

# U.S. YOUTH MULTIHULL CHAMPIONSHIP FOR THE ARTHUR J. STEVENS CUP



Host Club: ALAMITOS BAY YACHT CLUB  
Organizing Authority: US SAILING



March 29-April 1, 2007



## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### 1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the "rules" as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 US SAILING Regulations 10.02.B and 10.02.C are in effect from date and time of arrival through date and time of departure from the regatta venue.
- 1.3 Class rules are modified to eliminate the requirement at least one crew member shall be a current member of the International SL16 Class Association and to eliminate the minimum crew weight requirement.

### 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS AND CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official regatta notice board located on the glass doors of the Quarterdeck overlooking Basin 5 at the Alamitos Bay Yacht Club (ABYC). Except for protest notifications (see instruction 14.2), all official regatta notices will be posted here. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0930 hours on the day it will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 hours on the day before it will take effect.

### 3. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 3.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole at ABYC.
- 3.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore it means, "All races are postponed; do not leave the dock." The next signal on the water will be made not less than one (1) hour after removal unless at that time races are postponed again or abandoned. This changes race signal AP.
- 3.3 Protest time for each circle will close one-half (1/2) hour after the Race Committee Signal Boat or the finishing boat (whichever is later) for that circle arrives at ABYC. To measure the time until protest time closes for a circle, as the Race Committee Signal Boat for that circle docks, the appropriate circle letter flag (a white flag with the letter A, B or C) will be hoisted and one (1) sound signal will be made. Each course circle letter flag will be flown for one-half (1/2) hour and lowered with one (1) sound signal to mark the close of protest time for that circle. Flag B will be hoisted when the first circle's letter flag is hoisted and lowered when the last circle's letter flag is lowered.

### 4. SCHEDULE

Thursday, March 29, 2007	1000-1200	Registration
	1400-1800	Race clinic
	1800	Competitor's meeting
Friday, March 30, 2007	0830-0900	Late registration
	0930-1300	Race clinic
	1400	Practice races
Saturday, March 31, 2007	1000	First warning
Sunday, April 1, 2007	1000	First warning
	1400	No start after this time
	After racing	Awards ceremony

## **5. RACING FORMAT**

- 5.1 All entrants will receive boat/race assignments at the competitor's meeting. The Beach Captain will also have a copy of the boat/race assignments.
- 5.2 All entrants will compete in an equal number of races and, if possible, against every other entrant at least once. Entrants will exchange boats each race when conditions permit.
- 5.3 Competitors shall change boats between races according to the entry list except when flag L is displayed with one sound signal from the Race Committee Signal Boat. When flag L is displayed it means, "stay in the course area for a back-to-back race."

## **6. BOATS**

- 6.1 The organizing authority will furnish all boats used for the regatta.
- 6.2 Crews using a boat are responsible for any damage to the boat up to US\$250.00 for each occurrence.
- 6.3 Each crew will inspect the boat assigned them for the next race as it reaches the shore from the prior race. This is recommended even if you do not sail until the first race the next day.
- 6.4 The last crew using a damaged boat is responsible for all damage reported prior to the boat leaving the beach for the start of its next race. This applies whether or not the last crew did the damage.
- 6.5 Competitors shall not replace, substitute, change, modify or cut any component without approval of the Jury or Beach Captain except as permitted in these sailing instructions. The boats are to be used as supplied except as follows:
  - Allowable adjustments:
    - i. Trapeze rope stop position
    - ii. Rudder alignment and rudder rake
    - iii. Downhaul and outhaul
  - Competitors shall supply:
    - i. Trapeze harnesses
    - ii. PFD's approved by a national authority
  - Competitors may supply:
    - i. Non-permanent tell tales, mast head and/or bridle flies

## **7. CLASS FLAGS**

The class flag for each class shall be a white flag with the class' insignia.

## **8. RACING AREAS AND COURSES**

- 8.1 The racing areas will be located approximately as shown in Appendix 1 of the sailing instructions.
- 8.2 A notice posted on the official regatta notice board by 0930 on Saturday, March 31, will show the assignment of classes to circles and their respective racing areas. The assignment will remain the same for the following days' races unless a change is posted by 0930 of the affected race day or signaled on the water.
- 8.3 Courses shall be as shown in Appendix 2 of the sailing instructions and will be signaled before or with the PREPARATORY signal for each class by either a numerical code flag or by a card with the numeric designation. This changes rule 27.1.
- 8.4 The APPROXIMATE compass bearing from the Race Committee Signal Boat to Mark 1 will be displayed from that boat before or with the PREPARATORY signal for each class for each race by numeral code flags or cards with numeric designation or written on a board.

## **9. MARKS**

Marks (other than starting and finishing marks--see instructions 10.1 and 13.1) will be inflatable shapes. New marks, as provided in instruction 11, will be of a different color than original marks.

## **10. THE START**

- 10.1 The starting line will be between an orange flag on a staff in the water at one end and an orange flag on the Race Committee Signal Boat at the other end located as shown in Appendix 2 of the sailing instructions. Both ends may be located on a race committee boat instead of being in the water.
- 10.2 A boat starting later than five (5) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rule 63.1, A4 and A5.

## **11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

- 11.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
- 11.2 Mark G (gate) may be adjusted without further signaling to maintain the appropriate configuration. This changes rule 33.

## **12. PENALTY SYSTEM**

Rules 44.1 and 44.2 are changed so that only one turn, including one tack and one gybe, is required.

## **13. THE FINISH**

13.1 The finishing line will be between an orange flag on a staff in the water at one end and an orange flag on a race committee boat at the other end located as shown in Appendix 2 of the sailing instructions. Both ends may be located on a race committee boat instead of being in the water.

13.2 A sound signal made from a race committee boat at the finishing line means, "It has been recorded that this boat has crossed the finishing line."

## **14. TIME LIMIT**

The time limit will be ninety (60) minutes. Boats failing to finish within ten (10) minutes after the first boat in the class sails the course will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes rules 35 and A4.

## **15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

15.1 Protests forms are available near the Protest Office. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit for the circle. See instruction 4.3 for the definition of protest time for each circle.

15.2 Notices will be posted on the protest notice board located near the Protest Office to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties. This will constitute notice to all parties under rule 63.2. Hearings will be heard in approximately the order in which protests are received.

15.3 Breaches of instructions 8.3, 8.4 and 17.1 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.

15.4 On the last day of the regatta a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered

a. within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision in the previous day, or

b. no later than thirty (30) minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision of that day.

This changes rule 66.

## **16. SCORING**

16.1 There are no maximum number of races. One (1) race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

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

## **17. SAFETY**

17.1 All competitors in US SAILING Championships at all levels shall wear U.S. Coast Guard (USCG)-approved personal flotation device (PFD) while on the water, other than for brief periods while adding or removing clothing. Competitors from outside the U.S. may wear a PFD approved by their nations' certification authority to the extent permitted by international policy. Please note, however, that inflatable-type PFD's are not acceptable for this regatta.

17.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify a race committee boat before leaving the racing area, or, if that is not possible, notify a regatta official or the yacht club office immediately upon arrival on shore. A boat shall accept assistance from a race committee boat when so directed by the race committee.

## **18. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

18.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the protest committee.

18.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment must be approved in writing by the race committee. Requests for substitutions shall be made in writing to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

## **19. COACH/SUPPORT/SPECTATOR BOATS**

Coach/support/spectator boats are not allowed for this regatta.

## **20. BERTHING AND HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**

Boats shall be stored overnight on the beach in Alamitos Bay adjacent to Alamitos Bay Yacht Club. No boat may be stored overnight on the grounds of Alamitos Bay Yacht Club or anywhere else except with prior permission of the race committee.

## **21. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS**

A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restrictions also applies to mobile telephones.

**22. PRIZES**

- 22.1 US SAILING medals will be awarded to competitors placing first through third. The perpetual Arthur J. Stevens Trophy will be awarded to the winning team.
- 22.2 The highest-scoring team that meets all eligibility requirements (age and nationality) will be entitled to represent the SL16 Class Association at the 2007 SL16 Gold Cup Regatta in La Baule, France in August.
- 22.3 The W. Darline Hobock Sportsmanship Trophy will be awarded to the competitor epitomizing good sportsmanship, as determined by the Youth Multihull Committee.

**23. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in this regatta entirely 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 this regatta.