



The United States Men's & Women's Championships

Mrs. Charles Francis Adams Cup

and

Clifford D. Mallory Trophy

September 23-26, 2009

Early check in is available September 22



Organizing Authority: US SAILING
Hosted by the Bay-Waveland Yacht Club
Bay Saint Louis MS 39520
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NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1. The National Finals as well as all Elimination Events will be governed by the rules as defined in the 2009—2012 Racing Rules of Sailing RRS and the current US SAILING Championship *Conditions* for the U.S. Women's Sailing Championship, the U.S. Men's Championship and its Eliminations.
- 1.2. The National Chairman and Area Representatives administer the Championship Event.
- 1.3. **RRS 60.1 (a)** is changed: A boat shall not protest another boat for an alleged breach of a class rule requiring class membership.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND CREW

- 2.1. The boat for Women's competition will be a new Flying Scot. The boat for the U.S. Men's Championship will be borrowed Flying Scots. The number of crew shall be three (3) including helm.
- 2.2. Men's Championship Eligibility entrants may refer to Eligibility in the *Conditions* located on the U.S. Men's Sailing Championships web page at the following link:
<http://championships.ussailing.org/Adult/USMensandWomensChampionships.htm>. Select your championship then click on, "*Conditions*."
- 2.3 Women's Championship Eligibility entrants may refer to Eligibility in the *Conditions* located on the U.S. Women's Championship web page at the following link:
<http://championships.ussailing.org/Adult/USMensandWomensChampionships.htm> . Select your championship then click on, "*Conditions*."
- 2.4. The selection process for all competitors at the Area (Semi Finals) and Finals level is described in the "*Conditions*" for each event.

3. FEES

Entry Fee \$450.00 per Team: payable by credit card at:
<http://championships.ussailing.org/Adult/USMensandWomensChampionships.htm>
Damage Deposit \$250.00 (Separate check payable to BWYC)

4. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

HOST CLUB:

Bay-Waveland Yacht Club
PO Box 3715
Bay Saint Louis MS 39520
Phone: 228-467-4592
Fax:228-467-4547
Web: www.bwyc.org

Tuesday September 22, 2009

1600-1900 Check- in desk open for early arrivals

Wednesday September 23, 2009

0800-0900 Breakfast
0800-11:30 Check- in
0900-0930 Judges Meeting
0930-1000 Race Committee Meeting
1115 Opening Ceremony and Burgee Exchange
1145 Skippers meeting and boat draw
1200 Brown Bag Lunch for on water
1400 Practice Race followed by:
First Race of day, others to follow
1900 Sponsor's Party Pig Roast

Thursday September 24, 2009

0800-0900 Breakfast / Lunch Bar
1030 Warning, First race of the day, others to follow
Dine Around Night

Friday September 25, 2009

0800-0900 Breakfast / Lunch Bar
1030 Warning, First race of the day, others to follow
1900 Commodores' Fish Fry

Saturday September 26 2009

0800-0900 Breakfast / Lunch Bar
1030 Warning, First race of the day, others to follow
1900 Awards Dinner and Ceremony

5. REGISTRATION

5.1. For an entry to be complete, **the Regatta Report must be submitted by the Area Representative to the Championships Director.**

5.2. In the event that a competitor wishes to apply by resume, he/she must submit a resume form with a non-refundable application fee of \$50 payable by credit card to:
<http://championships.ussailing.org/Adult/USMensandWomensChampionships.htm> **no later than August 19, 2009.** Successful candidates will be notified by August 20, 2009. Select your resume from either the Men's or Women's web page.

5.3. Competitors shall register in advance by completing the entry form on line at:
<http://championships.ussailing.org/Adult/USMensandWomensChampionships.htm> **no later than August 27, 2009.**

5.4. No entry fees will be refunded after September 2, 2009 unless a replacement team can be found.

6. HOUSING

6.1 Housing will be provided for all competitors for the finals **if requested no later than September 1, 2009**. After that, all attempts will be made, and hotels will be offered at select rates. **Contact** Margaret Taylor email: gtaylor_bellsouth.net phone: 228-342-1012

6.2 Area airports for arrival include: Gulfport, MS (GPT) (20 miles), New Orleans, LA (MSY) (70 miles) and Mobile, AL (MOB) (75miles)

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS – Preliminary Sailing Instructions will be posted on the US SAILING web site in draft form by August 31, 2009, and will be available at registration in final form along with the Notice of Race.

8. NUMBER OF RACES

8.1 The regatta will be conducted using a round-robin format for the Men's Championship. If possible, each skipper/team will race in each boat one (1) time. For the Women's Championship new boats will be drawn once each day and rotated daily (See Women's *Conditions* para. 6(b)).

8.2 The number of races will be determined by the final number of entries according to the *Conditions* in each of the Championships.

8.3 A maximum of 11 races are scheduled. Slots will be filled by Area teams and/or Resume entry teams. However, if the number of total entries for a championship is less than 11, then the maximum number of races will be equal to the number of entries for that championship.

8.4 A maximum of 5 races may be sailed in one day, but the 5th race shall only be run with the concurrence of the Protest Committee and the National Chairman of the respective championship.

9. RACING AREA AND COURSES

9.1 Racing area will be on Saint Louis Bay

9.2 Courses will be windward leeward.

10. SCORING

10.1 Appendix A2 is modified such that all races will be scored for this event.

11.0 SAFETY

11.1 Per US SAILING Regulation 10.01D Competitors in US SAILING championships or qualifiers for US SAILING championships shall wear a U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) approved personal floatation device (PFD) while on the water, other than for brief periods while adding or removing clothing.

11.2 A boat retiring from a race shall notify a Race Committee vessel before leaving the course, or when that is impossible, the Regatta Office immediately after arrival ashore.

12 PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES

12.1 Per US SAILING Regulation 10.01 C1. For adult US SAILING championship events, no 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.

12.2 Per US SAILING Regulation 10.01 C3. An alleged breach of one of these regulations shall not be grounds for a protest. However, when the protest committee believes that a competitor may have breached one of these regulations, it shall follow the process described in racing rule 69.1, and a competitor found to have breached one of these regulations 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 AT NATIONAL EVENT

The winner of the U.S. Men's Championship will receive a Sperry® Top Sider grant towards their entry fee for their local NOOD Regatta. The winner of the U.S. Women's Championship will receive a Sperry® Top Sider grant towards their entry fee at US SAILING's Rolex International Women's Keelboat Championship.

U.S. Women's Championship

13.1 The winning team will receive the **Mrs. Charles Francis Adams Trophy**, which they shall have appropriately engraved and may hold until the following year's Championship.

13.2 The second place team will receive the **Mrs. Willis D. Wood Trophy** which they shall have appropriately engraved and may hold until the following year's Championship.

13.3 The third place team will receive the **Alexander Gest Trophy** which they shall have appropriately engraved and may hold until the following year's Championship.

13.4 The **Francis McElwain Wakeman Sportsmanship Award** will be awarded to the skipper or crew who best exemplifies sportsmanship both on and off the water. The winner of this perpetual award shall have it appropriately engraved and may hold it until next year's Championship.

13.5 **US SAILING medals** will be awarded to the skippers and crews finishing in the top three positions.

13.6 A **Shipshape Award** will be presented to the Team with the greatest number of points for neatness and general shipshape condition of borrowed boats.

U.S. Men's Championship

13.7 The winning team will receive the **Clifford D. Mallory Trophy**, which they shall have appropriately engraved and may hold until the following year's Championship.

13.8 Second Place winners will receive US SAILING Silver medals.

13.9 Third Place winners will receive US SAILING Bronze medals

13.9(a) The **Royal Victoria Trophy** is awarded for excellence in Seamanship. The winner of this perpetual award shall have it appropriately engraved and may hold it until next year's Championship.

13.9(b) The **Staton J. Peele, Jr. Trophy** voted upon by the sailors is awarded for Sportsmanship. The winner of this perpetual award shall have it appropriately engraved and may hold it until next year's Championship.

14. FURTHER INFORMATION

14.1 Contact Linda Epstein, **National Chair for the U.S. Women's Sailing Championship**, lf.epstein@verizon.net phone: 781-640-6563

14.2 Bob Counihan, **National Chair for the U.S. Men's Sailing Championship**, ricounihan@nyseg.com phone (845) 629-6846

14.2 Liz Walker, Championships Director: lizwalker@ussailing.org; US SAILING, PO Box 1260 Portsmouth, RI 02871; phone (401)683-0800 ext. 651

14.3 For qualifying events, please refer to the information posted under Area Qualifiers at <http://championships.ussailing.org/Adult/USMensandWomensChampionships.htm>

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