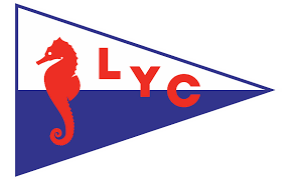




**2026 U.S. Adult Sailing Championship
for the Clifford D. Mallory Trophy
November 4 - 7, 2026
Seabrook, TX**



NOTICE OF RACE (NOR)

Organizing Authority: US Sailing

Host: Bay Access Sailing Foundation at Lakewood Yacht Club

Posted **April 16, 2026**

All times are U.S. Central Time

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:
 - 1.2.1. US Sailing Championship Overall Conditions
(<https://www.ussailing.org/competition/resources/championship-conditions/>)
 - 1.2.2. US Sailing Conditions for the U.S. Adult Sailing Championship (USASC)
(<https://www.ussailing.org/competition/championships/2026-u-s-adult-sailing-championship/>)
 - 1.2.3. [NP] US Sailing Championship Code of Conduct
(<https://www.ussailing.org/competition/resources/championship-conditions/>)
 - 1.2.4. [DP] US Sailing Coaching and Support Boat Policy
(<https://www.ussailing.org/competition/resources/coaching-and-support-boat-policy/>)
 - 1.2.5. This is a Grade 3 (no private coaching) event.
- 1.3. The event is not being conducted as an RS21 class association event. Only the following RS21 Class Rules will apply: C3.3 (Crew Positioning) ; C.10.1 and C.10.2 (Bowsprit).
- 1.4. RRS 77 is changed so that a boat is not required to display national letters.
- 1.5. RRS 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"

2. SAFETY

- 2.1. [DP] Each competitor shall wear a US Coast Guard-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.
- 2.2. 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 at: <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/v4ApdZNhSg>
- 3.2. All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on standard US VHF channels. Neither the OA nor the Host will provide radios.
- 3.3. On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The VHF channel will be stated in the sailing instructions (SIs).
- 3.4. [DP] From the first warning signal until the end of 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 SIs will be posted on the official notice board approximately one week before the event.

5. ELIGIBILITY

- 5.1. The event is open to all teams that meet the following requirements:
- 5.1.1. This championship is an invitational event.
 - 5.1.2. Teams of 3 or 4 crew (including the skipper) will be invited in accordance with the USASC Conditions.
 - 5.1.3. All competitors shall have reached their 19th birthday in the calendar year to be eligible.
 - 5.1.4. All competitors shall be members of US Sailing or, if non-members, 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. INVITATIONS AND ENTRY

- 6.1. Any team interested in applying must receive approval from their Regional Sailing Association (RSA) to begin the application process. When a team is interested in applying for the championship and cannot reach their RSA representative, they should contact the USASC Committee Chair.
- 6.2. Teams will be invited in accordance with the USASC Conditions.
- 6.3. Invited teams shall complete the online entry form at a link provided with their letter of invitation. If an invited team loses their entry link, they should contact US Sailing at adultchampionships@ussailing.org.
- 6.4. Up to eleven (11) boats will be available.
- 6.5. If the maximum number of applications exceeds the number of boats available, the Championship Committee may (in accordance with USASC Conditions) place some teams on a waitlist.
- 6.6. A team is not a valid entry until they have completed all online and onsite registration steps and all fees and deposits have been paid.
- 6.7. The deadlines for invitations and entries are as follows:

Date	Deadline
September 18	Application Deadline: RSAs (or their delegates) must submit applications with the Nonrefundable \$50 Application Fee to US Sailing Association (USSA). The form will be provided to all USSA Member RSAs.
On or before September 25	Notification: USSA will notify teams invited to participate in the event and provide a link to register.
On or before October 4	Registration Deadline: Invited teams must register online with the link provided in the invitation email.

7. FEES

- 7.1. Entry fees are as follows:

Must be paid by midnight on: Entry Fee (US\$)	
October 4	\$850 for 3 person teams, \$950 for 4 person teams

- 7.2. The entry fee includes racing, charter fee, post-race socials, and the awards ceremony.
- 7.3. Damage Deposit
- 7.3.1. A \$1000 damage deposit will be held by the Host for cases of boat damage. The damage deposit may be provided at Check In via a valid credit card for which Lakewood Yacht Club may charge a reserve fee of up to \$1,000.
 - 7.3.2. The procedures for assessing damages will be described in the SIs.
 - 7.3.3. If a deduction from the damage deposit is determined by the Host, the Host may require the deposit be restored to its original amount before the skipper will be permitted to continue in the event.
 - 7.3.4. Any remaining deposit will be refunded 30 days after the event, minus the costs of any boat damage or other costs incurred and left unpaid, for which the Host deems the skipper to be responsible.

8. BOATS AND EQUIPMENT

- 8.1. [NP] [DP] Host will provide club-owned, race-ready RS21 boats and sails for all teams. Teams must use the RS21s as provided by the Host and comply with this NOR and the Boat Handling and Equipment Rules to be included in the SIs.
- 8.2. Entry to the event is subject to completion of the Lakewood Yacht Club RS21 Charter Agreement. The Charter Agreement, one per team, shall be completed by an adult who is responsible for each team and charter. LYC RS21 Non-member Charter Agreement: <https://forms.gle/RXomKhDmLQwNXkFq8>
- 8.3. The LYC RS21 Charter Manual is available at: <https://tinyurl.com/RS21CharterManual>
- 8.4. Teams will rotate boats after each race unless otherwise specified by the OA. The rotation format will be described in the SIs. Initial boat assignments will be chosen through a random drawing by the OA no later than 1930 Wednesday, November 4, 2026.

9. CREW SUBSTITUTIONS

- 9.1. Crew substitutions shall be in accordance with the USASC Conditions.

10. ADVERTISING

- 10.1. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA or Host.
- 10.2. The OA may provide bibs that competitors are required to wear as permitted by the World Sailing Advertising Code.

11. SCHEDULE

- 11.1. The schedule is as follows (all times are US Central Time):

Date	Time	Schedule
Wednesday, November 4	1000 - 1700	Registration and Check In
	1200 - 1800	Boats Available for practice
	1830	Welcome and VIP Social
Thursday, November 5	0900	Competitors' Meeting
	1100	First warning signal
	After racing	LYC Mallory Competitors' Dinner
Friday, November 6	0900	Competitors' Meeting
	1100	First warning signal
Saturday, November 7	0900	Competitors' Meeting
	1100	First warning signal
	1430	No warning signal after this time
	After racing	Awards and Social

12. [DP] REGISTRATION

- 12.1. By the end of onsite check-in, or prior to taking a boat out for practice, all competitors shall, in writing or online, agree to the US Sailing Waiver of Liability and the US Sailing Championship Code of Conduct.
- 12.2. Boats, sails, and equipment may be inspected by the Host or OA at any time.

13. VENUE

- 13.1. The event venue will be the Lakewood Yacht Club in Seabrook, Texas.
- 13.2. The Racing Area will be in Clear Lake near Lakewood Yacht Club or on Galveston Bay near the Clear Lake Channel entrance.
- 13.3. The intended race area will be announced at the Competitors' Meeting each morning

14. COURSES

- 14.1. Courses will be drop-mark windward/leeward courses as described in the SIs.

15. SCORING

- 15.1. The Low Point Scoring System (RRS Appendix A) will be used, however, no score will be excluded. This changes RRS A2.
- 15.2. Three races are required to be completed to constitute a championship.
- 15.3. Additional scoring details will be provided in the SIs.

16. RISK, DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 16.1. Competitors participate in the event at their own risk. See RRS 3 (Decision to Race). Neither the OA nor Host will accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the event.
- 16.2. Competitors shall accept full responsibility for their actions during any activity related to the event. This includes activities before, during, and after the event from the time they arrive at the venue until they leave the venue at the conclusion of the event.

17. PRIZES

- 17.1. US Sailing medals will be awarded to the top three teams.
- 17.2. The winning team will have their name placed on the Clifford D. Mallory Trophy.
- 17.3. The Staton J. Peele, Jr. Trophy for sportsmanship may be awarded to the sailor voted upon by the competitors. Each team may cast one vote. Votes will be collected by a representative of the OA.

18. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 18.1. Lakewood Yacht Club
2322 Lakewood Yacht Club Drive, Seabrook, Texas 77586
LYC Main 281-474-2511
<https://www.lakewoodyachtclub.com/>

- 18.2. For further information please contact:

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