



AREA CHAMPIONSHIPS

Lasers and 420s ONLY

See separate SIs for Opti & Blue Jay classes

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

US Sailing's Chubb U.S. Area B Junior Sailing Single and Doublehanded Championship

Qualifier for the Bemis and Smythe

Wednesday July 12, 2017

Organized by the Niantic Bay Yacht Club and US Sailing

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2. The following documents will apply:
 - a US Sailing Regulations 2, 10 and 13.
 - b [The Conditions for the United States Junior Sailing Championships and the US Sailing Championship Conditions](#)
 - c [The US Sailing Championship Support Vessel Policy](#)
 - d [The US Sailing SafeSport Handbook](#)
 - e [The US Sailing Code of Conduct](#)
- 1.3. The RRS are changed as follows:
 - a Rule 29.1 is 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; this changes rule 62.1;
 - b The preambles to Part 4 and rule 40 are changed so that 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 depend 100% on foam for flotation. No modifications of the PFD are permitted and it shall be the appropriate size for the sailor;
 - c 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;
 - d 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 (RC) finish boat of her intention as soon as possible after finishing, including the boat identification number of the boat(s) being protested";
 - e Rule 64.4 (b) is changed to require a hearing before any action is taken.
 - f Rule 77 is changed such that a boat is not required to display national letters; however, competitors may be required to apply supplied recall numbers to their boat or sail. If recall numbers are required, they will be supplied by the OA;
 - g In case of conflict between the Notice of Race (NoR) and the Sailing Instructions (SIs), the SIs will prevail. This changes rule 63.7.



2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to Competitors will be posted on the official regatta notice board located under the NBYC tent.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Changes to the SIs will be posted on the official regatta notice board no later than 20 minutes after the close of the morning briefing on Wednesday, July 12, except any change to the schedule of races will be posted no later than 1900 on Tuesday, July 11.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals ashore will be displayed from the NBYC flag pole.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, boats shall not leave the harbor; wait for further instructions.
- 4.3. When flag AP is removed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes'. This changes rule Race Signals AP.

5. SAFETY AND PERSONAL EQUIPMENT

- 5.1. All competitors in US Sailing Championships, at all levels, shall wear, while on the water, other than brief periods while adding or removing clothing, an approved US Coast Guard PFD that depends 100% on foam for flotation that is the appropriate size for the sailor. The PFD must be worn outside of all clothing, except that a thin shirt may be worn over the PFD to prevent snagging.
- 5.2. Before the warning signal of the first race in which they intend to compete, boats shall check in by sailing on starboard tack past the transom of the RC signal boat. Each boat shall hail her recall number until acknowledged by the signal boat. Failure to check in may result in a penalty.
- 5.3. A boat retiring from a race shall notify a RC vessel before leaving the course, or, when that is impossible, immediately after arrival ashore.
- 5.4. 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, and personal effects including PFDs and protective clothing.
- 5.5. Electronic fluxgate compasses and GPS devices of all varieties, styles and combinations are specifically banned.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

8:30 am	Registration
10:00 am	Mandatory Skippers Meeting
10:30 am	Harbor Start – Races will be continuous with lunch break on the water. Bring your own lunch or purchase at NBYC.
11:00 am (approx)	First Warning No Warning Signal will be posted after 3:25 PM.
4:00 pm (approx)	Post Race Cook out and Raffle
4:30 pm (approx)	Awards presentation Awards to be presented as soon as practical after racing.

- 6.1. There are a maximum of seven (7) races scheduled.
- 6.2. The warning signal for succeeding races will be made as soon as possible after finish of preceding race.



- 6.3. To alert boats that a race will begin soon, an orange flag will be displayed with one sound for at least one (1) minute before a warning signal is displayed.
- 6.4. Weather conditions, the need to protect borrowed boats and equipment, or the need to expedite the completion of the event may require procedures other than those mentioned in these SIs. Any such special procedures must be approved by the Protest Committee (PC).
- 6.5. Shortened Event. Should wind, weather or other conditions make it impossible to complete the scheduled number of races within the publicized time, the event shall be terminated and the results based on the completed number of races. One (1) race is required to be completed to constitute a series. Termination and decisions regarding results shall be made by the Protest Committee (PC).

7. CLASS FLAG

The class flag will be:

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| Singlehanded Division (Lasers) | Signal Flag numerical 1 (white background with red circle) |
| Doublehanded Division (420s) | Signal Flag numerical 2 (blue background with white dot) |

8. RACING AREA

The sailing Area will be in Niantic Bay.

9. THE COURSE

- 9.1. The diagrams in Attachment A show the courses, including the course signals, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on each mark is to be left.
- 9.2. No later than the warning signal, the RC signal boat shall display the course designation.
- 9.3. If one of the gate marks is missing, the mark in position will be rounded to port.

10. MARKS

- 10.1. Rounding marks will be – yellow inflatable marks.
- 10.2. New marks will be – orange inflatable marks.
- 10.3. If a buoy is used as a mark at the finish line it will be an orange or yellow inflatable mark.

11. THE START

- 11.1. Races will be started using rule 26.
- 11.2. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC signal boat and the course side of the mark or a staff displaying an orange flag on a RC boat at the port end of the line.
- 11.3. A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS. This changes rules 63.1 and A5.

12. RECALLS

- 12.1. The RC will attempt to hail the recall numbers of OCS boats after the starting signal. This changes rule 29.1.
- 12.2. The failure of any boat to hear the hail, promptness of the hail, failure to hail any boats, or the order of boats hailed shall not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1.

13. CHANGE THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

To change the next leg of the course, the RC will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the old marks as soon as practicable.



14. THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a RC boat and the course side of the designated finish mark.

15. TIME LIMIT

15.1. The time limit for each race will be 60 minutes for the first boat to finish.

15.2. Finish Window – boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course in accordance with rule 28 and finishes will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired) without a hearing. This changes rules 35, 63.1, A4 and A5.

16. PENALTY SYSTEM

Appendix P – Special Procedures for Rule 42 will apply.

17. EVENT PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

17.1. A boat is not permitted to protest another boat for breaking SIs 5.2, 5.3, 20, or 21. A boat is not permitted to protest another boat for an alleged breach of any class rule other than class equipment measurement rules. The penalty for breaking these SIs may be less than disqualification at the discretion of the PC. This changes rule 60.1(a) and 64.1.

17.2. A boat intending to protest about an incident that occurs in the racing area shall notify the RC finish boat of her intention as soon as possible after finishing, identifying the boat(s) being protested. This changes rule 61.1(a)

17.3. Protests forms will be available at and returned to the NBYC clubhouse office. Forms will also be available at the official notice board.

17.4. The time the RC signal boat docks will be posted on the official notice board. The protest time limit is 30 minutes after this posted time.

17.5. A protest hearing schedule and the location of the hearings will be posted on the official notice board no later than 15 minutes following the end of protest time.

17.6. Notice of actions taken by the RC or PC will be posted on the official notice board.

17.7. A request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the party was informed of the decision.

18. US SAILING REQUIREMENTS FOR AN AREA QUALIFIER REOPENING

18.1. 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 69.1(a) may be appealed and SI 17.3 should be referenced regarding potential reopening of a hearing. E-mail and phone contact information for each boat entered and for the chairmen of the PC and the RC shall be posted on the official notice board at all times during the event.

18.2. 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 PC 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 PC 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 PC.

18.3. Rule 66 is changed as follows:



66.1 REOPENING A HEARING The PC 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 30 minutes after being informed of the decision. When a hearing is reopened, a majority of the members of the PC shall, if possible, be members of the original PC and include at least one National Judge.

18.4. 66.2 AREA QUALIFIER REOPENING

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 PC made or the nature of the significant new evidence that became available within a reasonable time. 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 PC, 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 PC, shall be sent by e-mail to the US Sailing Youth Division Director, championships@ussailing.org and the US Sailing Championships Chair, swmadero@aol.com.

- a The hearing shall be reopened when the foregoing information is received by the Youth Division Director and the Championships Chair.
- b The PC for an Area Qualifier Reopening shall consist of the chairman of the original PC plus four certified judges appointed by US Sailing. A majority of the PC's members shall be National or International Judges. The Championship Chair will appoint its chairman.
- c 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 PC, the time and date of the hearing, the process for joining the call and any other relevant documents.

19. SCORING

- 19.1. The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply.
- 19.2. Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course in accordance with rule 28 and finishes will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired) without a hearing. Boats scored TLE shall be scored points equal to one more than the finish place of the last boat to finish within the finish window established in SI 15.2. This changes rules 35, 63.1, A4 and A5.
- 19.3. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 19.4. When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 19.5. 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.

20. REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT

Substitution or repair or replacement of hulls, sails, or equipment will not be allowed without prior written approval of the PC.

21. COACHING AND OUTSIDE CONTACT



21.1. This is a Grade 3 Event as defined in the US Sailing Championship Support Vessel Policy. See <http://www.ussailing.org/racing/championships/coaching-and-support-boats-policy/>

21.2. Any coaches provided by US Sailing will offer individual on-the-water instruction and group commentary/advice on land following each racing day. This coaching will be given to all competitors on an as equal basis as possible.

22. CONDUCT OF COMPETITORS

22.1. 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: marijuana or any other substance if possession is illegal under state or federal law; or any alcoholic beverages. US Sailing Regulation 10.03.

22.2. An alleged breach of one of these regulations shall not be grounds for a protest. However, when the PC believes that a competitor may have breached one of these regulations, it shall follow the process described in the Championships Code of Conduct.

22.3. When a competitor withdraws from part of an event pursuant to the Code, the scores of all completed races shall stand for the purposes of determining the seeding of subsequent rounds or stages in the event. However, that competitor's boat/team will no longer be eligible to compete in the event, shall be removed from the final event scores, and each boat/team with a worse finishing place in the event shall be moved up one place. The same scoring applies if a boat is disqualified from the remaining races in an event.

23. PRIZES

23.1. The top two (2) scoring teams in the Doublehanded and Singlehanded divisions will qualify for the National Finals. Go to <http://www.ussailing.org/racing/championships/youth/juniorchamps/> for registration information.

23.2. Winners must register within 72 hours of qualifying or the slot will be given to the next highest placing boat. Go to <http://www.ussailing.org/racing/championships/youth/juniorchamps> for registration information.

23.3. USA Junior Olympic medals will be awarded to competitors placing first through third in all divisions.