U.S. Singlehanded Sailing Championships

John Bentley Regatta
for
Championship of Buzzards Bay - Saltmarsh Trophy
US Sailing Qualifier, Area A, for US Singlehanded Championship - O'Day and Handley Trophy Qualifier
Organized by US Sailing and New Bedford Yacht Club
June 22, 2013
Hosted by New Bedford Yacht Club
208 Elm Street, South Dartmouth, MA 02748 (Same as Buzzards Bay Regatta)
NOTICE OF RACE
Posted June 5, 2013

1. RULES
   1.1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing
   1.1.2. The following documents shall apply:
   US Sailing Regulation 10.
   The Conditions for the United States Singlehanded Sailing Championships for those who wish to qualify for the U.S Singlehanded Championship (see Appendix A).
   1.1.3. The US Sailing Championship Support Vessel Policy.
   http://championships.ussailing.org/Adult/Coaching_and_Support_Vessels.htm
   1.1.4. 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 preamble to Part 4 and rule 40 are changed so that competitors shall wear a US Coast Guard (USCG) approved Type III or V Personal Floatation Device (PFD), inherently buoyant (i.e. not inflatable) while on the water, except for brief periods while changing clothing;
   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 finish boat of her intention as soon as possible after finishing, including the boat identification number of the boat(s) being protested";
   Rule 64.1 is changed to allow penalties imposed by the Protest Committee, for hearings held under Rule 60.3, as changed, which may range from a reprimand to a dismissal from the regatta;
   Rule 77 is changed such that a boat is not required to display national letters; however, competitors may be required to apply recall numbers to their boat or sail;
   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. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.

2. DISCIPLINES

Men's Division	BYOB Laser
Women's Division	BYOB Radial
Open Division	BYOB 505s

3. QUALIFICATION
   3.1. This Area will qualify one (1) team each for Men's and Women's division from those sailors who meet the Eligibility requirements in Appendix A

4. REGISTRATION and ENTRY
   4.1. The entry fee is $ 75.00 per competitor, which includes: Pizza and Beer following racing
   4.2. The entry fee shall be paid *by credit card* 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 3.1.)
   4.3. A completed entry is defined as all forms having been completed and all appropriate entry forms having been received by the host club one week prior to the event.
   4.4. Housing <u>is not</u> provided

5. SCHEDULE

Day1, 09:30	Registration
11:00	Skippers Meeting. Racing shortly after. Pizza, Beer.
Day 2 10:45	Skippers Meeting. Racing shortly after. No first warning signal after 15:00. Pizza, beer, awards.

6. MEASUREMENT
   6.1. 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 Protest Committee.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
   7.1.1.1. The sailing instructions will be available at registration.

8. VENUE: The regatta will be sailed outside of Padanaram Harbor.

9. PENALTY SYSTEMS
   9.1. Appendix P – Special Procedures for Rule 42 will apply, and will be discussed at the skippers meeting.

10. SCORING
    10.1. The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply.
    10.2. . Twelve races are scheduled.
    10.3. Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
    10.4. When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
    10.5. When six (6) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

11. SUPPORT & SPECTATOR BOATS
    11.1. Spectator boats may be available.

12. COACHING
    12.1. This is a Grade 3 Event as defined in the US Sailing Championship Support Vessel Policy.
        12.1.1. 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 18.1.
        12.1.2. 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 Protest Committee on racing days.

12.1.3. Outside contact is defined as a parent, family member, spectator, or coach. Competitors shall not receive advice, instruction, or any type of outside assistance (other than that provided by the OA) 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 Protest Committee, is a coach, instructor or advisor.

12.2. The Protest Committee may protest and disqualify a competitor for breaking the rules of NOR 19 from all races on the day of the infringement.

13. PERSONAL FLOATATION DEVICES (PFD) AND PERSONAL EQUIPMENT

13.1. 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 either be a USCG Type III or Type V device that depends 100% on foam for flotation. No modifications of the PFD are permitted. The PFD must be worn outside of all clothing except that a thin shirt may be worn over the PFD to prevent snagging.

13.2. 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.

13.3. Electronic fluxgate compasses and GPS devices of all varieties, styles and combinations are specifically banned.

14. PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES

14.1. For Junior and Youth events or for junior or youth competitors in any US Sailing championship, no participant or competitor shall use, either on or off the water: marijuana or any other controlled substance (as defined in 21 U.S. Code 802) the possession of which is unlawful under 21 U.S. Code 841, or alcoholic beverages (distilled spirits, wine and beer, each as defined in chapter 51 of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code and intended for beverage use).

14.2. When the Protest Committee believes that a competitor may have breached the above requirement, it shall follow the process described in Rule 69.2 and a competitor found to have breached this requirement 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.

15. CONDUCT OF COMPETITORS

15.1. All competitors are expected to maintain the highest levels of conduct throughout the entire event. Enforcement of discipline and conduct shall be conducted per rule 69.2(a) and the policies and procedures of US Sailing (Regulation 15.01)

16. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact Roy Tangen 617-571-4594 or rhtangen@aol.com

U.S. SINGLEHANDED CHAMPIONSHIPS

APPENDIX A

1. ELIGIBILITY
   1.1. ALL competitors MUST BE at least age 17 in the calendar year of 2013; and be a current Member of US Sailing at all levels of competition; and be a current Member of the Class Association for the boat they qualified in for the Finals. Additionally, ALL competitors MUST BE a member of a Sailing Club, Sailing Organization, or District Laser Class Association (LSO), belonging to a Regional Sailing Association (RSA) recognized by US Sailing; or a sailing club, sailing organization, or Laser Class Association, belonging directly to US Sailing, or a Community Sailing Program (CSP) which is a member of an RSA recognized by US Sailing.
   1.2. A competitor may compete in only one Area Qualifier (semi-final) and only in the Qualifier for the Area in which he or she resides in or regularly competes. Each competitor's LSO or CSP shall be located within the geographical borders of the Area conducting the Qualifier.
   1.3. No competitor, after being entered or participating in any Area Qualifier may be a competitor from another Area Qualifier in the same year. This restriction does not apply to ICSA, ISSA, and other selection events. See Conditions 3.4.
   1.4. Competitors for the Men's Championship must be males. Competitors for the Women's Championship must be females.

2. PROTEST AND APPEALS
   2.1. Decision of the protest committee will be final as provided in rule 70.5 However, a decision following a hearing under rule 69.2(a) may be appealed.
   2.2. Contact information, including e-mail and telephone number, for the helm of each boat entered and for the chairmen of the Protest Committee and the Race Committee shall be posted on the official notice board at all times during the event.
   2.3. Rule 65.2 **INFORMING THE PARTIES AND OTHERS** is changed as follows:
      2.3.1. 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.
   2.4. Rule 66 **REOPENING A HEARING** is changed as follows:
      2.4.1. A hearing may be reopened when the protest committee decides that it may have made a significant error, or when significant new evidence becomes available within a reasonable time.
      2.4.2. Area Qualifier Reopening
         2.4.2.1. A party to a hearing of a protest or request for redress may request an Area 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 the US Sailing Championships Director, LizWalker@ussailing.org and the US Sailing Championships Chairman, swmadero@aol.com.
         2.4.2.2. The protest committee for an Area 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 Senior or International Judges. US Sailing will appoint its chairman.

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

3. PRIZES
   3.1. The top finishing, eligible teams will qualify for 2013 U.S. Singlehanded Championship. Registration may only be made by completing the online forms at: http://championships.ussailing.org/Adult/USSinglehandedChampionship.htm (the "Event Website").
   3.2. Registrations shall be submitted online no later the date listed on the Notice of Race for the U.S. Singlehanded Championship

4. FURTHER INFORMATION
   4.1.1. For further information please contact Roy Tangen 617-571-4594 or rhtangen@aol.com
   4.1.2. U.S. Singlehanded Championships Committee Chair is Brian Hawboldt

All official applications, notices, forms, lists and results for the finals will be posted at http://championships.ussailing.org/Adult/USSinglehandedChampionship.htm