

2024 Chubb U.S. Youth Triplehanded (Quadruplehanded) Championship
For the Sears Cup
Area J Qualifier



June 18, 2024

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](#). An alleged breach of US Sailing Regulation 10 shall not be grounds for a protest by another boat; this changes rules 60.1(a), 60.2(a) and 60.3(a). 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 the Junior Sailing Championship](#) applicable to the Area Championships.
 - 1.2.3. [US Sailing's SafeSport Handbook](#)
 - 1.2.4. [US Sailing's Code of Conduct](#)
 - 1.2.5. [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(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.
- 1.5. RRS 40 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/XCE03xDPDq>
- 3.2. The entry fee is \$160 per team. Entries received after June 14 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 17.
- 3.3. Each team is required to present a check or credit card authorization for the Damage Deposit of \$1,000 to the OA.
- 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 with a maximum of two teams per LSO accepted before June 11 at 1200 PDT. Order of Entries will be based on time/date stamp of registration. The team's LSO affiliation will be determined based on the LSO membership of the helmsperson.
- 3.6. Any additional teams (three or more) from one LSO who are registered before June 11 at 1200 PDT will be placed on a waiting list based on the order of entry submissions. If a team includes sailors who represent more than one LSO, the team's LSO affiliation will be determined based on the LSO membership of the helmsperson.
- 3.7. After June 11 at 1200 PDT, any entries on the waiting list per NOR 3.6. will be granted remaining berths in order of entry submissions. Subsequent entries from any LSO will be permitted to register for remaining berths.
- 3.8. 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 also 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 18 th	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 2024 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. PROTESTS AND APPEALS

- 10.1. Under rule 70.5(a), there shall be no appeal of the decision of a protest or request for redress. However, a decision following a hearing under rule 69.2 may be appealed.
- 10.2. Email and phone contact information for the helm of each boat entered and for the chairs of the Protest Committee and the Race Committee shall be available from the OA by request at all times during the event.
- 10.3. Rule 65.2 is changed as follows:
65.2 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 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 committee 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 committee.
- 10.4. Rule 66 is changed as follows:
66 REOPENING A HEARING
66.1 The protest committee may reopen a hearing when it decides that it may have made a significant error, or when significant new evidence becomes available within a reasonable time. A party to the hearing may ask for a reopening no later than 24 hours after being informed of the decision. When a hearing is reopened, a majority of the members of the protest committee shall, if possible, be members of the original protest committee.
66.2 Area Qualifier Reopening
66.2(a) A party to a hearing of a protest or request for redress may request a US Sailing Championship Qualifier Reopening. The request shall be in writing and include the significant error that the party believes the protest committee made or the nature of the significant new evidence that is available. 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 protest committee, 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 protest committee, shall be sent by e-mail to US Sailing Youth Competition Manager John Pearce (youthchampionships@ussailing.org) and Championships Committee Chair

Malinda Crain (mrcrain@gmail.com) for youth events. The hearing shall be reopened when the foregoing information is received by the Staff and Chair.

66.2(b) The protest committee for a US Sailing Championship Qualifier Reopening shall consist of the chairman of the original protest committee plus four certified judges appointed by US Sailing. A majority of the committee's members shall be National or International Judges. US Sailing will appoint the committee's chairman.

66.2(c) A US Sailing Championship Qualifier Reopening will be conducted by telephone conference call. The time and date for the conference call shall be established by the chairman as soon as practicable and no later than seven days after the request for reopening is emailed. The chairman will email to the parties to the hearing the request for reopening, the facts found, the decision of the protest committee, the time and date of the hearing, the process for joining the call and any other relevant documents.

11. PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES - US SAILING REGULATION 10.03 B AND 10.03 C, STATE:

- 11.1.1. B. 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.*
- 11.1.2. C. An alleged breach of one of these regulations shall not be grounds for a protest; this changes rules 60.1(a), 60.2(a) and 60.3(a). However, when the protest committee believes that a competitor may have breached one of these regulations, it shall follow the process described in the Championships Code of Conduct. If a competitor is found to have breached one of the elements within the Code of Conduct, they shall be excluded from the remaining races of the series and, where practicable, removed from the regatta venue and sent home. The competitor's boat shall be disqualified from all races of the series.*

12. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

US Sailing Area J Representative: Nick Kaschak, sbysf.director@gmail.com

US Sailing Junior Sailing Championships Committee Chair: Steven Hochart, stevenhochart@icloud.com

US Sailing Youth Racing Event Manager: youthchampionships@ussailing.org

SDYC Junior Sailing Director: Erik Hallback, juniors@sdyc.org

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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 62.

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.