

2025 Chubb US Youth Triplehanded Championship Sears Cup Area E Qualifier

July 7, 2025
Sandusky, OH



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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SIs)

Organizing Authority (OA): US Sailing
Host Club: Sandusky Sailing Club

All times are US Eastern

Event Website:

<https://www.ussailing.org/competition/championships/2025-chubb-u-s-youth-triplehanded-championship>

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the NoR or SIs means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the NoR or SIs means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule nor request redress based on that rule. This changes RRS 60.1 and 61.1.

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Amendments:

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) as detailed in the notice of race (published on <https://www.ussailing.org/competition/championships/2025-chubb-u-s-youth-triplehanded-championship>).

2 SAFETY

- 2.1 [NP][DP] Each competitor shall wear a USCG-approved life jacket, in good condition, that is 100% dependent on foam for flotation and the appropriate size for the sailor, at all times while on the water except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. The PFD must be worn outside of all clothing except that a thin shirt or bib may be worn over the PFD to prevent snagging.
- 2.2 [NP][DP] Check-in - Before the warning signal of the first race in which they intend to compete each day, boats shall check in by sailing by their class's RC signal boat. Each boat shall hail her recall number until acknowledged by the signal boat. The race committee may protest a boat that fails to check in.
- 2.3 [NP][DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted no later than one hour before the first scheduled warning signal on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.
- 3.2 Changes to a sailing instruction may be made on the water by hailing the change over VHF 80.

4 COMMUNICATION

- 4.1 The official notice board is located outside the front door of the Sandusky Sailing Club.
- 4.2 The race office is located in The Commodore's Room of Sandusky Sailing Club.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the RC Signal Boat at its mooring.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1 See the notice of race.
- 6.2 The warning signal for succeeding races will be made as soon as possible after the finish of the preceding race.

- 6.3 To alert boats that a race will begin soon, multiple short alert sounds will be made 60 seconds before a warning signal is displayed.
- 6.4 Weather conditions, the need to protect 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 shall be approved by the protest committee.

7 CLASS FLAGS

- 7.1 The class flag will be a yellow flag with J24 insignia.

8 RACING AREA

- 8.1 The racing area will be Sandusky Bay.

9 COURSES

- 9.1 SI Addendum A shows the course(s), including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 9.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel will display the course designation and approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

10 MARKS

- 10.1 All marks will be Markset Bots. The Windward and Leeward marks will be orange. The start/finish pin will be yellow.

11 THE START

- 11.1 Races will be started using RRS 26.
- 11.2 The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC signal vessel and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 11.3 [NP] If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to hail her identity.
- 11.4 A boat that does not start within five minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1.

12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1 The RC may adjust any leg of the course by moving mark(s) up to 015° in bearing and/or 0.2 nm in length without a signal or change of mark color. The race committee may, but is not required to, announce this change. This changes RRS 33.

13 THE FINISH

- 13.1 The finishing line is between a staff displaying a blue flag on the finishing vessel and the course side of the pin-end finishing mark.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1 RRS/US Appendix V, Alternative Penalties will apply.

15 TIME LIMITS [AND TARGET TIMES]

- 15.1 [NP] The Mark 1 Time Limit, Race Time Limit (see RRS 35), and the Finishing Window are shown in the table below.

| Mark 1 Time Limit | Race Time Limit | Finishing Window |
|-------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| 30 minutes | 60 minutes | 20 minutes |

- 15.2 If no boat has passed the first mark within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race will be abandoned.
- 15.3 The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). This changes RRS 35, A5.1, and A5.2.

16 HEARING REQUESTS

- 16.1 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the race committee signal vessel docks. The time will be posted on the official notice board.
- 16.2 Hearing request forms are available from the race office and will be returned there.
- 16.3 A request for redress based on an incident identified in a scoring inquiry will meet the time limit if:
- the scoring inquiry was submitted within the time limit specified in RRS 62.2.
 - the request for redress is delivered as soon as reasonably possible after being notified of the race committee's response to the scoring inquiry. The response by the race committee may be notified in writing or by email. This changes RRS 62.2.

16.4 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located in Sandusky Sailing Club, beginning at the time posted.

16.5 SI Addendum B, Championship Qualifier Hearing Reopening Procedures, will apply.

17 SCORING

17.1 Three races are required to be completed to constitute a regatta.

17.2 A boat's series score is:

- (a) when fewer than 5 races have been completed, the total of her race scores;
- (b) when 5 or more races have been completed, the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

17.3 To request a correction of an alleged error in posted race or series results, a boat may complete and submit a scoring inquiry available online or from the race office. See also SI 16.3.

18 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

18.1 [DP] Substitution of competitors is only permitted in accordance with the championship conditions.

18.2 [DP] Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is not allowed unless authorized in writing by the OA. Requests for substitution shall be made to the OA at the first reasonable opportunity, which may be after the race.

19 COACHING AND SUPPORT BOATS

19.1 See the notice of race.

20 TRASH DISPOSAL

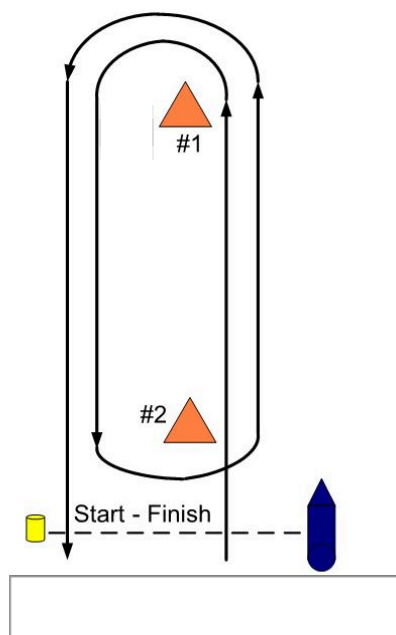
20.1 Trash may be placed aboard any race committee or support vessel.

21 PRIZES

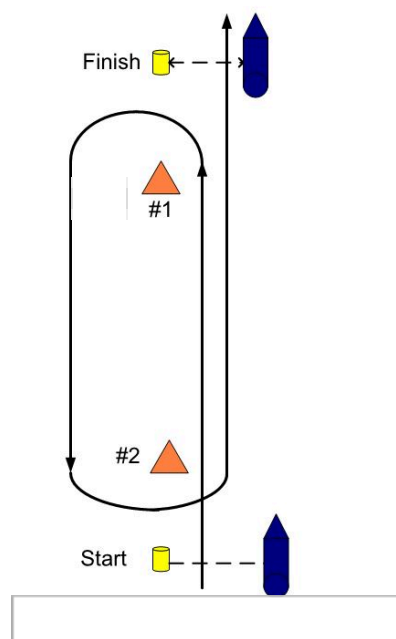
21.1 Prizes and qualifications will be in accordance with the notice of race and championship conditions.

SI Addendum A: Courses

Course #4: W/L twice around. Downwind Finish



Course #3: W/L once around. Upwind Finish



SI Addendum B - Championship Qualifier Hearing Reopening Procedures

This addendum shall be included in Sailing Instructions for qualifying events for US Sailing Championships where the right to appeal is being denied, but the initial event protest committee does not meet the US Sailing requirements for a No-Appeal Event. It provides a process for re-opening a hearing with a protest committee that does meet the requirements for a No-Appeal Event.

H1 Under RRS 70.3(b), there shall be no appeal of the decision of a protest or request for redress. However, a decision following a hearing under RRS 69.2 may be appealed.

H2 Email and phone contact information for the following persons shall be available from the OA by request at all times during the event:

- (a) the helm of each boat entered
- (b) the protest committee members
- (c) the principal race officer
- (d) US Sailing representative

H3 RRS 63.6(b) is replaced with (time requirements in bold):

63.6(b) If requested by a party in writing that is hand-delivered to a member of the protest committee 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 protest committee will hand-deliver the above information in writing **within two hours**. The protest committee may, if it considers it relevant to do so, prepare or endorse a diagram.

H4 RRS 63.7 is replaced with:

63.7 Reopening a Hearing

(a) The protest committee may reopen a hearing if it decides

- (1) a party was unavoidably absent from the hearing,
- (2) it may have made a significant error, or
- (3) significant new evidence has become available within a reasonable time.

When a hearing is reopened under 63.7(a), a majority of the members of the protest committee shall be members of the original protest committee.

(b) A party to the hearing or the protest committee may request a reopening **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**, by following the process described in 63.7(c).

(c) US Sailing Championship Qualifier Reopened Hearing

(1) The request for a US Sailing Championship Qualifier Reopened Hearing shall be made by delivering the request by email to the US Sailing Youth Competition Manager at youthchampionships@ussailing.org and the US Sailing Representative (see H2 above).

(2) The request shall include:

- (a) the reason for requesting a reopening
- (b) copies of the original request for hearing
- (c) the written decision (see H3 above) of the protest committee
- (d) any new evidence that cannot be presented verbally
- (e) e-mail and phone contact information for all parties to the hearing
- (f) e-mail and phone contact information of the chair of the protest committee

(3) The hearing shall be reopened when a request is made in accordance with 63.7(c)(1).

(4) The protest committee shall consist of the chair of the original protest committee plus four judges appointed by US Sailing. A majority of the committee's members shall be US Sailing National or World Sailing International Judges. US Sailing will appoint the committee's chair.

(5) The reopened hearing will be conducted by tele- or video- conference call in accordance with RRS 63.1 through 63.6. The time and date for the conference call shall be established by the chair as soon as practicable and no later than seven days after the request for reopening is emailed. The chair will email to the parties to the information in 63.7(c)(2), the time and date of the hearing, the process for joining the call and any other relevant documents.

(6) The decision of the protest committee in the reopened hearing is final.

