



**U.S. Youth Sailing Championship
June 26-July 1, 2008
Organizing Authority: US SAILING
Host Club: The San Francisco Yacht Club
Belvedere, CA**



Notice of Race



1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 Per US SAILING Regulations 10.03 B and C, no contestant shall use, either on or off the water: marijuana or any other controlled substance (as defined in 21 US Code 802) the possession of which is unlawful under 21 US Code 841, or alcoholic beverages (distilled spirits, wine and beer, each defined in chapter 51 of the US Internal Revenue Code and intended for beverage use). 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 practices described in RRS 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 venue and sent home. The competitor's boat shall be disqualified from all races of the series.
- 1.3 All competitors are expected to maintain the highest level of conduct throughout the entire event. RRS 60.3 will be modified to permit the protest committee to protest a boat when, from its own observations or a report received from any source, it believes that a competitor may have committed a breach of good manners, or sportsmanship, or may have brought the sport or the event into disrepute. RRS 64.1 will be modified to allow penalties for breaking this provision to range from a reprimand to a dismissal from the regatta. The protest committee for a hearing under this provision shall call the Youth Championship Committee (YCC) Chairperson or his or her designee and the Regatta Chairperson as witnesses.
- 1.4 The rules for all classes are changed so that membership in the class association is not required.
- 1.5 Laser Class rule 7(a) is modified to require the boat be sailed by one person.

2. ADVERTISING

Advertising for the 420 and 29er Classes shall be restricted to Category A. As Olympic Classes, advertising shall be unrestricted Category C for the Laser and Laser Radial Classes. However, no advertising shall be displayed by competitors on any charter boats and other equipment supplied by the Organizing Authority in accordance with Section 7 below.

3. CLASSES

Classes to be sailed are the International 29er, Laser, Laser Radial and Club 420.

4. ELIGIBILITY

4.1 Applicants (skippers and crews) must not reach their 20th birthday in 2008.

4.2 All applicants must meet eligibility requirements of ISAF Eligibility Code - Regulation 19.

4.3 All applicants (skippers and crews in double-handed class) must be individual or family members of US SAILING at time of application.

4.4 All applicants must be U.S citizens, unless the YCC grants an exception to the U.S. citizenship requirement upon review of a timely written request to do so. Requests should be addressed to the National Chair.

5. APPLICATIONS

NOTE: Only Online Applications Will Be Accepted.

5.1 All applications must be made online by properly and fully completing online forms at: www.ussailing.org/championships/youth/youthchamp/ and submitting, also online, the non-refundable application fee of \$35 by credit card.

5.2 Online Applications and application fee shall be submitted online no later than midnight (Eastern Standard Time), March 15, 2008 to be considered.

5.3 If requested by the YCC, an applicant must send a copy of his or her birth certificate to the YCC to complete the application. When so requested, an application will not be considered valid until a copy of the applicant's birth certificate is received.

5.4 The YCC will review all valid applications and issue, through US SAILING, invitations to compete. Invitations will be sent electronically by US SAILING by May 1, 2008 along with additional event information, including entry forms. No telephone calls or emails inquiring as to status of applications will be accepted by US SAILING, the YCC or the Host Club.

5.5 The first place winners of the ISAF Youth Worlds Qualifier Regatta (January 19-21, 2008 at Alamitos Bay Yacht Club) will receive automatic entry to the championship.

6. ENTRY

- 6.1 Invited applicants shall complete their entry forms on-line, including **non-refundable** online payment of all fees, and send their completed entry forms to the host Club by Mail not later than the dates indicated on the official entry forms.
- 6.2 **ENTRIES FROM INVITED COMPETITORS SHALL BE COMPLETED ONLINE NOT LATER THAN MIDNIGHT, MAY 15, 2008 OR INVITATIONS SHALL BE WITHDRAWN.**
- 6.3 The entry fee for all classes is \$300.00 per competitor, which includes housing (if requested), daily transportation to and from the Host Club, meals, entertainment, advanced racing clinic, and t-shirts.
- 6.4 Transportation to and from the SFO airport may be available to competitors making advance reservations and with the payment of additional fees. Airport transportation fees will vary based on arrival and departure times for each competitor.
- 6.5 **Important Note - Attendance at the Pack Up Session and Awards Ceremony on Tuesday, July 1, 2008 is Mandatory for all Competitors. Failure to assist in the pack up will result in a forfeit of the damage deposit.**

7. CHARTER BOATS

- 7.1 A limited number of boats are available for charter to invited applicants. Charter application is separate from Championship application. All applications must be made online by properly and fully completing online forms at: www.ussailing.org/championships/youth/youthchamp/
- 7.2 29er: The charter fee is \$750 plus a \$500 refundable damage deposit. Competitors must supply their own sails. Damage deposits will be taken by credit card and a completed form must be on file with San Francisco Yacht Club prior to a competitor receiving his or her charter boat. A maximum of ten boats may be available for charter.
- 7.3 Laser: The charter fee is \$200 plus a \$250 refundable damage deposit, and it includes hull and spars only. Competitors shall supply their own sails, centerboard, rudder, tiller and all other lines and equipment. Damage deposits will be taken by credit card and a completed form must be on file with San Francisco Yacht Club prior to a competitor receiving his or her charter boat. Twenty boats in total (Full Rig and Radial combined) will be available for charter.
- 7.4 Club 420: The charter fee is \$400 plus a \$250 refundable damage deposit, and it includes hull, spars, centerboard, rudder, tiller, sails, lines, and equipment. Damage deposits will be taken by credit card and a completed form must be on file with San Francisco Yacht Club prior to a competitor receiving his or her charter boat. Twenty boats will be available for charter.
- 7.5 Charters will be assigned to invited applicants by the YCC. Deadline for receipt of charter fees and the completed charter form for entrants selected to receive charter boats is the Entry deadline indicated in item 6.2, above.

8. SCHEDULE

8.1 No arrivals or access to the Host Club will be permitted prior to 1100 hrs on June 26.

8.2	Thursday	June 26	1100 - 1900	Arrival and registration, Charter Boat assignment.
	Friday	June 27	0830 – 1200 0900 – 1800 1900	Late arrival and registration Advanced Racing Clinic Dinner
	Saturday	June 28	0830 0900 – 1800 1800	Morning briefing Advanced Racing Clinic Competitor's Meeting
	Sunday	June 29	0830 1000	Morning briefing First warning signal
	Monday	June 30	0830 1000	Morning briefing First warning signal
	Tuesday	July 1	0830 1000 1530 1830	Morning briefing First warning signal No warning signal after this time Awards Banquet (time approximate) Pack-up, Charter Boat Check-in and Departures
	Wednesday	July 2	All Day	Recommended Departure Day

Note: Competitors flying to the SFO airport should schedule airport arrivals on Thursday June 26, prior to 2 pm. Competitors should not schedule departing flights prior to 11 pm on Tuesday July 1, 2008.

8.3 No more than five completed races per class will be sailed on any day.

9. SCORING

The Low-Point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A, will apply for all Classes. Eleven races are scheduled. Three races are required to be completed to constitute a championship.

10. MEASUREMENT

All boats are subject to inspection for class rule compliance throughout the event.

11. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available at registration and may be available online by June 15, 2008 at: <http://www.ussailing.org/championships/youth/youthchamp/>

12. VENUE

The regatta will be sailed on The San Francisco Bay east of Angel Island on or near the Berkeley Circle.

13. BERTHING

- 13.1 Hoist and dock launching facilities will be available at the Host Club.
- 13.2 Overnight dolly and boat storage spaces will be assigned.
- 13.3 Highway trailers will be required to be stored in an assigned area some distance from the Host Club facilities.

14. THE COURSES

Courses will be inner and outer trapezoids, with leeward gates, and an upwind finish for the 420, Laser and Laser Radial Fleets and Windward/Leeward course with leeward gates and downwind finishes for the 29er Fleet.

15. SUPPORT BOATS AND PRIVATE COACHING RESTRICTIONS

- 15.1 Limited dockage will be available for coach boats, but there will be restrictions imposed on hauling them and an advance reservation with the Host Club is required.
- 15.2 Spectator boats may be required to register and to display flags provided.
- 15.3 Any private coach (defined to include US SAILING certified coaches or parents, family members, spectators or any other individual acting in any manner as a coach) wishing to be approved as a private coach for the event must register online no later than June 5, 2008. In all cases private coaches seeking approval must have a US SAILING Level 2 certification or its equivalent from a foreign NGB or be members of the 2006 or 2007 US Sailing Team.

In all cases, anyone applying to be a private coach must show evidence of current First Aid and CPR by submitting a scan of their certificate to Championships@ussailing.org or by faxing a copy to 401-683-0840 attn: Youth Champs. Only private coaches that have been pre-approved through US SAILING through the online registration process and holding certification as a private coach will receive a coach boat flag. Private coaches receiving coach boat flags must agree to work as directed by the US SAILING Junior National coach, be a member of the coaching team and provide commentary and advice to all competitors on as equal a basis as possible. Coach boats will be required to be registered and to display flags provided.

- 15.4 Private coaches violating section 15.3 will be reported to their National Authority and may be subject to additional sanctions.
- 15.5 Private coaches are responsible for their own expenses and housing during the event.
- 15.6 Private coaches shall provide their own boats and, per section 15.3, shall agree to use those boats as directed by the head national coach including all phases of clinic and event support typically provided by the US SAILING national coaching team. Neither the organizing authority nor the host club shall be obligated to provide a boat for the use of any private coach.

- 15.7 No contact or support of any kind to the competitors will be permitted, from the time the competitors leave the dock until they return to the dock at the end of the on-the-water activity (clinic or racing), except as may be requested by the Race Committee, the National Chairman, the Regatta Chairman or directed by the Junior National Coach. This restriction applies to parents, family members, spectators or any individual acting as a private coach who has not met the conditions outlined in 15.3.
- 15.8 RRS 60.3 will be modified to permit the protest committee to protest a boat when, from its own observations or a report received from any source, it believes that a boat may have broken 15.7 or is affiliated with a private coach that breaks 15.3. RRS 64.1 will be modified to allow penalties for breaking this provision to range from a reprimand to a dismissal from the regatta. The protest committee for a hearing under this provision shall call the Youth Championship Committee (YCC) Chairperson or his or her designee and the Junior National Coach as witnesses.

16. PRIZES

- 16.1 US SAILING Championship medals will be awarded to competitors placing first through fifth in all classes.
- 16.2 The Manton D. Scott Memorial Trophy will be awarded to the winning Club 420 team.
- 16.3 The Robert L. Johnstone III Trophy will be awarded to the winning Laser sailor.
- 16.4 The Robert and Ann Conner trophy will be awarded to the winning Laser Radial sailor.
- 16.5 The David M. Perry Perpetual Sportsmanship Trophy will be awarded, as well as sportsmanship keeper trophies in each class.

17. QUALIFICATION FOR SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

- 17.1 This year's Laser event is a qualifier for the 2008 U.S. Singlehanded Championship for the *George D. O'Day Trophy* to be held at Sayville Yacht Club, Sayville, NY August 8-10, 2008.

18. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 18.1 Contact: Liz Walker at US SAILING, Box 1260, Portsmouth, RI 02871, (401) 683-0800 ext 651, or LizWalker@ussailing.org.

All Official applications, notices, forms, lists and results will be posted on the US SAILING website at: www.ussailing.org/championships/youth/youthchamp/

- 18.2 Additional event information will also be provided through the event web page maintained by the Host Club at www.SFYC.org.