

2026 U.S. Youth Triplehanded (Quadruplehanded) Championship  
For the Sears Cup  
Area J Qualifier



June 23, 2026

Organizing Authority: US Sailing & San Diego Yacht Club  
Host: San Diego Yacht Club  
1011 Anchorage Lane  
San Diego, CA 92106



**NOTICE OF RACE**

**1. RULES**

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2. The following documents shall apply:
  - 1.2.1. [US Sailing Regulation 10](#). (see page 15)  
An alleged breach of US Sailing Regulation 10 shall not be grounds for a protest by another boat; this changes rules 60.1. However, when a protest committee believes that a competitor may have breached Regulation 10.03, it shall follow the process described in the Championships Code of Conduct.
  - 1.2.2. The sections of the [Conditions for US Sailing Overall Championship](#) applicable to Junior Area Championships.
  - 1.2.3. [Conditions for the US Youth Triplehanded Championships](#)
  - 1.2.4. [US Sailing's SafeSport Handbook](#)
  - 1.2.5. [US Sailing's Code of Conduct](#)
  - 1.2.6. [The US Sailing Championship Support Vessel Policy](#). This will be a Grade 1 Coaching event.
- 1.3. This Championship is not being conducted as a sanctioned or class association event.
- 1.4. RRS 60.1 is changed to prohibit a boat from protesting another boat for an alleged breach of any class rule other than class equipment measurement rules.
- 1.5. RRS 40.1 is changed to require that each competitor 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.

**2. ELIGIBILITY**

- 2.1. Competitors meeting the following criteria are eligible to compete in the US Sailing Youth Triplehanded Championship Area J Qualifier. All criteria shall be met prior to the start of the first race.
  - 2.1.1. Competitors shall have reached their 13th birthday but not their 19th birthday during the calendar year of competition.
  - 2.1.2. Competitors shall be individual or family members, all in good standing, of US Sailing at the time of application, registration, and of the event and not otherwise ineligible to compete under the laws, regulations, policies, and rules of the USOPC or its affiliated organizations.
  - 2.1.3. All competitors 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.
  - 2.1.4. For disciplines other than singlehanded, crew member(s) shall be members of an LSO that is a member of US Sailing within the same US Sailing Area as the helm.
  - 2.1.5. All the members of a crew shall reside in or regularly compete in the same US Sailing Area where the club is geographically located.
  - 2.1.6. Teams shall be comprised of four crew members (skipper included) who meet all eligibility criteria.

### 3. ENTRY AND FEES

- 3.1. Registration for eligible teams is available online at <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/KjEQ7WdXDh>.
- 3.2. The entry fee is \$160 per team. Entries received after June 20 at 1200 PDT will pay a late registration fee of \$260. This includes event registration and J22 charter fee. Entries will be accepted until the entry deadline at 0900 PDT on June 22.
- 3.3. Each team is required to complete the [SDYC Boat Use Agreement Form](#) and pay \$1 with a credit card to register the card on file. The card would be used in the event boat damage is assigned to your team during the Area J Qualifier, up to \$1000.
- 3.4. A minimum of three (3) boats are required to be entered by the registration deadline and on the starting line for the winners to move on. If three teams do not register, the two registered teams will qualify for the national championship.
- 3.5. Entries are limited to a maximum of twelve (12) boats, based on order of entries with time/date stamp of registration. The team's LSO affiliation will be determined based on the LSO membership of the helmsperson.
- 3.6. Any entries remaining on the wait list or registering after the maximum entries limit has been reached will be placed on a waiting list. Should space become available due to cancellations, teams will be admitted from the waiting list in order of entry submissions.

### 4. BOATS AND EQUIPMENT

- 4.1. This event will be sailed with J22 boats and sails supplied by the host. Each team will be issued one spinnaker for use throughout the event; and a boat rotation system may be utilized.
- 4.2. The Rules described in the Boat Handling Attachment (Attachment A of NOR), will apply and to any practice sailing.
- 4.3. The only gear, rigging, or equipment that a competitor may take aboard a boat is: a refillable water bottle, flags, plastic bucket or bailer, personal effects, PFDs, protective clothing, and items listed in section 3.1 of Addendum A. [DP]
- 4.4. GPS devices of all varieties, styles and combinations, and VHF radios are specifically banned.

### 5. SCHEDULE

Tuesday, June 23rd	0900	Check-in/Boat Draw/Rigging
	1000	Competitors Meeting
	1100	First Warning Signal
	1600	No Start After
	ASAP After Racing	Trophy Presentation

### 6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 6.1. The sailing instructions will be available at the registration table prior to the competitors' meeting.

### 7. VENUE

- 7.1. The intended racing venue shall be in San Diego Bay, adjacent to Harbor Island. Other locations, including the ocean, may be considered if traffic, conditions, or fleet size suggest.

### 8. COACHING AND SUPPORT BOATS [DP]

- 8.1. This is a **Grade 1 Event** as defined in the [US Sailing Championship Support Vessel Policy](#).
- 8.2. All coaches and/or support personnel shall register at the check-in table located at the Malin Burnham Sailing Center.
- 8.3. Coaches at Area Championships are required to have current US Sailing Smallboat Level 1 Instructor or higher certification.

- 8.4. Coaches shall wear a USCG-approved life jacket while afloat that is 100% dependent on foam for flotation and the appropriate size for the coach.
- 8.5. An Engine Cut-Off Switch (ECOS) Link shall be attached to the coach boat operator, the operator's clothing, or operator's personal flotation device whenever a boat's engine is running.
- 8.6. Parent spectator boats shall not enter the "Field of Play" as defined in the Sailing Instructions. Parents and support persons not meeting the criteria listed above shall not have any contact with sailors while onshore or afloat for the period specified in Sailing Instructions.

## **9. PRIZES**

- 9.1. The top two finishing, eligible team(s) will qualify for US Sailing's Chubb U.S. Junior Sailing Championships. Eligibility is defined as per the 2025 Chubb US Junior Championship NOR.
- 9.2. Teams who qualify for Chubb U.S. Junior Sailing Championship shall submit their registration to the event within seven days of qualification. Failure to register within the deadline may lead to the berth being offered to the next eligible boat.

## **10. PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES - US SAILING REGULATION 10.03 C AND 10.03 E, STATE:**

- 10.1.1. *Reg 10.03 C. For Junior and Youth events or for junior or youth competitors in any US Sailing championship, no participant or competitor shall use or possess, either on or off the water: 1. marijuana or any other substance if possession is illegal under state or federal law; or 2. any alcoholic beverages.*
- 10.1.2. *Reg 10.03 E. When the protest committee receives a report alleging a violation of the Code of Conduct from any source, it shall treat the report as an allegation of misconduct and proceed in accordance with RRS 69, Misconduct, and/or the US Sailing SafeSport Handbook. The penalties for a breach of the Code*

## **11. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

US Sailing Junior Sailing Championships Committee Chair: Steven Hochart, [stevenhochart@icloud.com](mailto:stevenhochart@icloud.com)  
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# Attachment A

## BOAT HANDLING ATTACHMENT

### 1. GENERAL

While all reasonable steps are taken to equalize the boats, variations will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.

### 2. PROHIBITED ITEMS and ACTIONS

Except in an emergency or in order to prevent damage or injury, or when directed by the OA, otherwise, the following are **prohibited**:

- 2.1. Any additions, omissions or alterations to the equipment supplied.
- 2.2. The use of any equipment for a purpose other than that intended or specifically permitted.
- 2.3. The replacement of any equipment without the sanction of the R/C.
- 2.4. Sailing the boat in a manner that it is reasonable to predict that significant further damage would result.
- 2.5. Moving equipment from its normal stowage position except when being used.
- 2.6. Hauling out a boat or cleaning surfaces below the waterline.
- 2.7. Attaching lines to the fabric of spinnakers.
- 2.8. Perforating sails, even to attach tell tales.
- 2.9. Adjusting or altering the tension of standing rigging, excluding the backstay.
- 2.10. Using a winch to adjust any halyard, the mainsheet, backstay, or vang.
- 2.11. The use of electronic instruments other than watches.
- 2.12. Using the spinnaker pole to wing out the foresail.
- 2.13. Attaching the end of the spinnaker pole to the shrouds for stowage.
- 2.14. Marking directly on the hull or deck with permanent ink.
- 2.15. After the starting signal and while sailing close hauled for more than a few seconds, the main boom position shall be controlled only by using the mainsheet as it exits the block on the cockpit floor, the traveler, or vang.
- 2.16. The use of the shrouds (including any inner shrouds) above the lower bottle screw (turnbuckle) to facilitate tacking or gybing, or to aid the projection of a crew member out board is prohibited.
- 2.17. Omitting any headsail car or turning block before sheeting to a winch.
- 2.18. Reducing the purchase of the jib sheets to less than 2:1 before being led around a winch.
- 2.19. Reducing the purchase of the mainsheet or omitting blocks or sheaves to less than 3:1.

## **BOAT HANDLING ATTACHMENT** *(continued)*

### **3. PERMITTED ITEMS and ACTIONS**

The following are permitted:

- 3.1. Taking on board the following equipment:
  - (a) basic hand tools
  - (b) adhesive tape
  - (c) line (elastic or otherwise of 4 mm diameter or less)
  - (d) non-permanent marking pens
  - (e) tell-tale material
  - (f) watch, timers, and hand-held compass
  - (g) shackles and clevis pins
  - (h) velcro tape
- 3.2. Using the items in 3.1 to:
  - (a) prevent fouling of lines, sails, and sheets
  - (b) attach tell tales
  - (c) prevent sails being damaged or falling overboard
  - (d) mark control settings
  - (e) make minor repairs and permitted adjustments
- 3.3. Fixing a spinnaker sheet catcher at the bow, providing that it does not extend the length of the boat more than 100 mm and does not require any repair after removal.

### **4. MANDATORY ITEMS and ACTIONS**

The following are mandatory.

- 4.1. Damage shall be reported to the regatta chair during each rotation. In the event damage cannot be attributed to a particular team, the repair costs will be divided evenly amongst all the competing teams. At the end of each sailing day:
  - (a) rolling, bagging and placement of the sails as directed
  - (b) leaving the boat in the same state of cleanliness as when first boarded that day
  - (c) releasing backstay tension
- 4.3. At the end of the final day for a particular boat, cleaning the boat (cabin and decks), removing all trash and removing all tape and marks.
- 4.4. Any request to alter, in any way, the equipment on a boat shall be in writing and worded to permit a yes/no answer.
- 4.5. Contact between racing boats shall be reported to the race committee or regatta chair immediately upon completion of the race, even if the boat(s) exonerated themselves and/or no protest is filed.
- 4.6. Contact with any non-affiliated vessel shall be reported to the regatta chair immediately.