



2014 U.S. Youth Sailing Championship
August 10-14, 2014
Organized by US Sailing
Hosted by Grosse Pointe Yacht Club



NOTICE OF RACE posted January 20, 2014

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 rule 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 1 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 Appendices
 - 1.4.1 Appendix B – Windsurfing Competition Rules shall apply for the Windsurfing Disciplines, except as changed by the Sailing Instructions or this Notice of Race.
 - 1.4.2 Appendix P – Special Procedures for Rule 42.-Immediate Penalty for Breaking Rule shall apply.
- 1.5 Racing rules will be changed as follows:

Rule 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 Flotation Device (PFD), inherently buoyant (i.e. not inflatable) while on the water, except for brief periods while changing clothing.

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.

Rule 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.



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 finish boat of her intention as soon as possible after finishing, including the boat identification number of the boat(s) being protested.”

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

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

Open Doublehanded Dinghy	--	Club 420
Girls Doublehanded Dinghy	--	I 420
Boys Doublehanded Dinghy	--	I 420
Open Skiff	--	29er
Open Multihull	--	Formula 16
Girls Singlehanded Dinghy	--	Laser Radial
Boys Singlehanded Dinghy	--	Laser Radial
Open Singlehanded Dinghy	--	Laser
Boys Windsurfer	--	RS:X with 8.5m ² sail & 60cm fin
Girls Windsurfer	--	RS:X with 8.5m ² sail & 60cm fin

4 ELIGIBILITY

- 4.1 Applicants (skippers and crews) shall not reach their 20th birthday by December 31, 2014.
- 4.2 Applicants must be individual or family members of US Sailing at the time of application and of the event.
- 4.3 Applicants must be US Citizens, or eligible permanent residents with written authorization from ISAF for an exemption under ISAF Regulation 24.5.4, 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 three (3) contiguous years in the United States. Requests should be sent to the US Sailing Championships Director (Lizwalker@ussailing.org) 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 2359 (CDT) April 1, 2014. All applicants (helm & crew) regardless of nationality must present a valid passport and if applicable, proof of their ISAF exemption **upon application if requested**. Proof must be faxed to 401-683-0840 Attn: Liz Walker, Youth Champs BY April 1. **NO EXCEPTIONS**.
- 5.3 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, 2014 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.
- 5.4 Eligible sailors who have qualified through the posted early acceptance regattas will be automatically accepted, provided they apply per NOR 5.1 and 5.2.

6 ENTRY

- 6.1 Invited Competitors per NOR 5.3 and 5.4 shall submit completed entry forms on-line, including non-refundable online payment of fees, and send any remaining forms to the event registrar 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, 2014. Invited Competitors seeking an extension should send such requests to Championships Director at lizwalker@ussailing.org . 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 \$425.00 USD per competitor for all disciplines, which includes regatta shirt, coaching, meals and entertainment. Housing will be provided at no charge upon request as a part of registration. Late requests may not be accommodated. There will be no refund of entry fees after May 31, 2014.
- 6.4 Information about alternative housing, airport transportation and charter sources will be provided upon acceptance.
- 6.5 In order to compete, all competitors must have completed and signed provided forms with the Organizing Authority. Forms may be downloaded after registration and should be mailed to the GPYC contact at the address on the forms and NOT to US Sailing.

7 SCHEDULE

- 7.1 Competitors shall not arrive at the venue before 1200 Sunday, August 10, 2014 unless they have been given prior written permission from the National Chairman of the Championship. These will only be granted in unusual circumstances. See NOR 12.1.

7.2

August 10	1200-1830	Registration
August 11	0800 - 0900 1030 1200	Registration Mandatory Skippers Meeting First Race Warning
August 12	0900 1030	Morning Briefing First Race Warning
August 13	0900 1030	Morning Briefing First Race Warning
August 14	0900 1000 1330 1430-1700	Morning Briefing First Race Warning No Warning after 1330 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 Award Ceremony is MANDATORY for all competitors. All competitors who have chartered boats are expected to assist with the pack up session and their damage deposit may be withheld if they do not. Competitors should not plan to depart the venue until after 1730 hrs on Thursday, August 14, 2014

7.5 Requests for early and late arrivals and departures MUST be made in writing to the National Chairman of the Championship usyouthchamps@gmail.com no later than July 25, 2014.

8 MEASUREMENT

8.1 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 Sailing Instructions may be posted at http://championships.ussailing.org/Youth/US_Youth_Champs.htm

10 VENUE

The regatta will be sailed on Lake St. Clair immediately outside the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club Harbor.

11 COURSES

The courses shall be prescribed in the Sailing Instructions and may include windward-leeward, triangle and trapezoid course types.

12 BERTHING

- 12.1 Early arrival at the venue will not be permitted. The official arrival policy and berthing instructions will be sent to all Invited Competitors.

13 PENALTY SYSTEMS

- 13.1 For the Doublehanded Skiff and Multihull Disciplines (sailing the International 29er and the Formula 16) 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 five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- (b) 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.
- 14.4 For RS:X changes to rule A8 (series ties) in Appendix B8 shall not apply.

15 SUPPORT & SPECTATOR BOATS

- 15.1 Private Spectator Boats may not be permitted. A spectator boat will be available for at least one day of racing. Additional details will be provided for accepted sailors.

16 COACHING

- 16.1 This is a Grade 1 Event as defined in the US Sailing Championship Support Vessel Policy. (See Attachments A and B.)
- 16.2 The private coaching policy is posted on the Event Website -- http://championships.ussailing.org/Youth/Coaching_and_Support_Vessels.htm Coaches must register and pay registration fee of \$200.00 (includes dockage, trailer storage, and food at event) directly to the host club by July 21, 2013.
- 16.4 Coaches registering after July 21, 2013 will pay a registration fee of \$250.00.
- 16.5 Private Coaches are responsible for their own housing and support boat.

17 PERSONAL FLOTATION 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. PFDs will be checked at registration and during the event.

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).

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 (rule 69.1) and the policies and procedures of US Sailing (Regulation 15.01).

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.

20 PRIZES

20.1 Depending on fleet size, US Sailing Championship medals may be awarded to competitors who finish first through fifth overall in divisions greater than 25 and first through third overall in divisions greater than ten. In divisions with ten or less, first and second will be awarded.

20.2 The Manton D Scott Memorial Trophy will be awarded to the winning Open 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 Arthur D Stevens Trophy will be awarded to the winning Multihull team

20.6 The Major Hall Trophy will be awarded to the winning Windsurfing competitor.

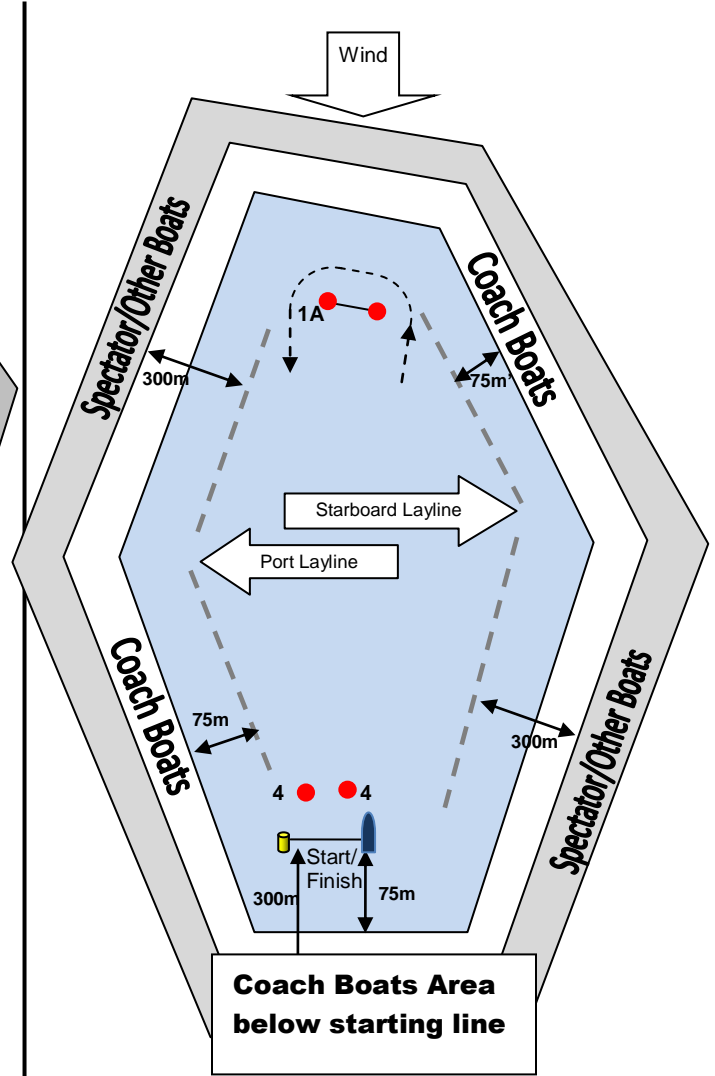
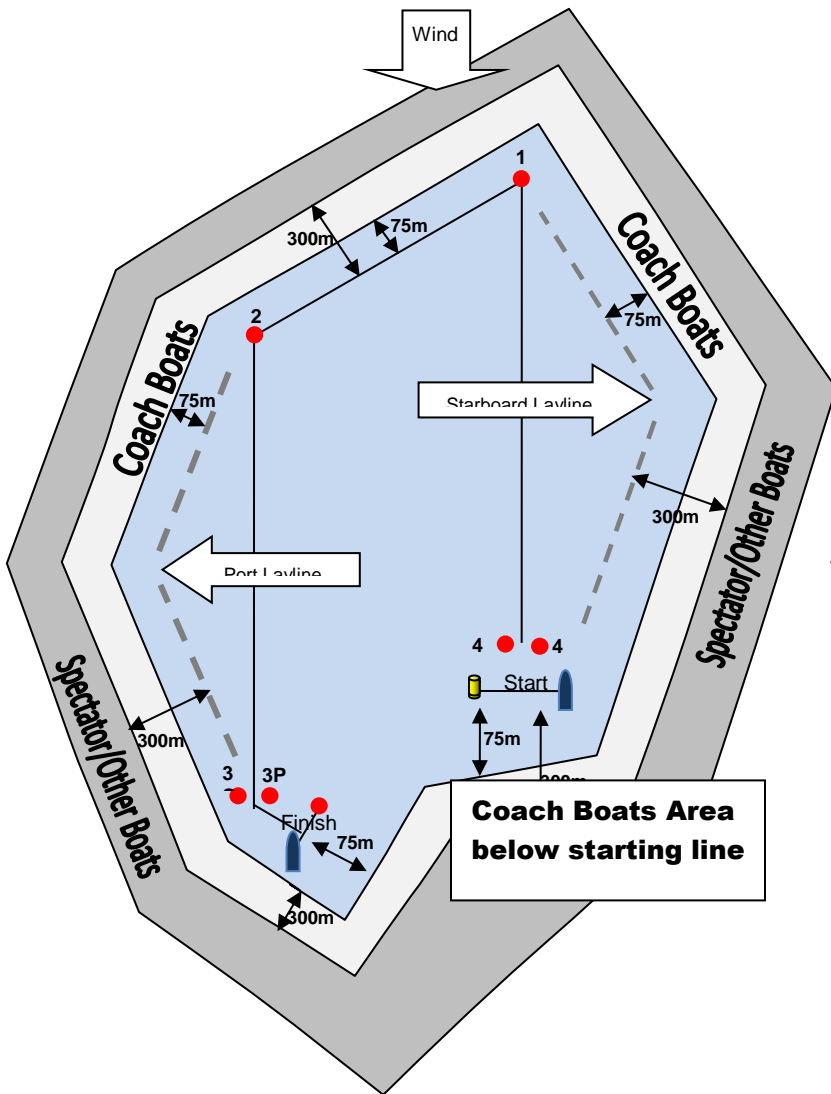
20.7 The David M. Perry Perpetual Sportsmanship Trophy will be awarded, as well as sportsmanship keepers, in each discipline.

Attachment A

Trapezoid

Coaching Boxes

Windward /Leeward





Attachment B

Instructions for Coaches, GPYC Support Boats and Spectators

All competitors' coach and GPYC support boats must preregister through the event registrar. Private coaches wishing to be part of the event must have preregistered with the US Sailing and agree to work under the head coach's direction and be a member of the overall event coaching team as it relates to safety and evening debriefings.

All registered coach and GPYC support boats shall conspicuously display, at all times while on the water, the flag assigned to them. Additionally, from the first Warning Signal of the day until all racing concludes, coach and support boats shall display no other flag, signal or shape. A competitor shall receive no outside assistance from coaches or GPYC support boats not provided by or authorized by the Organizing Authority or the Race Committee. This restriction shall be in effect, except in the case of demonstrable emergency. Competitors are free to sail up to spectator boats if time permits before racing commences.

Prior to each race, when the orange line flags are displayed for the first start until after the start of all classes, **all coach boats** and GPYC support boats authorized by the Race Committee shall leave the area being used by the racing boats and shall station themselves to leeward of the starting line but no closer than 75 meters to those limits (see Attachment B). Thereafter, coach or GPYC support boats shall not approach closer than 75 meters to any boat that is racing, even at rounding marks or the start and finish lines where they shall not approach closer than 75 meters immediately upwind of the windward mark or downwind of the leeward mark or the extensions of the finish lines.

The Race Committee reserves the right to restrict coaches to a box below the starting line for the entire race.

Prior to each race, when the orange line flags are displayed for the first start until after the start of all classes, **all spectator boats** (those boats **not** designated as race committee, coach or GPYC support by an assigned flag) shall leave the area being used by the racing boats. Then and thereafter, until all boats have finished or the race is postponed or abandoned, spectator boats shall remain at least 300 meters outside a perimeter defined by the outermost marks of the course and shall not otherwise approach closer than 300 meters to any boat that is racing.

Coach, GPYC support and spectator boats shall monitor VHF channel 69 and shall immediately follow all instructions from the Race Committee and the Organizing Authority. At no time shall any spectator, coach or support boat interfere in the conduct of the race.

At no time once the orange line flags are displayed for the first start shall any competitor approach or signal a spectator boat, nor shall a spectator boat approach or signal any competitor. This includes electronic communication. No assistance shall be provided by spectators, coaches or support personnel regarding a competitor's decision to protest or in the preparation thereof. This includes electronic communication.



Any competitor associated with a coach, spectator or support boat breaking the instructions in this Attachment B may be subject to a penalty up to and including disqualification for the relevant race. See US Sailing's http://championships.ussailing.org/Youth/Coaching_and_Support_Vessels.htm