



## Area L Qualifier for the Chubb U.S. Junior Triple Handed Championship

### Area L Championship

Saturday July 1, 2023

### Sailing Instructions

Corinthian Yacht Club of Seattle

Leschi North Moorage:

324 Lake Washington Blvd, Seattle, WA 98112

*The notation "[DP]" in a rule in the SI means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.*

## 1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2. The following documents shall apply:
  - a. [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), 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](#).
  - b. The sections of the Conditions for the Junior Sailing Championship applicable to the Area Championships.
  - c. [US Sailing's Safesport Handbook](#)
  - d. [The US Sailing Coaching and Support Boat Policy](#). This will be a Grade 1 coaching event.
- 1.3. This Championship is not being conducted as a sanctioned or class association event. Only the Equipment Measurement Rules for the Thistle class shall apply.
- 1.4. RRS 60.1(a) is changed to prohibit a boat from protesting another boat for an alleged breach of any class rules other than class equipment measurement rules.
- 1.5. In accordance with [US Sailing Regulation 10.04](#), each competitor shall wear a USCG approved life jacket, in good condition, that is 100% dependent on foam for floatation and the appropriate size for the sailor, at all times while on the water, except for brief periods while adding or removing clothing. A violation of this instruction may be protested by race officials or a competitor; however, a breach of this instruction may receive a penalty less than disqualification at the discretion of the protest committee. This changes rule 64.2. [DP]
- 1.6. RRD Rule 66 is changed, see NoR 10.4.

## 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official regatta notice board located on the event website.



### 3. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Changes to the SIs will be posted no later than 20 minutes after the close of the morning briefing on the day it takes effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted no later than the end of the protest time limit on the day before it will take effect.

### 4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be made from a race committee signal boat while moored at Leschi North Marina dock.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 20 minutes" in the race signal AP. This changes *Race Signals*.

### 5. SAFETY AND PERSONAL EQUIPMENT

- 5.1. Before the warning signal of the first race in which they intend to compete each day, boats shall check in by sailing on starboard tack of their class's RC signal boat. Each boat shall hail her recall number until acknowledged by the signal boat. Failure to check in may result in a penalty. [DP]
- 5.2. A boat retiring from a race shall notify a RC vessel before leaving the course, or, when that is impossible. Immediately after arrival ashore. [DP]
- 5.3. The only gear, rigging, or equipment that a competitor may take aboard a boat is: a refillable water bottle, class legal compass, flags, plastic bucket or bailer, normally equipped ditty-bag, personal effects, PFDs and protective clothing. For the C420 discipline, competitors may also bring aboard their personal trapeze harness. [DP]
- 5.4. GPS devices of all varieties, styles and combinations and VHF radios are specifically banned. [DP]

### 6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

#### 6.1. July 1, 2023

1100	Check-In/Rigging
1130	Skippers Meeting and Thistle Q&A Session w/ Class
1230	First Warning
1930	No Starts After this Time

6.2. Boat rotations will happen promptly after each race. The warning signal for succeeding races will be made as soon as possible after rotations are completed.

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 (PC).

### 7. RACING AREA

- 7.1. The racing area is Lake Washington in the vicinity of the Leschi Marina.
- 7.2. The race committee signal boat will be the CYC M/V YC 6. If necessary, an alternate race committee signal boat may be used. The race committee signal boat will display the CYC burgee and a blue "R/C" flag or sign.



## **8. THE COURSE**

- 8.1. US Sailing Course L shall be used. The diagram in Attachment B shows the courses.
- 8.2. No later than the warning signal, the RC signal boat shall display the course designation and the approximate compass bearing for the first leg.

## **9. MARKS**

- 9.1. Rounding marks will be inflatable conical style race marks.
- 9.2. A gate may or may not be present. If only a single leeward mark is present, it shall be rounded to port.

## **10. THE START**

- 10.1 Races will be started using RRS rule 26.
- 10.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC signal boat and the course side of the yellow mark at port end of the line.
- 10.3 A boat starting later than four (4) minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS. This changes rules 35, 63.1 and A5.

## **11. RECALLS**

- 11.1. The RC will attempt to hail the recall numbers of OCS boats after the starting signal. This changes rule 29.1.
- 11.2. Failure of any boat to hear the hail, promptness of the hail, failure to hail any boats or the order of boats hailed shall not be grounds for redress. This changes *RRS 62.1*

## **12. CHANGES TO THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

- 12.1. To change the next leg of the course, the RC will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the old marks as soon as practical.

## **13. THE FINISH**

- 13.1. Boats will finish through the start/finish line in the opposite direction of which they started.

## **14. TIME LIMIT**

- 14.1. The time limit for each race will be 60 minutes for the first boat to finish.
- 14.2. Finish window- boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat *sails the course* and finishes will be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes rules 35, 63.1, A4 and A5.

## **15. PROTESTS AND APPEALS**

- 15.1. Protest forms will be available at the Race Committee Boat following racing. These shall be returned to the PRO or chief judge.
- 15.2. The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the RC signal boat docks.
- 15.3. Notice of actions taken by the RC or PC will be posted on the official notice board.
- 15.4. 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
- 15.5. 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.

- 15.6 Rule 66 is changed as follows:

### **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 ([championships@ussailing.org](mailto:championships@ussailing.org)) and Youth Championships Committee Chair Malinda Crain ([mrcrain@gmail.com](mailto: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.

## **16. SCORING**

- 16.1. The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply.
- 16.2. Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 16.3. When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 16.4. 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.

## **17. REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT**

- 17.1. Substitution or repair or replacement of hulls, sails, or equipment will not be allowed without prior written approval of the PC. [DP]

## **18. COACHING AND SUPPORT BOATS**

- 18.1. This is a Grade 1 Event as defined in the US Sailing Championship Coach and Support Boat Policy. See 1.2.4 for a link to this document.
- 18.2. All coaches and/or support personnel shall register at the check-in table.
- 18.3. Coaches at Area Championships shall have current US Sailing Smallboat Level 1 Instructor or higher certification.
- 18.4. Coaches shall wear a USCG approved life jacket while afloat that is 100% dependent on foam for floatation and the appropriate size for the coach.
- 18.5. 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.



## 19. PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES

- 19.1. US SAILING REGULATION 10.03 B AND 10.03 C, STATE: \*
- 19.2. *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.*
- 19.3. *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.*

## 20. PRIZES

- 20.1. The top two finishing eligible team will qualify for the Chubb U.S. Junior Sailing Championship. Eligibility is defined by the 2022 Chubb U.S. Junior Championship NoR.
- 20.2. Teams who qualify for the Chubb U.S. Junior 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.



## Attachment A - Borrowed Boats

### A1 BOATS

**A1.1** Boats will be provided for all competitors, who shall not modify them or cause them to be modified in any way except that

- (a) a compass may be tied or taped to the hull or spars;
- (b) wind indicators, including yarn or thread, may be tied or taped anywhere on the boat;
- (c) hulls, centerboards and rudders may be cleaned, but only with water;
- (d) adhesive tape may be used anywhere above the water line; and
- (e) all fittings or equipment designed to be adjusted may be adjusted, provided the class rules are compiled with.

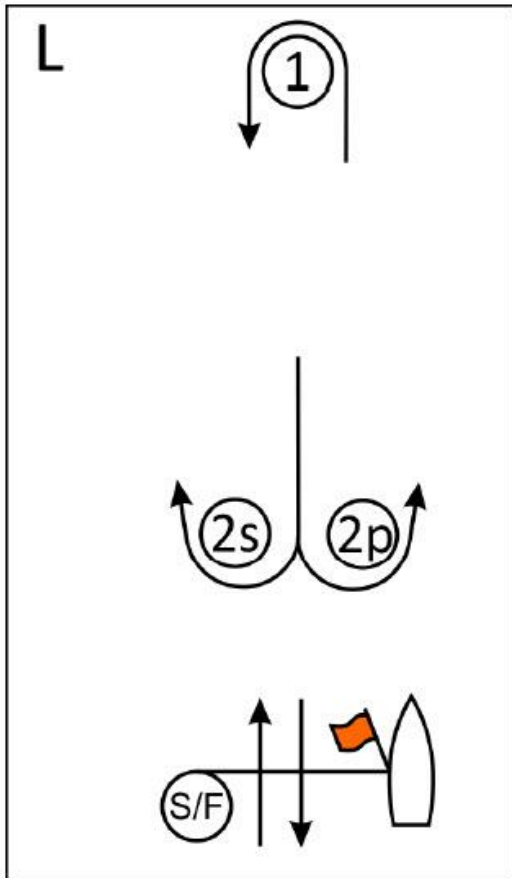
**A1.2** All equipment provided with the boat for sailing purposes shall be in the boat while afloat. **A1.3** The penalty for not complying with one of the above SIs in this Attachment will be disqualification from all races sailed in which the SI was broken.

**A1.4** Competitors shall report any damage or loss of equipment, however slight, to the Organizing Authority's representative immediately after securing the boat ashore. The penalty for breaking this SI, unless the [PC] [jury] is satisfied that the competitor made a determined effort to comply, will be disqualification from the race most recently sailed.

**A1.5** There shall be a compulsory protest hearing if there's an incident that causes serious damage, regardless of whether a boat or boats took a penalty. The outcome of this protest hearing will be used to assign financial responsibility for repairs/loss.

**A1.6** 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 PC.

Attachment B - Course Diagrams



Course L – Windward/Leeward, Leeward Finish	
Signal	Mark Rounding Order
L2	Start – 1 – 2s/2p – 1 – Finish
L3	Start – 1 – 2s/2p – 1 – 2s/2p – 1 – Finish
L4	Start – 1 – 2s/2p – 1 – 2s/2p – 1 – 2s/2p – 1 – Finish