



2012 U.S. Youth Championships
August 14 – 18, 2012

Organized by US Sailing
Sponsored by Gill NA, Sperry Top-Sider, Zim Sailing
and Switlik Survival Products
Hosted by Columbia Gorge Racing Association



NOTICE OF RACE 1-16-2012

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, and the Prescriptions of US 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. However, when a Protest Committee believes that a competitor may have breached Regulation 10.01.C.2, it shall follow the process described in RRS 69.1, and a competitor found to have breached this Regulation shall be excluded from the remaining races in 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.
 - 1.2.2 The Conditions for the Youth Championships.
 - 1.2.3 The US Sailing Championship Support Vessel Policy.
http://championships.ussailing.org/Youth/Coaching_and_Support_Vessels.htm. This will be a Grade 2 Coaching event.
- 1.3 These Championships are not being conducted as a sanctioned or class association event. Only the Equipment Measurement Rules for each one design class will apply. However, US Sailing encourages sailors to join their respective One Design Class Association to support their efforts to manage and support their boat.
- 1.4 RRS Appendix P – Special Procedures for Rule 42.-Immediate Penalty for Breaking Rule shall apply.
- 1.5 Racing rules will be changed as follows:

RRS 40 is changed so that competitors in the U.S. Youth Championships 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.

RRS 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.

RRS 60.3 is changed to permit the Protest Committee to protest a boat when, from its own observation or a report received from any source, it believes a competitor may have committed a breach of good conduct, or sportsmanship, or may have brought the sport or the event into disrepute. A Protest Committee may call representatives from the Organizing Authority and/or Regatta Committee as witnesses.

RRS 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.”

RRS 64.1 is changed to allow the Protest Committee to impose penalties for hearings held under RRS 60.3. Such penalties may range in severity from a reprimand to a dismissal from the regatta.

RRS 77 is changed so that a boat is not required display national letters, however, competitors shall be required to comply with applicable class sail numbering rules..

- 1.6 Competitors may be subject to disqualification for interfering with commercial traffic. Boats violating USCG Inland Navigation Rules, Part B, as stated in the Inland Navigation Rules Act of 1980 (Public Law 96-591, 94 Stat. 3415, 33 U.S.C. 2001-2038) or boats that are given a 5 blast warning of 5 short sounds may be subject to protest by the race committee.

All applicable rule changes will appear in full in the Sailing Instructions. The Sailing Instructions may also change other racing rules.

2 ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority.

3 DISCIPLINES

The regatta shall include the following disciplines utilizing the following class compliant equipment:

Doublehanded Dinghy	--	Club 420
Doublehanded Dinghy	--	29er
Singlehanded Dinghy – Light	--	Laser Radial
Singlehanded Dinghy – Heavy	--	Laser

4 ELIGIBILITY

- 4.1 Applicants (skippers and crews) shall not reach their 20th birthday by December 31, 2012 and must reach their 16th birthday by December 31, 2012
- 4.2 Applicants must meet eligibility requirements of ISAF Regulation 19 - Eligibility Code.
- 4.3 Applicants must be individual or family members of US Sailing at the time of application and of the event.
- 4.4 Applicants must be US Citizens, unless the Organizing Authority grants an exception to this requirement based upon a written request to do so. Requests will not be considered for permanent residents who have resided for less than five (5) contiguous years in the United States. Requests should be sent to the US Sailing Championships Director (see NOR 21) no less than 30 days prior to the application deadline. Requests received after that time will not be considered.

5 APPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Applications shall only be made by completing the online forms at: http://championships.ussailing.org/Youth/US_Youth_Champs.htm (the “event website”) AND submitting a non-refundable on-line application fee of \$50 per discipline applied to by the applicant.
- 5.2 Applications shall be submitted no later than midnight (EDT), March 15, 2012
- 5.3 If requested by the Organizing Authority, an applicant shall send a copy of his or her birth certificate or passport to complete the application.
- 5.4 The Organizing Authority will review all valid applications and issue invitations to “Invited Competitors.” Invitations will be sent electronically by US Sailing by May 1 along with additional information, including, but not limited to, medical waivers and housing requests. No telephone calls or email inquiries as to the status of applications will be accepted by US Sailing or the Host Club.
- 5.5 The first place winners of the ISAF Youth World Qualifier Regatta (in the Laser Standard, Laser Radial and 29er) disciplines using the same equipment as in the USYSC will be automatically invited provided they apply per NOR 5.1 and 5.2.

6 ENTRY

- 6.1 Invited Competitors per NOR 5.4 and 5.5 shall submit completed entry forms on-line, including non-refundable online payment of fees, and send any remaining forms to the event registrar by regular mail no later than the dates indicated on the respective forms.
- 6.2 Absent a written extension from the Organizing Authority, online entries from Invited Competitors shall be completed by midnight (EDT), May 15. Invited Competitors seeking an extension should send such requests to Championships Director (NOR 21). Invitations to compete will be withdrawn if entry is not made or an extension has not been granted by this date.

- 6.3 The Entry FEE is \$450.00 USD per competitor for all disciplines, which includes housing (required for all competitors), coaching, daily transportation to and from the Host Club, meals and entertainment.
- 6.4 Transportation to and from the Portland area airport (PDX – Portland International Airport) may be available to competitors by making advance reservations and payment of additional fees. More information will be posted at the Event Website: www.usyouthchamps.com.

7 SCHEDULE

- 7.1 Competitors shall not arrive at the venue before 0800 Tuesday August 14, 2012 unless they are participating in the 29er US National Championships or have been given prior written permission from the National Chairman of the Championship (NOR 21).

7.2

Tuesday, August 14, 2012	1000-1830 1300-1700	Registration Clinic and practice race
Wednesday, August 15, 2012	1030 1200	Mandatory Skippers Meeting First Race Warning
Thursday, August 16, 2012	0900 1030	Morning Briefing First Race Warning
Friday, August 17, 2012	0900 1030	Morning Briefing First Race Warning
Saturday, August 18, 2012	0900 1030 1400 1430-1600	Morning Briefing First Race Warning No Warning after 2:00pm Pack-up boats/Awards Ceremony

- 7.3 Awards presentation will be made as soon as practicable following the conclusion of racing and pack-up.
- 7.4 Attendance at the pack-up session and the Award Ceremony is MANDATORY for all competitors. Failure to assist in the pack-up will result in forfeiture of the damage deposits and may result in not being awarded a charter at a future US Sailing event. Competitors should not plan to depart the venue until after 1900 hrs on Saturday August 18, 2012
- 7.4 Requests for early and late arrivals and departures MUST be made in writing to the National Chairman of the Championship (NOR 21), no later than July 15, 2012.

8 MEASUREMENT

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 or the Organizing Authority.

9 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available at check-in and preliminary SIs may be posted at http://championships.ussailing.org/Youth/US_Youth_Champs.htm

10 VENUE

The regatta will be sailed in the Columbia River Gorge at Cascade Locks, Oregon. See map in diagram A

11 COURSES

The courses shall be prescribed in the Sailing Instructions and may include Windward Leeward, Triangle and trapezoid course types.

12 BERTHING

13.1 Early arrival at the venue will not be permitted. The arrival policy will be sent to all Invited Competitors.

13.2 All boats shall be kept at the Cascade Locks Marine Park.

13 PENALTY SYSTEMS

13.1 For the Doublehanded Skiff Discipline (sailing the International 29er) rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

13.2 Appendix P – Special Procedures for Rule 42 will apply.

14 SCORING

14.1 The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply.

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

14.3 (a) When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

(b) 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.

15 SUPPORT & SPECTATOR BOATS

15.1 Private Spectator Boats and coach boats will not be permitted due to the restricted sailing area. A Spectator boat will be available for at least one day of racing. On shore viewing is available and details will be posted on the event website. Additional details will be available on the event website.

16 COACHING

This is a Grade 2 Event as defined in the US Sailing Championship Support Vessel Policy. Private coaches will not be permitted. See the link below for additional restrictions.

http://championships.ussailing.org/Youth/Coaching_and_Support_Vessels.htm

17 PERSONAL FLOATATION DEVICES (PFD)

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.

18 PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES

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). 3.

An alleged breach of this requirement shall not be grounds for a protest. However, when the protest committee believes that a competitor may have breached the above requirement, it shall follow the process described in racing rule 69.1, 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.

19. RISK, DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY & PERSONAL CONDUCT

19.1. Competitors participate in the regatta at their own risk. See Rule 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.

19.2. The competitor will accept full responsibility for all his/her actions during any activity related to the event. This includes on-shore activities before, during, and after the regatta.

All competitors are expected to maintain the highest levels of conduct throughout the entire event. Enforcement of discipline and conduct shall be conducted as per the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS 69.1) and the policies and procedures of US Sailing (Regulation 15.01).



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- 19.3. Competitors will be required to abide by the Marine Park Rules which will be provided at check in along with the Sailing Instructions..

20 PRIZES

- 20.1 Depending on fleet size, US Sailing Championship medals may be awarded to competitors who finish first through fifth in the C420 and Radial divisions and first through third in the 29er and Laser divisions
- 20.2 The Manton D Scott Memorial Trophy will be awarded to the winning Doublehanded Dinghy (C 420) team.
- 20.3 The Robert L. Johnstone III Trophy will be awarded to the winning Singlehanded – Heavy (Laser Standard) competitor.
- 20.4 The Robert and Ann Conner Trophy will be awarded to the winning Singlehanded – Light (Laser Radial) competitor.
- 20.5 The David M. Perry Perpetual Sportsmanship Trophy will be awarded, as well as sportsmanship keepers, in each discipline.
- 20.6 The winners of the Singlehanded-Heavy, Singlehanded-Light and Skiff fleets may qualify for the US Development Team.
- 20.7 The top placing male in the Singlehanded-Heavy fleet, and the top placing female in the Singlehanded-Light fleet qualify for the U.S. Singlehanded Sailing Championships for the Men's and Women's events, respectively.

21 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 21.1 For further information please contact US Sailing Championship Director, Liz Walker at US Sailing, Box 1260, Portsmouth, RI, 02871. (401) 683-0800, ext. 651, or lizwalker@ussailing.org.
- 21.2 National Youth Championships Committee Chair, Steve Wrigley may be contacted via Liz Walker.
- 21.3 All official applications, notices, forms, lists and results will be posted at http://championships.ussailing.org/Youth/US_Youth_Champs.htm

Diagram A: Racing Area

