



**U.S. JUNIOR WOMEN'S
DOUBLEHANDED
CHAMPIONSHIP**

2016 U.S. Junior Women's Doublehanded Championship



For the Ida Lewis Trophy
Organized by US Sailing
Supported by the C. Thomas Clagett Jr. Trust
Sponsored by Gill NA
Hosted by Bay-Waveland Yacht Club
Bay St. Louis, MS 39520
July 5-10, 2016



NOTICE OF RACE
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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 shall apply:
 - 1.2.1. US Sailing Regulation 10 (see NOR 17).
 - 1.2.2. The U.S. Junior Women's Championships Conditions.
 - 1.2.3. The US Sailing Championship Support Vessel Policy.
<http://www.ussailing.org/racing/championships/coaching-and-support-boats-policy/>
- 1.3. The regatta is not being conducted as a class sanctioned or class Association event. Only the equipment measurement rules for the Club 420 class will apply.
- 1.4. Racing Rules will be changed as follows:
 - 1.4.1. RRS 40 is changed so that competitors shall wear life-saving equipment conforming to USCG regulations, inherently buoyant (i.e. not inflatable) while on the water, except for brief periods while changing clothing.
 - 1.4.2. 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.
 - 1.4.3. RRS 64.1 is changed to allow penalties imposed by the Protest Committee for breaking RRS 60.3 to range from a reprimand to a dismissal from the regatta.
- 1.5. These changes will appear in full in the sailing instructions. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.

2. ADVERTISING

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

3. DISCIPLINES

- 3.1. The regatta shall include the following disciplines utilizing the following class compliant equipment: Doublehanded Dinghy - Club 420 with Spinnaker and Trapeze



4. ELIGIBILITY

- 4.1. Competitors must be women who have reached their 13th birthday but not their 19th birthday during the calendar year in which the event is held.
- 4.2. Competitors must be individual or family members of US Sailing at the time of registration and of the event.
- 4.3. Competitors must be U.S. citizens. Proof of citizenship may be required.
- 4.4. Helms must be current members of the Club 420 class association and US Sailing encourages crew to join as well, to support their efforts. www.club420.org

5. REGISTRATION and ENTRY

- 5.1. Registration may only be made by completing the online forms at: <http://www.ussailing.org/racing/championships/youth/jrwomensdoublehanded/> (the "Event Website"). Registration will open after 1600 ET on March 3, 2016.
- 5.2. The date of a team's registration will be defined as the date when BOTH the skipper and crew have fully registered and paid online. Teams must register together. Only complete teams will be able to hold a spot at the event. (See NOR 6 for information on crew changes)
- 5.3. Registrations shall be submitted on-line no later than midnight (EDT), **May 24, 2016**. This date may be extended at the discretion of the USJWCC.
- 5.4. If requested by the Organizing Authority, a competitor shall provide a copy of her birth certificate or passport to complete the registration.
- 5.5. The entry fee is \$300 per competitor, which includes housing, coaching, daily transportation to and from the host club, meals and entertainment. Transportation to and from the airport may be a separate fee. Details will be provided with registration.
- 5.6. Sailorships for travel expenses are available for this event. Applications for eligible sailors can be found at <http://www.ussailing.org/racing/championships/youth/sailorships/>
- 5.7. The entry fee shall be paid by credit card on-line at the time of registration.
- 5.8. Waivers should be downloaded upon registration. The completed waivers must be received by the Regatta Committee by June 1, 2016. Hard copies are required.
- 5.9. Mail all waivers to Katie Breath, 529 East Second Street, Pass Christian, MS 39571.
- 5.10. No refunds of the entry fee will be made after June 1, 2016.
- 5.11. Registration is limited to 40 teams. There are no eliminations. A wait list will be created after 40 complete teams have successfully registered. If an opening becomes available, it will be filled with an eligible complete team from the wait list in the order of the online registration.
- 5.12. Housing is provided and is required for all competitors. Local competitors may be permitted to stay at their own homes in accordance with the criteria detailed in the U.S. Junior Women's Championships Conditions.

6. CREW CHANGES

- 6.1. Once a team's entry is accepted in the Championship, there may not be any substitution for members of the team except as provided below:
 - 6.1.1. Substitution of a team member after acceptance in a championship can be requested for medical reasons or death in the family, with approval of the Organizing Authority. Exceptions may be made for unexpected work/ school conflicts. Supporting documentation may be requested.
 - 6.1.2. All substitutions must be adequately explained by the qualified helmsman and accepted by the Organizing Authority.

6.1.3. In the event that the substitution is not approved, the next team in line will be accepted.

6.2. When an event is in progress:

6.2.1. If a sailor cannot continue due to sickness, accident or other emergency, a replacement sailor may, with the approval of the Organizing Authority, be substituted for one or more of the races.

6.2.2. The substituted sailor must be eligible to compete and must be of a very close approximate weight to the substituted sailor. The representative of the Organizing Authority, normally the National Chair, will have the sole responsibility for determining if the reason for the substitution and the proposed sailor are acceptable.

7. CHARTERS

7.1. Competitors are strongly encouraged to bring their own boats.

7.2. The Organizing Authority facilitates the arrangement of charter boats for both the charter company(ies) and competitor(s). Charter agreements are between a competitor and a charter company. The Organizing Authority does NOT supply any boats and the opportunity for a charter IS NOT GUARANTEED. – DO NOT make flight reservations unless you know you have arranged your own boat.

7.3. Charters will be provided by Zim Sailing and requests **must be made online** by completing the appropriate form which will be open the same day and time as registration.

7.3.1. A condition of receiving a charter is that the competitor agrees to check-in their boat with the charter company immediately following the competition and assist in the loading of the charter company's container. Failure to do so will result in the forfeiture of \$250 from the damage deposit.

7.4. Charter fees shall be paid by credit card directly to the charter provider. Charter fees are non-refundable unless a suitable substitute charterer can be found.

7.5. Charter boats facilitated by the Organizing Authority will include:

7.5.1. For Doublehanded Dinghies – hull, spars, centerboard, rudder, tiller, all lines, and dolly – **competitors shall supply their own sails and trapeze harness.** Charter boats shall be sailed as supplied. No additions or alterations to the spars, hull, and/or fittings shall be made.

7.6 A breakdown of a chartered boat will be treated the same as the breakdown of a privately owned boat.

8. SCHEDULE

Tuesday, July 5	1330-1830	Registration and charter boat pick-up
Wednesday, July 6	0900	Clinic
Thursday, July 7	0900	Clinic
	1700	Competitors' Meeting
Friday, July 8	1325	First Warning for Racing
Saturday, July 9	1325	First Warning for Racing
Sunday, July 10	1000	First Warning for Racing
	After Last Race	Awards Ceremony, departure for sailors traveling by car
Monday, July 11		Departure for sailors traveling by air –

NOTE: The registration package will have specific times for arrivals and departures. Please do not make any reservations until you have successfully registered and received instructions

8.1. Mandatory Participation Required:

8.1.1. A two-day mandatory clinic will be held preceding the championship. The clinic will familiarize the competitors with the local conditions and probable race course. Coaches for the clinic will be provided by US Sailing. Permission to miss the clinic must be requested of the USJWCC Chair in advance and will only be granted for extenuating circumstances.

8.1.2. Participation in all meals and regatta events is mandatory.

8.1.3. Attendance at the Awards Ceremony is MANDATORY for all competitors. Competitors may depart the event after the Awards Ceremony with a parent or guardian.

9. MEASUREMENT

9.1. 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.

10. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

10.1. Preliminary Sailing Instructions will be posted on the website and will be available at registration.

11. VENUE

11.1 The regatta will be sailed on Bay St. Louis, approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ miles eastward of the club.

12. BERTHING

12.1. Early arrival at the venue will not be permitted.

13. PENALTY SYSTEMS

13.1. 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. When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. This changes RRS A2.

14.4. 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.

14.5. Ten (10) races are scheduled.

15. SPECTATOR BOATS

15.1. Spectator boats may be available via sign-up at the venue for racing days only. No spectators will be allowed at the venue or on the water during the clinic days.

16. COACHING

16.1. This is a Grade 2 Event as defined in the US Sailing Championship Support Vessel Policy.

16.2. Except as provided in the Policy specified above, instructors, coaches and other support personnel and family members shall not go afloat in the defined racing area at any time during the clinic or racing days, except in spectator boats as defined in NOR 15.1.

16.3. Outside contact with competitors is prohibited on clinic and racing days commencing with the competitor's arrival at the host club and shall continue until dismissed by the National Coach on clinic days, or released by the Protest Committee on racing days.

16.4. Outside contact is defined as a parent, family member, spectator, or coach. Competitors shall not receive advice, instruction, or any type of outside assistance (other than that provided by US Sailing) including electronic communication devices while at the sailing venue during the clinic and racing days. It is the intent of this rule to prohibit contact between competitors and any person, who, in the opinion of the Protest Committee, is a coach, instructor or advisor.

16.5. The 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.

16.6. The Protest Committee may protest and disqualify a competitor for breaking the rules of NOR 16 from all races on the day of the infringement.

17. PERSONAL FLOATATION DEVICES (PFD)

17.1. Competitors shall wear a US Coast Guard (USCG) approved personal flotation device (PFD) while on the water, except for brief periods while adding or removing clothing. The PFD shall depend 100% on foam flotation. No modifications of the PFD are permitted and it shall be 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. These will be checked at registration.

17.2 Sailors will be weighed and PFD's inspected at registration.

18. EQUIPMENT

18.1 The only gear, rigging, or equipment that a team may take aboard a boat shall be: a refillable water bottle, magnetic card compass, flags, plastic bucket or bailer, normally equipped ditty-bag, personal effects, including PFDs and protective clothing.

18.2 Competitors are required to bring their own trapeze harnesses and a 38 foot tow line.

18.3 Electronic fluxgate compasses and GPS devices of all varieties, styles and combinations are specifically banned.

19. PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES (Per US Sailing Regulation 10.01.C.4)

19.1. 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:

1. marijuana or any other substance if possession is illegal under state or federal law; or
2. any alcoholic beverages.

19.2. 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 the Championships' Code of Conduct, which all sailors must sign and if under 18 years of age, their parent or guardian.

20. CONDUCT OF COMPETITORS

20.1. 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).

20.2. The curfew of the competitors shall be 10:00 pm.

20.3. Competitors are not permitted to drive any vehicle, including their own, during the event. Competitors who drive themselves to the host club shall leave their vehicle at their host family's home for the duration of the event.

20.4. 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 the Championships' Code of Conduct, which all sailors must sign and if under 18 years of age, their parent or guardian.

21. PRIZES

21.1. US Sailing Championship medals will be awarded to competitors who finish first through fifth.

21.2. Keeper trophies will be awarded to competitors finishing in the top three (3) places.

21.3. The Ida Lewis Trophy is the perpetual trophy presented to the winning team.

21.4. The Ida Lewis Trophy will remain on permanent display at the Ida Lewis Yacht Club in Newport, RI.

21.5. The C. Thomas Clagett Jr. Sportsmanship Prize will be awarded to a team based on the results of the competitors' ballots.

21.6. **The top two Youth Champs eligible teams not already qualified and finishing in the top 30% of competitors will receive a late invitation to the 2016 U.S. Youth Championships in a doublehanded boat of their choice.**

22 PROCEDURES FOR PROTECTED COMPETITIONS

22.1 US Sailing Regulation 12.03 Protected Competitions, will be in effect for this event, as follows. US Sailing shall ensure that the Organizing Authority includes the following rules and procedures in the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions for a Protected Competition:

a) The US Sailing prescriptions to rules 60, 63.2, and 63.4 shall apply to a Protected Competition, except that the words "when practicable" in the first sentence of the prescription to rule 63.4 are deleted.

b) Protest committees shall include 20% "sailor-athlete" representation. "Sailor-athlete" has the meaning of "athlete" set forth in USOC Bylaw, Section 8.8.2 (the 10-year rule) or Level A or B Sailor-Athlete as defined by US SAILING Sailor Athlete Council (SAC) Bylaws 3.3.1 and 3.3.2 (except that the US SAILING member class referred to in SAC Bylaw 3.3.2.3 shall be an international class recognized by ISAF at the time of the sailor-athlete's qualification).

c) The right of appeal will not be denied under rule 70.5 (a), (b), or (c), but an expedited appeal process may be used that balances the needs of the competitor for certainty with respect to berths in future competitions and sufficient time to prepare the arguments and evidence for the appeal.

d) Any boat that is a party to a redress hearing may be represented by up to two individuals.

e) If a hearing is scheduled after the event is concluded and after the sailors and officials have left the venue, it will be scheduled as soon as possible, and in a place and manner chosen with deference to the competitor's preferences or circumstances; and parties to the hearing have the right to be present telephonically or via video feed as appropriate, provided all participants can hear and speak to each other.

22.2 The following rule changes shall be made:

- a) Rule 65.2 is changed as follows: "seven days" is changed to "24 hours"; and "promptly" is changed to ", within 24 hours".
- b) Rule 66 is deleted and replaced by:

Rule 66 REOPENING A HEARING

- i. The protest committee 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. However, if an appeal of its decision has been sent to the national authority, the hearing shall not be reopened unless the national authority requires reopening under rule F6 or decides the appeal cannot be considered.
 - ii. A party to the hearing may ask for a reopening no later than 24 hours after being informed of the decision.
 - iii. When a hearing is reopened, a majority of the members of the protest committee shall, if possible, be members of the original protest committee.
- c) Rule 70.2 is deleted, as permitted in rule 86.3.
 - d) Rule F1.4 is changed, as permitted in rule 86.3 - The director will forward an appeal of a decision of a protest committee acting under rule 69.1, an appeal of a decision of a protest committee of a US SAILING national championship, a request by such a committee for confirmation or correction of its decision, and an appeal of a decision of a protest committee of a US SAILING Protected Competition (as defined in US SAILING Regulation 12.03) to the US SAILING Appeals Committee.
 - e) Rule F9, APPEALS OF PROTEST COMMITTEE DECISIONS OR PROCEDURES AT PROTECTED COMPETITIONS will be used, as permitted in rule 86.3.

23 EXPEDITED APPEALS PROCEDURE

23.1 Rule F9 is added as follows:

F9 APPEALS OF PROTEST COMMITTEE DECISIONS OR PROCEDURES AT PROTECTED

COMPETITIONS *These provisions may be used as an expedited appeals process for US SAILING Protected Competition, as defined in US SAILING Regulation 12.03 and permitted by Regulation 12.03.02.03.*

APPELLANT'S RESPONSIBILITIES

F9.1 An appeal of a protest committee's decision or its procedures shall be sent by e-mail to the US SAILING Race Administration Director (director) at RaceAdmin@ussailing.org, with a copy to the protest committee chairman.

F9.2 The appeal shall be sent no later than 24 hours after the protest time limit on the last day of the event, or 24 hours after receiving the written decision being appealed or the protest committee's decision not to reopen a hearing, whichever is latest.

F9.3 The appeal shall include:

- a) the grounds for the appeal; i.e., why the appellant believes the protest committee's decision or its procedures were incorrect; and
- b) the names and e-mail addresses of the parties to the hearing and the chairman of the protest committee.

F9.4 US Sailing charges a fee of \$25 for an appeal by a member of US Sailing or another national authority, and \$75 for all others. The fee must be paid before the appeal will be considered, and can be paid by credit card by contacting the director.

US SAILING RACE ADMINISTRATION DIRECTOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES

F9.5 Upon receipt of the appeal, the director will as soon as reasonably possible

- a) forward the appeal to the US Sailing Appeals Committee,
- b) send a written acknowledgement of the appeal, and
- c) send a copy of the appeal to the parties to the hearing and the protest committee chairman unless satisfied that they already have received it.

In the acknowledgement letter, the director will inform the parties and protest committee chairman of the name and contact information of the chairman of the appeals committee.

PROTEST COMMITTEE'S RESPONSIBILITIES

F9.6 The protest committee shall e-mail to the chairman of the appeals committee as soon as reasonably possible the following documents and information:

- a) a copy of the decision being appealed;
- b) the written protest(s) or request(s) for redress;
- c) a diagram if relevant, prepared or endorsed by the protest committee, that conforms to rule F2.2(c);
- d) the notice of race, sailing instructions, any other documents governing the event, and any changes to them, unless previously sent to the appeals committee chairman; and
- e) any other relevant documents.

F9.7 The protest committee shall, within the deadline set by the appeals committee, supply any additional documents, facts or other information when requested to do so by the appeals committee. If directed to do so by the appeals committee, the protest committee shall at the first reasonable opportunity conduct a hearing of the protest or request for redress, or reopen the hearing of the protest or request for redress. The appeals committee may direct the protest committee to conduct a hearing to consider redress for the appellant or other party to the hearing.

COMMENTS

F9.8 The parties to the hearing and the protest committee may make comments on the appeal or on any of the documents listed in rule F9.6 and F9.7. Comments shall be sent by e-mail to the appeals committee, with copies to the parties to the hearing and the protest committee chairman. The comment period for the appeal and each document is 72 hours from the time the appeals committee sends the appeal or document unless the appeals committee sets a different deadline.

APPEALS COMMITTEE'S RESPONSIBILITIES



F9.9 The appeals committee shall send by e-mail to all parties to the hearing, and to the protest committee, copies of all relevant documents and comments it has received, except those supplied by that party or committee.

F9.10 The appeals committee shall accept the protest committee's finding of facts except when it decides they are inadequate. In that case it shall require the protest committee to provide additional facts or other information, or to reopen the hearing and report any new finding of facts, and the protest committee shall do so at the first reasonable opportunity.

24. FURTHER INFORMATION

24.1. For further information please contact U.S. Junior Women's Championships Committee Chair: Ellen Donnelly, ellendonnely@att.net

24.2. US Sailing Championship Director, Liz Walker at US Sailing, Box 1260, Portsmouth, RI, 02871. (401) 683-0800, ext. 651 lizwalker@ussailing.org.

24.3. Host Club: Bay-Waveland Yacht Club, #1 Yacht Club Drive, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520

24.4. Regatta Chair: Shelley Caplan

24.5. All official applications, notices, forms, lists and results will be posted at <http://www.ussailing.org/racing/championships/youth/jrwomensdoublehanded/>

24.6. All forms and waivers shall be sent to: **Katie Breath, 529 East Second Street, Pass Christian, MS 39571.**