

US SAILING ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES
World Sailing Nations Cup Grand Final Open & Women
September 6-11, 2027
California, USA

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For any person meeting all the Athlete Eligibility requirements specified herein who wishes to compete for the U.S. at the World Sailing 2027 Nations Cup Grand Final Open & Women (“the Event”) to be held September 6-11, 2027, in Cherbourg, FRA.

1. ELIGIBILITY

- Athletes must be US Citizens, or eligible permanent residents with written authorization from World Sailing for an exemption under World Sailing Regulation 24.5.4
- Athletes must hold a valid U.S. passport that will not expire for six months after the conclusion of the Event.
- All athletes shall obtain a World Sailing Sailor ID by registering online at [World Sailing - Sailor Dashboard](#)
- Athletes must attend for the entire duration of the Event.
- Athletes must be a member in good standing with US Sailing.

2. SELECTION

2.1. The following is the procedure to be used by the International Selection Committee (ISC) to select the skipper or skippers to represent the U.S. at the World Sailing Nations Cup Grand Final Open & Women based on the criteria below:

a. Winning Team at each of the following events:

- 2026 US Women’s Match Racing Championship, Bayview YC, Detroit, MI for the Women’s Division.
- 2026 US Match Racing Championship, San Diego YC, San Diego, CA for the Open Division.

b. Should the winner be unable to attend the 2027 Nations Cup in the respective division, the second place team would be invited to represent the USA.

c. If neither of the teams is able to represent the USA at the 2027 Nations Cup in their respective division, an evaluation group led by Pearson Potts, as Chair of the US Sailing Match Racing Committee, would make a selection recommendation to the ISC based on the November 1, 2026 WS ranking list.

2.2. The skipper nominated to represent the U.S. shall select their crew, all of whom must be eligible under Section 1, Eligibility.

3. REMOVAL OR WITHDRAWAL OF ATHLETES

3.1. Athletes (skipper and crew) who will be representing the USA at the Event may be removed by US Sailing for any of the following reasons:

3.1.1. Voluntary withdrawal. Athlete must submit a written letter to Betsy Alison via email at championships@ussailing.org

3.1.2 Violation of the Code of Conduct, which could result in disciplinary review and potential disqualification.

4. REPLACEMENT OF ATHLETES

As permitted by World Sailing, a replacement skipper will be nominated from the pool of eligible athletes based on the criteria outlined in section 2 above and approved by the ISC.

5. DEVELOPMENT OF SELECTION PROCEDURES

The International Selection Committee (ISC) was responsible for creating these Selection Procedures. The selection criteria are based on the latest information available to US Sailing.

5.1. Any member of the ISC or the evaluation group that has a possible conflict of interest must disclose it. If such conflict exists, the person must recuse him/herself from discussions and voting. Further, the person should not otherwise influence other members of the selection process. However, a person who has recused him/herself, but who has relevant and necessary information with respect to athlete performance (for example a national team coach) may, if requested by the committee, provide such information to the committee so long as such information is provided in a fair and unbiased manner and the committee member who declared the conflict of interest does not vote toward the final decision.

6. ATHLETE OMBUDSMAN

Athletes who have questions regarding their opportunity to compete that are not answered by US Sailing may contact either of the following:

US Sailing Athlete Ombudsman, Bob Lane at rlane@hmallc.com

USOPC Athlete Ombudsman, Kacie Wallace at kacie@usathlete.org Telephone | (719) 866-2299 Toll-free telephone | 1-(888) ATHLETE (1-888-284-5383) <https://www.teamusa.org/Athlete-Ombuds>

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