



2012 ISAF Youth World Qualifier Regatta, U.S. Youth Multihull Championship and US Sailing

Development Team qualifier
Multihull Discipline – F16 Class

January 13 – 15, 2012

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The Organizing Authority for the 2012 US Sailing® International Sailing Federation (ISAF) Youth World Qualifier is US Sailing

1. RULES

1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

1.2. Class rules will be used except that rule 60.1(a) is changed to prohibit a boat from protesting another boat for an alleged breach of a class rule requiring class membership or imposing a weight limit.

1.3. In accordance with US Sailing Regulation 10.01 C, PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES:

1.4.1. 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).

1.4.2. An alleged breach of this rule shall not be grounds for a protest. However, when the protest committee believes 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 remaining races of the series and where practicable, removed from the regatta and sent home. The competitor's boat shall be disqualified from all races of the series.

1.5 Changes to RRS 65.2, 66, 70.2, F1.4 and the addition of F9 shall be stated in NOR 17.2. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.

2. ADVERTISING

The Organizing Authority may require all participating boats to display event-sponsor's advertising in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND EQUIPMENT

3.1. The regatta is open to the following disciplines and classes:

· F16 class

3.2. A minimum of two (2) entries received by 1700 January 6, 2012, is required to establish a class.

3.3. For the ISAF Youth Worlds Qualifier: All competitors (helm & crew) shall be citizens of the United States at the time of the regatta, or have written authorization from ISAF for an exemption under



Regulation 17.5.4, be members of US Sailing, shall be under the age of 19 years on December 31, 2012 (born after December 31, 1993), and be eligible to represent the United States at the 42nd Volvo TM Youth Sailing ISAF World Championship 2012 in Dun Laoghaire, Ireland.

Note: ALL COMPETITORS MUST PRESENT A VALID U.S.A. PASSPORT OR PROOF OF THEIR ISAF EXEMPTION AT ONSITE REGISTRATION. IN ADDITION, EACH SAILOR MUST PRESENT A BIRTH CERTIFICATE AT ONSITE REGISTRATION and proof of current membership in US Sailing.

3.3.1 For the US Sailing Development Team qualifier: Teams must be mixed (one male and one female sailing together).

3.4. In order to compete, all competitors must have completed and signed RELEASE OF LIABILITY, MEDICAL CONSENT/MEDICAL AND EMERGENCY INFORMATION & DEPICTION RELEASE forms with the Organizing Authority. Forms can be download at

<http://championships.ussailing.org/Youth/USYMH.htm> . Forms may be sent to Mary Wells or Rick White, email rick@catsailor.com

3.5. This is a bring-your-own boat, regatta. Limited charters and/or private charters may be available, please check the event website at www.catsailor.com for more information.

4. FEES

4.1. Entry Fee includes a commemorative regatta t-shirt, after-racing snacks. Eligible competitors and coaches may enter by completing an on-line entry at the catsailor.com website.

Discipline Boat Entry Fee Late Entry Fee

After Jan. 6, 2012

Multihull F16 \$150.00 \$25.00

Coach/Spectator Boat \$40.00 \$10.00

4.2. Registration for this event is not complete until Entry Fees are paid and all required Release Forms, (RELEASE OF LIABILITY, MEDICAL CONSENT/MEDICAL AND EMERGENCY INFORMATION & DEPICTION RELEASE) are completed, signed and received by the Organizing Authority.

5. SCHEDULE

5.1. Registration and Racing Schedule

Thursday, January 12th from 1700 to 2000 will be Registration.

Friday, January 13th Final Registration Friday Morning from 0830 to 1000

*Friday Skipper's Meeting at 1100.

*Friday First Flag at 1230 with three back-to-back races scheduled

Saturday, January 14th

*Saturday Skipper Meeting 1000 *Saturday First Flag at 1100 with four back-to-back races scheduled

Sunday, January 15th

*Sunday, First Flag at 1000 with two back-to-back races scheduled, no race to start after 1PM.

*Trophies will follow the races ASAP.

5.2. Nine (9) races are scheduled.

6. MEASUREMENT

Sails for all classes will be checked to ensure they meet all Class Rules.



7. Sailing INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available at Registration.

8. VENUE

Founders Park (once Plantation Yacht Harbor Resort) is located at MM 87 on the bay side of the islands.

9. COURSES

Courses will be Windward/Leeward.

10. SCORING

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

10.2. When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

10.3. 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.

11. SAFETY

11.1. In accordance with US Sailing Regulation 10.01 D USE OF PERSONAL FLOTATION, "Competitors...shall wear a U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) approved personal flotation device (PFD) while on the water, other than for brief periods while adding or removing clothing". Failure to comply with this rule can result in disqualification as deemed appropriate by the protest committee.

12. COACH AND SUPPORT BOATS

12.1. This event will be a grade 1 coaching event per US Sailing's Coach and Support Boat policy at http://championships.ussailing.org/Youth/Coaching_and_Support_Vessels.htm. All coaches in the youth division will be asked to provide proof of current First Aid and CPR along with US \$1 million in liability insurance. Coaches with proof of current US Sailing Level 2 certification are exempt.

12.2. Coach/support boats must register with the Organizing Authority.

12.3. All coach/support boats must be equipped with or supply their own VHF radios and monitor VHF channel as designated by the race committee. Coach/support boats must render assistance to any boat in need and perform any other function requested of them by the race committee. Coach/support boats shall display an identification flag supplied by the race committee. No flag, banner, pennant, signal or shape other than that supplied by the race committee shall be displayed.

12.4. All coach/support boats will be charged a fee of US \$40.00 to be collected at Registration.

12.5. Unless directed by the race committee, no coach/support boat will be allowed within the course nor have any communication with a competitor between the warning signal for a race and the time the race is postponed or abandoned, a general recall has been signaled, or the competitor has finished.

12.6. The penalty for failing to comply with requests for assistance by the race committee or requirements stated above or in the sailing instructions will be applied to the competitor boat(s) associated with the coach/support personnel at the discretion of the protest committee.

13. COMMUNICATION

Competitors shall not make or receive radio or mobile telephone transmissions while racing.



14. PRIZES

US Sailing medals will be awarded to competitors placing first through third. The winner of the regatta will be named U.S. Youth Multihull Champions and will be awarded the Arthur D. Stevens Trophy. In addition, class winners who meet all the eligibility requirements, (age and nationality) will be entitled to represent the United States at the 42nd Volvo TM Youth Sailing ISAF World Championship 2012 to be held in Dun Laoghaire, Ireland. The top two eligible mixed teams will qualify for the 2012 US Sailing Development Team.

15. HOSPITALITY

15.1. Information for local hotels can be found from the Islamorada Chamber of Commerce at <http://www.islamoradachamber.com/lodging.cfm>

16. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS Part 1 – Fundamental Rules, #4, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

17. PROCEDURES FOR PROTECTED COMPETITIONS

17.1. US Sailing Regulation 12.03 Protected Competitions, will be in effect for this event, as follows. US Sailing shall ensure that the Organizing Authority includes the following rules and procedures in the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions for a Protected Competition:

- a) The US Sailing prescriptions to rules 60, 63.2, and 63.4 shall apply to a Protected Competition, except that the words “when practicable” in the first sentence of the prescription to rule 63.4 are deleted.
- b) Protest committees shall include 20% "sailor-athlete" representation. "Sailor-athlete" has the meaning of "athlete" set forth in USOC Bylaw, Section 8.8.2 (the 10-year rule) or Level A or B Sailor-Athlete as defined by US Sailing Sailor Athlete Council (SAC) Bylaws 3.3.1 and 3.3.2 (except that the US Sailing member class referred to in SAC Bylaw 3.3.2.3 shall be an international class recognized by ISAF at the time of the sailor-athlete's qualification).
- c) The right of appeal will not be denied under rule 70.5 (a), (b), or (c), but an expedited appeal process may be used that balances the needs of the competitor for certainty with respect to berths in future competitions and sufficient time to prepare the arguments and evidence for the appeal.
- d) Any boat that is a party to a redress hearing may be represented by up to two individuals.
- e) If a hearing is scheduled after the event is concluded and after the sailors and officials have left the venue, it will be scheduled as soon as possible, and in a place and manner chosen with deference to the competitor's preferences or circumstances; and parties to the hearing have the right to be present telephonically or via video feed as appropriate, provided all participants can hear and speak to each other.

17.2. The following rule changes shall be made:

- a) Rule 65.2 is changed as follows: “seven days” is changed to “24 hours”; and “promptly” is changed to “, within 24 hours”.
- b) Rule 66 is deleted and replaced by:
Rule 66 REOPENING A HEARING
 - i. 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. However, if an



appeal of its decision has been sent to the national authority, the hearing shall not be reopened unless the national authority requires reopening under rule F6 or decides the appeal cannot be considered.

ii. A party to the hearing may ask for a reopening no later than 24 hours after being informed of the decision.

iii. When a hearing is reopened, a majority of the members of the protest committee shall, if possible, be members of the original protest committee.

c) Rule 70.2 is deleted, as permitted in rule 86.3.

d) Rule F1.4 is changed, as permitted in rule 86.3 - The director will forward an appeal of a decision of a protest committee acting under rule 69.1, an appeal of a decision of a protest committee of a US Sailing national championship, a request by such a committee for confirmation or correction of its decision, and an appeal of a decision of a protest committee of a US Sailing Protected Competition (as defined in US Sailing Regulation 12.03) to the US Sailing Appeals Committee.

e) Rule F9, APPEALS OF PROTEST COMMITTEE DECISIONS OR PROCEDURES AT PROTECTED COMPETITIONS will be used, as permitted in rule 86.3.

18. EXPEDITED APPEALS PROCEDURE

18.1. Rule F9 is added as follows:

F9 APPEALS OF PROTEST COMMITTEE DECISIONS OR PROCEDURES AT PROTECTED COMPETITIONS

These provisions may be used as an expedited appeals process for US Sailing Protected Competition, as defined in US Sailing Regulation 12.03 and permitted by Regulation 12.03.02.03.

APPELLANT'S RESPONSIBILITIES

F9.1 An appeal of a protest committee's decision or its procedures shall be sent by e-mail to the US Sailing's Race Administration Director (director) at RaceAdmin@ussailing.org, with a copy to the protest committee chairman.

F9.2 The appeal shall be sent no later than 24 hours after the protest time limit on the last day of the event, or 24 hours after receiving the written decision being appealed or the protest committee's decision not to reopen a hearing, whichever is latest.

F9.3 The appeal shall include:

- a) the grounds for the appeal; i.e., why the appellant believes the protest committee's decision or its procedures were incorrect; and
- b) the names and e-mail addresses of the parties to the hearing and the chairman of the protest committee.

F9.4 US Sailing charges a fee of \$25 for an appeal by a member of US Sailing or another national authority, and \$75 for all others. The fee must be paid before the appeal will be considered, and can be paid by credit card by contacting the director.

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F9.5 Upon receipt of the appeal, the director will as soon as reasonably possible

- a) forward the appeal to the US Sailing Appeals Committee
- b) send in a written acknowledgement of the appeal, and



c) send a copy of the appeal to the parties to the hearing and the protest committee chairman unless satisfied that they already have received it.

In the acknowledgement letter, the director will inform the parties and protest committee chairman of the name and contact information of the chairman of the appeals committee.

PROTEST COMMITTEE'S RESPONSIBILITIES

F9.6 The protest committee shall e-mail to the chairman of the appeals committee as soon as reasonably possible the following documents and information:

- a) a copy of the decision being appealed;
- b) the written protest(s) or request(s) for redress;
- c) a diagram if relevant, prepared or endorsed by the protest committee, that conforms to rule F2.2(c);
- d) the notice of race, sailing instructions, any other documents governing the event, and any changes to them, unless previously sent to the appeals committee chairman; and
- e) any other relevant documents.

F9.7 The protest committee shall, within the deadline set by the appeals committee, supply any additional documents, facts or other information when requested to do so by the appeals committee. If directed to do so by the appeals committee, the protest committee shall at the first reasonable opportunity conduct a hearing of the protest or request for redress, or reopen the hearing of the protest or request for redress. The appeals committee may direct the protest committee to conduct a hearing to consider redress for the appellant or other party to the hearing.

COMMENTS

F9.8 The parties to the hearing and the protest committee may make comments on the appeal or on any of the documents listed in rule F9.6 and F9.7. Comments shall be sent by e-mail to the appeals committee, with copies to the parties to the hearing and the protest committee chairman. The comment period for the appeal and each document is 72 hours from the time the appeals committee sends the appeal or document unless the appeals committee sets a different deadline.

APPEALS COMMITTEE'S RESPONSIBILITIES

F9.9 The appeals committee shall send by e-mail to all parties to the hearing, and to the protest committee, copies of all relevant documents and comments it has received, except those supplied by that party or committee.

F9.10 The appeals committee shall accept the protest committee's finding of facts except when it decides they are inadequate. In that case it shall require the protest committee to provide additional facts or other information, or to reopen the hearing and report any new finding of facts, and the protest committee shall do so at the first reasonable opportunity.

19. FURTHER INFORMATION

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