

# **CONDITIONS FOR THE UNITED STATES JUNIOR WOMEN'S SINGLEHANDED CHAMPIONSHIP AND JUNIOR WOMEN'S DOUBLEHANDED CHAMPIONSHIP**

## **1.0 CONDITIONS, NOTICE OF RACE, AND SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

1.1 The Organizing Authority, Junior Women's Championship Committee issues these Conditions, the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions for the National Championship.

1.2 The championship is governed by the US Sailing Championship Conditions - <https://www.ussailing.org/competition/resources/championship-conditions/>

1.3 The championship is governed by US Sailing Regulation 2.02, 4.02, 10, 13 and 14.04 - <https://www.ussailing.org/about/our-organization/#resources-block>

## **2.0 ELIGIBILITY AND SELECTION OF TEAMS**

2.1 Each team shall meet the eligibility requirements of the US Sailing Championship Conditions and the US Sailing Regulations. See 1.2 and 1.3 for links to these documents.

2.2 There shall be no limit on the number of teams allowed to participate, unless restricted within the Notice of Race.

2.3 There is no age restriction, unless provided within the Notice of Race (NOR).

2.4 US Citizenship is required for all participants.

## **3.0 CREW CHANGES**

Crew changes shall meet the requirements of the US Sailing Championship Conditions. See 1.2 for a link to this document.

## **4.0 COACHING AND/OR SUPPORT BOATS**

4.1 The US Championship will meet US Sailing's policy on coach and support boats found at <https://www.ussailing.org/competition/resources/coaching-and-support-boat-policy/> and designate the grade in the respective Notice of Race(NOR).

4.2 This event is Grade 2. A US Sailing coach will be supplied. No private/team coaching is permitted. No private/team spectator boats unless permitted in the NOR. The Organizing Authority may arrange for spectator boats.

## **5.0 BOAT/EQUIPMENT**

5.1 The event will be sailed in a one design class that is a current member of US Sailing. The championship will use the current one-design class rules.

5.2 This is a Bring Your Own Boat championship. The boats used in the National Championship may be chartered either from private owners or from manufacturers. US Sailing will make every effort to facilitate the availability of charters, but charters are not guaranteed.

It is of the utmost importance that charter boats be treated with care at all times as the future of these events depends on being able to charter boats again. See Section 6.0 with regard to insurance provisions.

5.3 If a boat is disabled and cannot be repaired before the next race, another boat, with the approval of the Organizing Authority, may be substituted and may continue to be used for the

remaining races of the event. In such cases, the sails of the disabled boat shall be used if possible.

5.4 The use of electronic devices is restricted by the Class Rules and the NOR.

## **6.0 LIABILITY AND DAMAGE**

6.1 At-fault occurrences to other boats are the responsibility of the helmsman. Contestants are not covered by any Liability Insurance provided by the host club and should provide their own coverage for personal goods and liability protection. US Sailing recommends those teams, or where minors are involved, their parents or guardians consult their own insurance carrier regarding additional personal liability insurance coverage

6.2 US Sailing does not require the use of hold harmless forms. It strongly recommends that organizing authorities seek local legal advice on the question and carry adequate insurance coverage such as that provided by the Regatta Liability Insurance Program endorsed by US Sailing.

6.3 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, 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.

## **7.0 EVENT FORMAT**

7.1 Racing will be conducted over a period of two (2) or three (3) consecutive days. The Race Committee shall attempt to conduct a maximum of ten (10) races with a target time of forty-five (45) to sixty (60) minutes each. A maximum of four (4) races may be conducted each day.

7.2 Three (3) races must be completed to constitute a regatta.

7.3 Weather conditions, the need to protect borrowed boats and equipment, or the need to expedite completion of the event may require procedures other than those mentioned in these Conditions. Any such special procedures must be approved by the Organizing Authority and the Protest Committee.

7.4 The Organizing Authority, Regatta Chair, and Principal Race Officer (PRO) shall agree to the suitable racing conditions, including upper and lower wind limits, in advance. The host club must be able to provide equipment and adequate safety boats to run races in the upper range. Suggested parameters are: minimum-4 knots; maximum at start-18 knots; maximum for 5 minute duration-25 knots.

## **8.0 RACE ADMINISTRATION**

8.1 The Championship is to be run in accordance with US Sailing Regulation 10.06

### **8.2 GENERAL POLICY**

a) The Organizing Authority shall file an online event report that includes the names and certifications of all judges, umpires and principal race officials within two weeks of the event. The online form is located at -

<https://www.ussailing.org/competition/resources/hosting-a-us-sailing-championship/race-management-personnel-submission-fleet/>

b) No person may serve as a member of the Protest Committee or as the PRO at an event in which any competitor in the event is a close relative. (see 8.1b1 below)

<sup>1</sup> For the purpose of this policy the term "close relative" is defined as an individual related to another person or the person's spouse within the third degree. This includes parents, grandparents, great-grandparents, siblings, children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, spouses and close relatives of spouses including step- or in-law relatives.

- c) Volunteers in any capacity are expected to subordinate their personal and individual interests to the interests of the event and the sport of sailing. See US Sailing Regulation 1.00.
- d) Except in illness or emergency, the Jury shall consist of a minimum of three judges.

#### **9.0. POWER LINE HAZARDS**

US Sailing Regulations require that US Sailing Championships at all levels be held at sites free of power line hazards. Written compliance is required to be filed with the Championship Director at US Sailing.

#### **10. HOST CLUB**

10.1 The host club should familiarize all competitors with the waters in which the races are to be held with emphasis on obstructions, tidal conditions and probable location of marks.

10.2 The Host club shall submit a Championship Report assessing the championship and make any recommendations for managing future successful championships.