteers shall adhere to the following one-on-one abuse prevention policies.

One-on-One Interactions Between Adults and Unrelated Minor Competitors	<u>General Rule:</u> While on-site at a US Sailing Youth Championship event, all one-on-one contact between an adult and unrelated minor competitor must be observable and interruptible.
Meetings and Training Sessions	All individual, one-on-one meetings and training sessions between an adult and an unrelated

	minor competitor must take place in an area that is observable and interruptible.
Athletic Training Sessions, Massages, Rubdowns	All individual, one-on-one athletic training sessions, massages, and rubdowns involving an adult and unrelated minor competitor must be: • Observable and interruptible, • Performed with another adult present, and • Have prior written consent from the minor's parent/guardian.
Locker Rooms & Changing Areas	Adults may not have unobservable and unintermittible contact with an unrelated minor competitor in any locker room or changing area.
Media & Electronic Communications	All one-on-one electronic communications between an adult coach, volunteer, or regatta official and unrelated minor competitor must be open and transparent . Open and transparent means that an adult shall copy or include on any electronic communication with a minor competitor: (a) The minor competitor's parent/guardian or other adult family member, or (b) Another adult (such as a coach). <u>Team Communications</u>: All electronic team communications with minor competitors shall include at least two adults.
Transportation	An adult shall not transport a minor competitor one-on-one to/from the event site unless that adult has prior, written consent from the minor competitor's parent/guardian.
Lodging	No minor competitor may stay overnight in the same room with an unrelated adult chaperone without prior written consent from the minor competitor's parent/guardian.

Reporting Protocol

All adult **event personnel** are required to report known, suspected, or alleged misconduct as follows:

- Child Abuse: To the US Center for SafeSport and Law Enforcement.
- Sexual Misconduct: To the US Center for SafeSport.
- Emotional and Physical Misconduct: To US Sailing.
- MAAPP Violations: To US Sailing.

Reports to the US Center for SafeSport can be made as follows:

- US Center for SafeSport 24 hour reporting helpline: 833-587-7233, OR
- Online US Center for SafeSport online reporting tool: <https://uscenterforsafesport.org/report-a-concern/>.

Reports to US Sailing can be made as follows:

- Online: <https://www.ussailing.org/athlete-safety/>.
- Email: Compliance@ussailing.org

For a full explanation of the required reporting protocols in place for this event, please see Section VIII of the [US Sailing Athlete Safety Handbook](#).