

2026 Chubb US Youth Triplehanded Championship Sears Cup Area A Qualifier

July 9-10, 2026
Marblehead, MA



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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SIs)

Organizing Authority (OA): US Sailing
Host Club: Eastern YC

All times are US Eastern Time

Event Website:

<https://www.ussailing.org/competition/championships/2026-chubb-u-s-youth-triplehanded-championship>

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the NoR means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. 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) as detailed in the notice of race (published on the [event website](#)).
- 1.2 When the boats are provided by the OA:
 - (a) SI Addendum B, Handling of Boats, applies at all times, including practicing and when sailing to/from the racing area.
 - (b) RRS Appendix D5, Breakdowns When Boats Are Supplied by the Organizing Authority, shall be used. RRS D5.2 is changed to substitute a yellow flag for signaling a breakdown on the boat. Reference to umpire is replaced with PC.
- 1.3 Rule 60.4(a)(2) is changed as follows: (2) if it alleges a breach of a rule of Part 2 of 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 USCG-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. 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.
- 2.2 [DP] Check-in - Before the warning signal of the first race in which they intend to compete each day, boats shall check in by sailing by the signal boat. Each boat shall hail her sail number until acknowledged by the signal boat. The race committee may protest a boat that fails to check in.
- 2.3 [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted no later than 0800 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.
- 3.2 Changes to a sailing instruction may be made on the water by displaying code flag Lima and hailing all competitors on the event VHF channel.

4 COMMUNICATION

- 4.1 The official notice board is online and located at the event website.
- 4.2 The race office is located in the Eastern YC Sailing Center.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the Eastern YC flagpole.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1 See the Notice of Race (NOR).
- 6.2 The warning signal for succeeding races will be made as soon as possible after finish of preceding race.
- 6.3 Weather conditions, the need to protect borrowed boats and equipment, or the need to expedite the completion of the event may require procedures other than those mentioned in these SIs. Any such special procedures shall be approved by the Protest Committee.

7 CLASS FLAGS

- 7.1 The class flag will be Numeral Pennant One.

8 RACING AREA

- 8.1 The racing area will be in Salem Sound outside Marblehead Harbor.

9 COURSES

- 9.1 SI Addendum B shows the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 9.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel will display the course designation.
- 9.3 If at a gate mark, only one mark is present, that mark shall be left to port.

10 MARKS

- 10.1 Marks are likely to be orange robotic marks. In the event the robotic marks are not available, the marks will be tetrahedrons.
- 10.2 New marks, as provided in SI 12, will also be orange robotic marks. In the event the robotic marks are not available, the new marks will be tetrahedrons.

11 THE START

- 11.1 Races will be started using RRS 26.
- 11.2 The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 11.3 [NP] If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to hail her identity.
- 11.4 A boat that does not start within 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1.

12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. If using robotic marks, the race committee will relocate the original mark to the new position.
- 12.2 If the change is to a windward mark with an offset, the offset mark may not be set.

13 THE FINISH

- 13.1 The finishing line is between a staff displaying a flag on the finishing vessel and the course side of the pin-end finishing mark.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1 RRS/US Appendix V, Alternative Penalties will apply.
- 14.2 [or] RRS Appendix P, Special Procedures for Rule 42, applies with the Two-Turns penalty replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 14.3 RRS P2.3 does not apply and RRS P2.2 is changed so that it applies to any penalty after the first one.

15 TIME LIMITS [AND TARGET TIMES]

- 15.1 [NP] The Mark 1 Time Limit, Race Time Limit (see RRS 35), and the Finishing Window are shown in the table below.

Mark 1 Time Limit	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window
30 minutes	60 minutes	20 minutes

- 15.2 If no boat has passed the first mark within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race will be abandoned.
- 15.3 The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). This changes RRS 35, A5.1, and A5.2.

16 HEARING REQUESTS

- 16.1 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the race committee signal vessel docks. The time will be posted on the official notice board.
- 16.2 Hearing request forms are available from the race office and will be returned there.
- 16.3 A request for redress based on an incident identified in a scoring inquiry will meet the time limit if:
 - (a) the scoring inquiry was submitted within the time limit specified in RRS 62.2.
 - (b) the request for redress is delivered as soon as reasonably possible after being notified of the race committee's response to the scoring inquiry. The response by the race committee may be notified in writing or by email. This changes RRS 62.2.
- 16.4 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located at the Eastern YC, beginning at the time posted.
- 16.5 A list of boats that have been penalized for breaking RRS 42 under Appendix P will be posted.
- 16.6 SI Addendum C, Championship Qualifier Hearing Reopening Procedures, will apply.

17 SCORING

- 17.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a regatta.
- 17.2 A boat's series score is:
 - (a) when fewer than 5 races have been completed, the total of her race scores;
 - (b) when 5 or more races have been completed, the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 17.3 To request a correction of an alleged error in posted race or series results, a boat may complete and submit a scoring inquiry available online. See also SI 16.3.

18 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 18.1 [DP] Substitution of competitors is only permitted in accordance with the championship conditions.
- 18.2 [DP] Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is not allowed unless authorized in writing by the OA. Requests for substitution shall be made to the OA at the first reasonable opportunity, which may be after the race.

19 COACHING AND SUPPORT BOATS

- 19.1 See the notice of race.

20 TRASH DISPOSAL

- 20.1 Trash may be placed aboard any race or protest committee vessel.

21 PRIZES

- 21.1 Prizes and qualifications will be in accordance with the notice of race and championship conditions.

SI Addendum A - HANDLING OF BOATS

B1 [DP] GENERAL

- B1.1 Each skipper is responsible for the damage or loss to their boat unless responsibility is otherwise assigned by the umpires or the jury.
- B1.2 Any request to alter, in any way, the equipment on a boat shall be in writing and worded to permit a yes/no answer.
- B1.3 The crew sailing the boat shall report any loss of provided equipment, damage, or other problem with the boat to the race committee as soon as practicable after finishing or ashore after the last race for the boat each day.

B2 [DP] SUPPLIED EQUIPMENT

- B2.1 Boats will be provided for all competitors, who shall not modify them or cause them to be modified in any way except as permitted in this attachment.
- B2.2 While all reasonable steps are taken to equalize the boats, variations will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.4(a)(1).
- B2.3 All equipment provided with the boat for sailing purposes shall be in the boat while afloat.

B3 [DP] MANDATORY ACTIONS

- B3.1 Boats shall obey speed restrictions and navigation marks while leaving or returning to the mooring.
- B3.2 At the end of each sailing day, competitors shall:
 - (a) roll, bag, and stow all sails
 - (b) leave the boat in the same state of cleanliness as when first boarded that day
 - (c) release backstay tension and use the backstay lines to tie the tiller in the center
 - (d) remove all tape and trash

B4 [DP] PROHIBITED ACTIONS

- B4.1 An action listed in B4 is prohibited unless it is a permitted action listed in B5.
- B4.2 Any additions, omissions or alterations to the equipment supplied.
- B4.3 The use of any equipment for a purpose other than that intended or specifically permitted.
- B4.4 The replacement or removal of any equipment without the permission of the race committee.
- B4.5 Sailing the boat in a manner that it is reasonable to predict that damage would result.
- B4.6 Moving equipment from its normal stowage position except when being used.
- B4.7 Boarding a boat without prior permission.
- B4.8 Taking a boat from its berth or mooring without having paid the required damage deposit or having permission from the race committee, or, on race days, while flag AP is displayed ashore.
- B4.10 Heeling a boat using the mast or shrouds to clean the hull.
- B4.11 The use of electronic or navigation equipment.
- B4.12 Using the spinnaker pole to wing out the foresail.
- B4.13 Adjusting or altering the tension of standing rigging, other than the backstay.
- B4.14 Changing the number of purchases of running rigging.
- B4.15 Use of duct or gaffing tape. Use of rigging tape or plastic tape is permitted provided it does not leave a residue.
- B4.16 Marking directly on the hull, deck, sails, or lines. Rigging or plastic tape may be used to mark control lines or the deck. Marking pens may be used on tape.
- B4.17 Attaching lines to the fabric of spinnakers.
- B4.18 Perforating sails or modifying the sails in any way.
- B4.19 Roll tacking and gybing - Crew shall not use the mast, or shrouds (including the inner shrouds) above the lower turnbuckle to facilitate tacking or gybing, or to aid the projection of a crew member outboard.

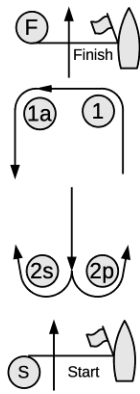
B5 PERMITTED ACTIONS

- B5.1 An action listed in B5 is permitted, even if it conflicts with a prohibited action listed in B4.
- B5.2 The following equipment may be brought aboard by competitors:
 - (a) rigging or plastic tape (but not duct or gaffing tape)
 - (b) marking pens
 - (c) tell-tale material (not to be put on sails)

- (d) handheld compasses, watches, timers, and small personal video devices such as GoPro
- B5.3 Competitors may use the equipment in B5.2 to:
- (a) attach tell tales (but not to sails)
 - (b) mark control settings with tape or by marking on tape only
 - (c) make minor repairs and permitted adjustments

SI Addendum B - Courses

Windward/Leeward with Offset Mark



<u>Signal</u>	<u>Mark Rounding Order</u>
W3	Start - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - Finish
W4	Start - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - 1 - 1a - Finish
W5	Start - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - Finish

SI Addendum C - Championship Qualifier Hearing Reopening Procedures

This addendum shall be included in Sailing Instructions for qualifying events for US Sailing Championships where the right to appeal is being denied, but the initial event protest committee does not meet the US Sailing requirements for a No-Appeal Event. It provides a process for re-opening a hearing with a protest committee that does meet the requirements for a No-Appeal Event.

H1 Under RRS 70.3(b), there shall be no appeal of the decision of a protest or request for redress. However, a decision following a hearing under RRS 69.2 may be appealed.

H2 Email and phone contact information for the following persons shall be available from the OA by request at all times during the event:

- (a) the helm of each boat entered
- (b) the protest committee members
- (c) the principal race officer
- (d) US Sailing representative

H3 RRS 63.6(b) is replaced with (time requirements in bold):

63.6(b) If requested by a party in writing that is hand-delivered to a member of the protest committee 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 protest committee will hand-deliver the above information in writing within two hours. The protest committee may, if it considers it relevant to do so, prepare or endorse a diagram.

H4 RRS 63.7 is replaced with:

63.7 Reopening a Hearing

(a) The protest committee may reopen a hearing if it decides

- (1) a party was unavoidably absent from the hearing,
- (2) it may have made a significant error, or
- (3) significant new evidence has become available within a reasonable time.

When a hearing is reopened under 63.7(a), a majority of the members of the protest committee shall be members of the original protest committee.

(b) A party to the hearing or the protest committee may request a reopening 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, by following the process described in 63.7(c).

(c) US Sailing Championship Qualifier Reopened Hearing

(1) The request for a US Sailing Championship Qualifier Reopened Hearing shall be made by delivering the request by email to the US Sailing Youth Competition Manager at youthchampionships@ussailing.org and the US Sailing Representative (see H2 above).

(2) The request shall include:

- (a) the reason for requesting a reopening
- (b) copies of the original request for hearing
- (c) the written decision (see H3 above) of the protest committee
- (d) any new evidence that cannot be presented verbally
- (e) e-mail and phone contact information for all parties to the hearing
- (f) e-mail and phone contact information of the chair of the protest committee

(3) The hearing shall be reopened when a request is made in accordance with 63.7(c)(1).

(4) The protest committee shall consist of the chair of the original protest committee plus four judges appointed by US Sailing. A majority of the committee's members shall be US Sailing National or World Sailing International Judges. US Sailing will appoint the committee's chair.

(5) The reopened hearing will be conducted by tele- or video- conference call in accordance with RRS 63.1 through 63.6. The time and date for the conference call shall be established by the chair as soon as practicable and no later than seven days after the request for reopening is emailed. The chair will email to the parties to the information in 63.7(c)(2), the

time and date of the hearing, the process for joining the call and any other relevant documents.

- (6) The decision of the protest committee in the reopened hearing is final.