



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

Organizing Authority: US Sailing & Corinthian Yacht Club of Seattle

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NOTICE OF RACE

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This NOR is for the Area L qualifier for the Chubb U.S. Youth Triple Handed Championship. The Chubb U.S. Youth Triplehanded Championship for the Sears Cup is US Sailing's National Championship for three-person, triplehanded youth teams (occasionally four-person boats are used), and serves as a pathway into keelboat racing. First sailed in 1921, the Sears Cup is US Sailing's oldest national championship trophy and the original youth sailing national championship. The National Championship regatta this year is sailed in RS21 with a crew of four people at Lakewood Yacht Club in Seabrook, TX on August 10-13.

The Sears Cup will invite two teams from each area to the National Championship.

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:
 - 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), 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. [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. 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 (US Sailing Regulation 10). 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. 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.
- 1.7. RRS 66 is changed, see NoR section 9.4.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1. Competitors meeting the following criteria are eligible to compete in US Sailing’s Chubb Junior Area L Championships. 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. All crew members 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 members of the crew shall reside in or regularly compete in the same US Sailing Area where the club is geographically located.

3. QUALIFICATION

- 3.1. A minimum of three (3) boats are required to be entered by the registration deadline and on the starting line in the triplehanded fleet in order for the winner to qualify for the National Championship. If three teams do not register, the two registered teams will qualify for the National Championship.
- 3.2. Area L will qualify two teams for the quadruple-handed Sears finals.
- 3.3. Team members shall remain the same from the initial qualifying event through the end of the National Championship; however, since the qualifier is sailed with three sailors, an additional eligible crew member will be added. Crew changes shall meet the requirements of the Conditions for the US Junior Championship (see 1.2.2).

4. REGISTRATION and ENTRY

- 4.1 Registration to enter the event can be completed online via the event page:
<https://cycseattle.org/event-5249002>
- 4.2 Registrations shall be submitted online no later than 11:59 PDT June 17
- 4.3 The entry fee is \$125 per team.

5. BOATS and EQUIPMENT

- 5.1 This Area Qualifier will be sailed in class legal Thistles with a crew of three (3). Boats will be rotated in an effort to complete a full round-robin.
- 5.2 Charter boats can be provided by the Seattle Thistle Fleet #61. At least one charter boat will be available for reservation for a single skipper associated with each Local Sailing Organization (LSO) within Area L. Interested skippers should contact Jonathan Posner at jdposner@gmail.com to express their interest in chartering a thistle for this qualifier. The deadline to request a boat charter is 6/15/2023, after which registration spots may be released to additional skippers from a LSO.
- 5.2. A team may supply its own class legal Thistle. Any boat which is supplied by a team shall be entered into the round-robin along with host supplied Thistles.
- 5.2 Competitors are reminded that they are not covered or protected by US Sailing's Borrowed Boat Insurance Program. Financial responsibility for damage/loss shall be attributed to the team(s) at fault.
- 5.3 Each team shall submit a \$500 damage deposit. This shall be collected at check in. It shall be in the form of a personal check made out to "Thistle Fleet 61" This will be returned or destroyed at the conclusion of the regatta if there is no damage for which the team is responsible for.
- 5.4 A mandatory protest hearing shall be held if a collision results in serious damage. The results of this hearing can be used to determine fault and financial responsibility for damages.
- 5.5 If a team fails to uphold its financial responsibility for damage attributable to their actions, a bill shall be sent directly to the sponsoring club.
- 5.6 Competitors are responsible for ensuring the boats are in shipshape condition each day after racing. [DP]

6. SCHEDULE

This regatta is planned as a one day event. If the minimum of 3 races have not been completed after the first day, there will be a second day of racing.

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8:00 am Check-In, Rigging, Boat familiarization

9:30 am Skippers Meeting

10:30 am First Warning

July 2

9:30 am Report time (Racing will only occur on Sunday, July 2nd if the minimum races (3) have not been completed on Saturday, July 1)

4:00 pm No race warning signal after this time

7. VENUE

Racing will take place on Lake Washington, east of the North Leschi Moorage

8. SCORING

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

9.2. Effort will be made to conduct the event as a full round robin. If there are five or less teams registered, a double round robin shall be attempted.

9. PROTEST 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 posted on the official notice board 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 Youth 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.

10. COACHING AND SUPPORT BOATS [DP]

- 11.1. 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.
- 11.2. All coaches and/or support personnel shall register at the check-in table located in the WSC clubhouse.
- 11.3. Coaches at Area Championships shall have current US Sailing Smallboat Level 1 Instructor or higher certification.
- 11.4. 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.
- 11.5. An Engine Cut-Off Switch (ECOS) Link shall be attached to the coach boat operator, the operators clothing, or operator's personal floatation device whenever a boat's engine is running.

11. EQUIPMENT

- 12.1. 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. [DP]

- 12.2. GPS devices of all varieties, styles and combinations and VHF radios are specifically banned.

12. PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES

US SAILING REGULATION 10.03 B AND 10.03 C, STATE:

- 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.
- 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.

13. PRIZES

- 14.1. The top two finishing eligible team(s) will qualify for the Chubb U.S. Junior Sailing Championship. Eligibility is defined by the [2023 Chubb U.S. Junior Championship NoR](#).
- 14.2. 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.

14. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION]

US Sailing Area L Representative: Matthew Berger at Mberger@oregonyouthsailing.org
PRO: Jack Killalea, CYC Junior Sailing Director (June 2023) at juniorsprogram@cycseattle.org
Chief Judge: Liesl Mordhorst