

US Sailing Area D - Junior Championship Qualifier

for the

The U.S. Junior [Quadruplehanded](#) Championship for the Sears Cup

The U.S. Junior Doublehanded Championship for the Bemis Trophy

The U.S. Junior Singlehanded Championship for the Smythe Trophy

Organized by **Fairhope Yacht Club** and **US Sailing**

Amended 05/19/2021 (in blue)

- **Corrected broken hyperlinks**
- **Edited Sears to Quadruplehanded**
- **2.1.3 - Added Holly Murray as the charter boat contact. Added clause requiring teams draw for their boats**
- **5.2 - Extended registration deadline to 6/22/2021**
- **5.7 – Added clause to detail Sears team selection**
- **6.1 - changed to “2 boats”**

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 Regulations 2, 10 and 13.

1.2.2. [The Conditions for the United States Junior Sailing Championships.](#)

1.2.3. [The US Sailing Championship Support Vessel Policy.](#)

1.2.4. These Championships are not being conducted as a sanctioned or class association event.

Only the Equipment Measurement Rules for the Viper 640, C420, and Laser Radial classes will apply. However, US Sailing encourages sailors to join their class associations to support their efforts.

1.2.5. US Sailing SafeSport Handbook

1.2.6. US Sailing Code of Conduct

1.3. Racing Rules will be changed as follows:

- Rule 29.1 and rule 30.1 are changed to permit the hailing of recall numbers. The failure of any boat to hear the hail, an untimely hail of OCS boats, failure to hail any boats, and the order of the boats in the hail shall not be grounds for granting redress;
- The preambles to Part 4 and rule 40 are changed so that competitors shall wear a US Coast Guard (USCG) approved personal flotation device (PFD) while on the water other than for brief periods while adding or removing clothing. The PFD shall depend 100% on foam for flotation. No modifications of the PFD are permitted and it shall be the appropriate size for the sailor;
- Rule 60.1(a) is changed to prohibit a boat from protesting another boat for an alleged breach of any class rule other than class equipment measurement rules;
- Rule 61.1(a) is changed so that “A boat intending to protest about an incident that occurs in the racing area shall notify the Race Committee (RC) finish boat of her intention as soon as possible after finishing, including the boat identification number of the boat(s) being protested”;
- Rule 64.5 (b) is changed to require a hearing before any action is taken.
- Rule 77 is changed such that a boat is not required to display national letters; however, competitors may be required to apply supplied recall numbers to their boat or sail. If recall numbers are required, they will be supplied by the OA;
- When Borrowed Boats are provided for the competitors in a series, the Breakdown Procedure of Appendix D5 shall be utilized. Appendix D5.2 is changed to substitute a yellow flag for signaling a breakdown on the boat. Reference to umpire is replaced with protest committee.

These changes will appear in full in the Sailing Instructions (SIs). The SIs may also change other racing rules.

2. DISCIPLINES

2.1. A minimum of three (3) boats for the [Quadruplehanded](#) (Sears) if applicable and five (5) boats for the other divisions are required **to race all races** unless redress is granted. If not, the fleet will not be sailed. The regatta shall include the following disciplines utilizing the following class compliant equipment:

2.1.1. Singlehanded Dinghy -- BYOB Laser Radial

2.1.2. Doublehanded Dinghy -- BYOB Club 420 with Spinnaker, Trapeze and mainsheet bridle.

2.1.3. Quadruplehanded -- BYOB Viper 640 is mandatory for all GYA entries, other entries should advise Race Organizers as soon as possible if they do not have a boat to use. The organizer will attempt to find a boat for their use, but there is no guarantee that will be possible. A limited number of Viper 640's are available for Charter (6). **Teams will draw for their boats.**

Charter Contact – *Holly Murray* – 228-363-0073 holly@fairhopeyachtclub.com

3. ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1.** Competitors must have reached their 13th birthday but not their 19th birthday during the calendar year in which the event is held.
- 3.2.** Competitors must be individual or family members of US Sailing at the time of their respective first qualification event.
- 3.3.** All competitors must be a member of a Local Sailing Organization (LSO)* that is a member of its Regional Sailing Association (RSA) and US Sailing.
- 3.4.** For divisions other than singlehanded, other crew member(s) must be members of a LSO that is a member of US Sailing within the same RSA as the helm.
- 3.5.** All the members of a crew shall reside in or regularly compete in the same RSA where the LSO is geographically located.
- 3.6.** An alternate may be named on the entry form at the first level of competition, and may not be changed in the calendar year in which the event is held. The alternate will attend the Championship only if a crew member withdraws.

4. QUALIFICATION

- 4.1.** A minimum of five (5) boats are required to be both entered by the NOR registration deadline and on the starting line for the single and doublehanded fleets in order for the winners to move on. For the remaining fleet a minimum of three (3) boats are required to be both entered by the NOR registration dateline and also be on the starting line.
- 4.2.** Area D will qualify one (1) team for the triplehanded discipline and two (2) teams for both the singlehanded and doublehanded disciplines.
- 4.3.** A Team is defined as all competitors listed on the entry form for a specific LSO, except the alternate.
- 4.4.** The skipper must remain the same throughout the series of qualifying events within and through his/her Area Qualifying event and including the National Championship. If the skipper is unable to continue, then the runner-up team will be named to replace the winning team.
- 4.5.** A crew member may be substituted with the named alternate, with the approval of the Area Representative or National Chair, or if between events, by the next-level OA. Once so named, the alternate shall compete as a named member of the team for the calendar year in which the event is held. An alternate, once used, may not be replaced or substituted for, without the written permission of the National Chair prior to the event.

5. REGISTRATION and ENTRY

- 5.1.** Registration may only be completed online at <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/Cz68XUchgG>
- 5.2.** Registrations shall be submitted on-line no later than midnight (EDT), **June 22, 2021**.
- 5.3.** If requested by the Organizing Authority (OA), an applicant shall send a copy of his or her birth certificate or passport to complete the application.
- 5.4.** The entry fee is \$30 for Singlehanded, \$60 for Doublehanded, \$90 for **Quadruplehanded** boats, which includes: Breakfast and Lunch on Saturday and Sunday. A BBQ BUFFET ON THE BEACH will be included on Saturday when racing as finished.
- 5.5.** The entry fee shall be paid *by credit card* online at the time of registration. Entry fees are non-refundable unless a boat is present at the regatta and a fleet is not sailed. (See NOR 2.1.)
- 5.6.** A completed entry is defined as all forms having been completed on-line and all appropriate entry forms having been received by the host club one week prior to the event.
- 5.7.** **Sears registration is limited to no more than two (2) teams selected by their respective RSA. If an RSA does not fill their two (2) available spots, then the GYA will receive first option for a third team, followed by the other three RSA's.**

6. BORROWED (or) CHARTERED BOATS

- 6.1.** **2 boats** are held for each RSA until June 18, 2021. After that, any remaining boats will be released to Area D residents **on the basis listed in clause 5.7**. Late fees will not apply in this division for those with provided boats.
- 6.2.** If the boats are borrowed or chartered from any source other than a manufacturer, the competitors are reminded that they are not covered or protected by the Borrowed Boat Insurance Program, which exists to protect the owner of the boat, not the sailors/borrowers.

6.3. Competitors are responsible for ensuring the boats are in shipshape condition each day after racing.

6.4. In the Single and Doublehanded Disciplines, boats are not provided by the organizer.

7. SCHEDULE

Day 1, Friday, June 25	0900 – 1800	Registration and borrowed boat orientation AVAILABILITY TO LAUNCH AND PRACTICE- A SAFETY BOAT WILL BE ON THE WATER
Day 2, Saturday, June 26	0900 – 1000 1030 1155	Breakfast Skipper's Meeting First Warning for Racing
Day 3, Sunday, June 27	0900 – 1000 1055	Breakfast First Warning for Racing No racing after 1430 Awards TBA

8. MEASUREMENT

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 PC.

9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The SIs will be available at registration.

10. VENUE

The regatta will be sailed at

[Fairhope Yacht Club](#)
101 Volanta Avenue
Fairhope AL 36532
251-928-3276

11. PENALTY SYSTEMS

Appendix P – Special Procedures for Rule 42 will apply.

12. SCORING

12.1. The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply.

12.2. 8 races are scheduled (this is a limiting maximum), except in the Triplehanded Division.

12.3. Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

(a) When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

(b) When five (5) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

13. PROTEST AND APPEALS

13.1. Rule 65.2 **INFORMING THE PARTIES AND OTHERS** is changed as follows:

A *party* to the hearing is entitled to receive the above information in writing, provided she asks for it in writing and hand-delivers her request to a member of the PC no later than the protest time limit on the last day of racing or one hour after being informed of the decision, whichever is later. The PC shall then, within two hours, hand-deliver the information to the *party*, including when relevant, a diagram of the incident prepared or endorsed by the PC.

13.2. Rule 66 **REOPENING A HEARING** is changed as follows:

66.1 When a hearing is reopened, a majority of the members of the PC shall, if possible, be members of the original PC and include at least one National Judge.

66.2 Expedited Area Qualifier Reopening

- (a) A party to a hearing of a protest or request for redress may also request an Expedited Area Qualifier Reopening. The request shall be in writing and include the significant error that the party believes the PC made or the nature of the significant new evidence within a reasonable time. The request shall be made no later than 24 hours after the hearing or 24 hours after the protest time limit on the last day of racing, whichever is later. The request, along with copies of the original protest or request for redress, the facts found, the decision of the PC, any new evidence that cannot be presented verbally, and e-mail and phone contact information for all parties to the hearing as well as the chairman of the PC, shall be sent by e-mail to championships@ussailing.org and the US Sailing Championships Chair, swmadero@aol.com. The hearing shall be reopened when the foregoing information is received by the Director and the Chair.
- (b) The PC for an Expedited Area Qualifier Reopening shall consist of the chairman of the original PC plus four certified judges appointed by US Sailing. A majority of the PC's members shall be National or International Judges. The Championship Chair will appoint its chairman.
- (c) An Expedited Area Qualifier Reopening will be conducted by telephone/VOIP conference call. The time and date for the conference call shall be established by the chairman as soon as practicably possible and no later than seven days after the request for reopening is e-mailed. The chairman will e-mail to the parties to the hearing the request for reopening, the facts found, the decision of the PC, the time and date of the hearing, the process for joining the call and any other relevant documents.
- (d) A decision from an Expedited Area Qualifier Reopening is final.

14. SUPPORT & SPECTATOR BOATS

Spectator boats may be available via sign-up at the venue for Race Days. See <https://www.ussailing.org/competition/resources/coaching-and-support-boat-policy/>

15. COACHING

- 15.1.** This is a Grade 3 Event as defined in the US Sailing Championship Support Vessel Policy. See <https://www.ussailing.org/competition/resources/coaching-and-support-boat-policy/>.
 - 15.1.1.** A private coach is defined as any coach NOT hired by US Sailing or the OA
 - 15.1.2.** A private spectator boat is defined as a vessel not provided by the OA in which interested party (parties) reside(s) while on the water and who have direct ties to a competitor or group of competitors.
 - 15.1.3.** A coach boat is defined as a vessel not provided by the OA in which a coach (or coaches) reside(s) while on the water and who have direct ties to a competitor or group of competitors.
 - 15.1.4.** A spectator boat is defined as a vessel provided by the OA in which interested party (parties) reside(s) while on the water and who have direct ties to a competitor or group of competitors.
- 15.2.** Except as provided in the Policy specified above, instructors, coaches and other support personnel and family members shall not go afloat in the defined racing area at any time during the clinic or racing days, except in spectator boats as defined in NOR 14. Outside contact with competitors is prohibited on clinic and racing days commencing with the competitor's arrival at the host club and shall continue until dismissed by the clinic coach on clinic days or released by the PC on racing days.
- 15.3.** Outside contact is defined as an individual who in the opinion of the PC is a parent, family member, spectator, or coach. Competitors shall not receive advice, instruction, or any type of outside assistance (other than that provided by US Sailing) including electronic communication devices while at the sailing venue during the clinic and racing days. It is the intent of this rule to prohibit contact between competitors and any person, who, in the opinion of the PC, is a coach, instructor or advisor.
- 15.4.** Any coaches provided by the OA will offer individual on-the-water instruction and group commentary/advice on land following each racing day. This coaching will be given to all competitors on an as equal basis as possible.
- 15.5.** All competitors and support persons are bound by rules 4.2 and 64.5 as modified in NOR 1.3.
- 15.6.** Per rule 64.5, as modified in NOR 1.3, the PC may protest and penalize a competitor for breaking the rules of NOR 17.

16. PERSONAL FLOATATION DEVICES (PFD) AND PERSONAL EQUIPMENT

- 16.1.** Competitors shall wear a US Coast Guard (USCG) approved personal flotation device (PFD) while on the water other than for brief periods while adding or removing clothing. The PFD shall depend 100% on foam for flotation and be the appropriate size for the sailor (US Sailing Regulation 10). The PFD must be worn outside of all clothing except that a thin shirt may be worn over the PFD to prevent snagging. These will be checked at registration.
- 16.2.** The only gear, rigging, or equipment that a team may take aboard a boat shall be - magnetic card compass, flags, plastic bucket or bailer, normally equipped ditty-bag, personal effects, including PFDs and protective clothing. For the events using the C420, competitors are required to bring their own trapeze harnesses.
- 16.3.** Electronic fluxgate compasses and GPS devices of all varieties, styles and combinations are specifically banned.

17. PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES

- 17.1. For Junior and Youth events or for junior or youth competitors in any US Sailing Area Championship, no participant or competitor shall use, either on or off the water: marijuana or any other controlled substance or alcoholic beverages as defined by state and federal law.
- 17.2. An alleged breach of this requirement shall not be grounds for a protest. However, when the PC believes that a competitor may have breached the above requirement, it shall follow the process described in the US Sailing Championships' Code of Conduct. See Appendix A.

18. CONDUCT OF COMPETITORS

- 18.1. All competitors are expected to maintain the highest levels of conduct throughout the entire event. Enforcement of discipline and conduct shall be conducted per US Sailing's Code of Conduct, rule 69.2(a) and the policies and procedures of US Sailing (Regulation 10 and 15.01)
- 18.2. When the PC believes that a competitor may have breached the above requirement, it shall follow the process described in the Code of Conduct.

19. PRIZES

- 19.1. The top finishing, eligible team(s) will qualify for US Sailing's Chubb U.S. Junior Sailing Championships. Registration may only be made by completing the online forms at: <https://www.ussailing.org/competition/championships/2021-chubb-u-s-junior-championship/>.
- 19.2. Registrations shall be submitted online **by June 15** or **within three days of qualification** whichever is closer to the event on the event website unless permission is granted by US Sailing's Junior Championship Chair. Failure to register within the deadline will mean the next eligible boat moves forward.
- 19.3. Additional honors: The winners of each Sears, Bemis and Smythe Division will be added to the Area D Perpetual Trophies.

20. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact

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All official applications, notices, forms, lists and results for the finals will be posted at

<https://www.ussailing.org/competition/championships/2021-chubb-u-s-junior-championship/>