

2024 Chubb U.S. Youth Triplehanded Championship for the Sears Cup



August 5 - 8, 2024

Organizing Authority: US Sailing

Host: San Diego Yacht Club

Sailing Instructions Posted August 4, 2024



The notation "[DP]" in a rule in the SI means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

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](#): An alleged breach of US Sailing Regulation 10 shall not be grounds for protest by another boat; this changes rules 60.1(a). However, when a protest committee believes that a competitor may have breached Regulation 10.03, it shall follow the process as described in the [Championships' Code of Conduct](#).
 - 1.2.2. [The US Sailing Conditions for Championships](#).
 - 1.2.3. [The US Sailing Championship Support Vessel Policy](#): This will be a Grade 2 Coaching event. US Sailing Coaches will be provided and no private or team coaching is permitted.
 - 1.2.4. Sailing Instruction [Attachment 1 - Borrowed Boat Guidelines](#).
- 1.3. J/22 Class Rules will not apply.
- 1.4. RRS 40 is changed so that 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 for brief periods while adding, removing or adjusting clothing. (US Sailing Regulation 10) [DP]
- 1.5. RRS A8.2 is changed to read: If a tie remains between two or more boats, they shall be ranked in order of each of their scores in each of their last race(s), regardless of if they raced against each other. Any remaining ties shall be broken by using the tied boats' scores in their next-to-last race(s) and so on until all ties are broken. If the tie remains, then it will be settled by a game of chance to be conducted by the PRO.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the east wall (facing the water) of the Sailing Center at San Diego Yacht Club and online: <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/QELhWd1w9t/>



3. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Changes to the Sailing Instructions made ashore will be posted no later than 20 minutes after the close of the morning briefing on the day it takes effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted no later than the end of the protest time limit or 2000, whichever is later, on the day before it will take effect.
- 3.2. Changes to the SIs may be made on the water. These will be signaled by the display of code flag 3rd Substitute with three sound signals from the Change Dock boat *Corinthian*. The RC, or Technical Committee may communicate these changes either verbally or in writing.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals ashore will be displayed from the clubhouse signal mast at San Diego Yacht Club.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, “1 minute” is replaced with “not less than 30 minutes” in the Race Signal AP. This changes Race Signals.

5. FORMAT AND SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1. The regatta will be divided into a Qualifying Series and a Championship Series with Gold and Silver fleets.
- 5.2. Boat assignments and rotation schedules will be posted daily on the notice board and online no later than 1000.
- 5.3. Boat assignments and rotations will be the decision of the OA. Boat assignments and rotation schedules will be final and cannot be grounds for a boat to request redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 5.4. The intended rotation format will be distributed at the Skippers Briefing August 6, 2024. The OA may adjust the rotation format and/or flight assignments without amendment of the Sailing Instructions.
- 5.5. Qualifying Series:
 - 5.5.1. There will be two days of racing in the Qualifying Series: Tuesday, August 6 and Wednesday, August 7.
 - 5.5.2. The fleet will rotate in “Sets” of races with each team completing an equal number of races in a full “Set”.
 - 5.5.3. In the event that fewer than one full “Set” is sailed over both days of the Qualifying Series, the fleet will not be divided into Gold and Silver fleets. A Championship Series will not be held.
- 5.6. Championship Series:
 - 5.6.1. The Championship Series will take place on the last day of the regatta: Thursday, August 8.
 - 5.6.2. Competitors will be assigned to Gold and Silver fleets for the Championship Series for the final day of racing by their results in the Qualifying Series with the top finishing boats assigned to the Gold fleet.
 - 5.6.3. Gold and Silver fleets will be of equal number if there are an even number of competitors. The Gold fleet will be one greater in number if there are an odd number of competitors.

6. CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1. The class flag will be a Pink flag.

7. RACING AREA

- 7.1. Attachment 2 shows the location of the racing area.

8. OBSTRUCTIONS

- 8.1. The below area is designated as an obstruction.
 - 8.1.1. While racing no part of a boat shall sail within 100 yards of a cruise ship docked or otherwise.
 - 8.1.2. The 100-yard area surrounding a cruise ship, docked or otherwise, ranks as an obstruction.

9. THE COURSE

- 9.1. The diagram in Attachment 3 shows the courses.
- 9.2. No later than the warning signal, the RC signal boat will display the course designation and the approximate compass bearing for the first leg.

10. MARKS

- 10.1. Rounding marks will be orange inflatable marks.
- 10.2. The windward offset mark (1a) will be a green cube.
- 10.3. The start and finish pin, if used, will be a pink inflatable mark.
- 10.4. Change marks will be yellow inflatable marks.

11. THE START

- 11.1. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee vessel and the course side of the mark or a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee boat at the port end of the line.
- 11.2. A boat starting later than four minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, 63.1, and A5.

12. RECALLS

- 12.1. The race committee will attempt to hail the recall numbers of OCS boats after the starting signal. This changes RRS 29.1.
- 12.2. Failure of any boat to hear the hail, promptness of the hail, failure to hail any boats or the order of boats hailed shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1.

13. CHANGES TO THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 13.1. To change the next leg of the course, the RC will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the old marks as soon as practical.
- 13.2. The Race Committee may make minor adjustments by moving the original marks to new locations (up to 10 degrees and 0.1 NM in length) to the course during a race without signaling a course change. This changes RRS 33.
- 13.3. One or the other gate mark may be moved without signal to support the course configuration.

14. THE FINISH

- 14.1. The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee vessel and the course side of the finishing mark. This changes RSS Race Signals.

15. TIME LIMIT

- 15.1. The Race Time Limit for each race will be 45 minutes for the first boat to finish.
- 15.2. The Finishing Window for each race is 10 minutes 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 Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window. This changes RRS 35, A4, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.
- 15.3. Failure to meet the time limit will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

16. BREAKDOWN and TIME FOR REPAIRS

- 16.1. Before the attention signal of a race or within two minutes of finishing or within five minutes of changing into a new boat, whichever is later, a boat may display a "GREEN" Flag to signal a breakdown or damage to the boat, her sails or injury to her crew and request a delay to the next start. She shall proceed as soon as possible to a position just to leeward of the RCV and remain there, unless otherwise directed.
- 16.2. The time allowed for repairs will be at the discretion of the RC.
- 16.3. After the attention signal of a flight, a race will not be postponed or abandoned due to a breakdown unless the breakdown signal was displayed as required by SI 16.1.
- 16.4. Except when RRS 62.1(b) applies, failure to effect repairs in the time allowed, or breakdowns after the attention signal shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.

17. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 17.1. A boat intending to protest does not need to display a red flag but shall hail “protest” immediately and inform the Race Committee immediately after finishing. This modifies RRS 61.1.
- 17.2. Protest forms will be available from the Change Dock boat *Corinthian*, and below the Notice Board on the east wall of the Sailing Center at the San Diego Yacht Club.
- 17.3. The protest time limit is 45 minutes after the RC Signal Boat docks.
- 17.4. Notice of actions taken by the RC or PC will be posted on the official notice board.

18. SCORING

- 18.1. The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply.
- 18.2. Three (3) races for each team are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 18.3. No races shall be excluded. This changes RRS A2.1.
- 18.4. For series ties all races in both the Qualifying Series and Championship Series will be used to break ties.
- 18.5. For the Qualifying Series, RRS A5.2 is changed so that the scores are based on the number of boats assigned to the largest fleet.
- 18.6. All teams must sail an equal number of races in the Qualifying Series. If an unequal number of races are finished then only races up to the last race at which point all boats had sailed an equal number of races (a completed “Set” per SI 5.5.2) will be included in the Qualifying Series score.
- 18.7. If insufficient races are completed to hold a Championship Series, per SI 5.5.5, then the score for the Championship Series will be zero for all boats. If weather conditions result in no races being finished in the Championship Series for either or both fleets then the score for the Championship Series shall be zero for all boats affected.
- 18.8. Championship Series Silver and Gold fleets need not have completed the same number of races.
- 18.9. The boats in the Gold fleet will be ranked above the boats in the Silver fleet.
- 18.10. A boat’s overall series score will be the sum of her Qualifying Series score and her Championship Series score.

19. COACHING AND SUPPORT BOATS

- 19.1. This is a Grade 2 Event as defined in the US Sailing Championship Support Vessel Policy. See 1.2.3 for a link to this document.

20. PRIZES

- 20.1. US Sailing Championship medals will be awarded to competitors who finish first through third.
- 20.2. The following trophies will be presented:
 - 20.2.1. The Sears Cup will be awarded to the winning team.
 - 20.2.2. The Judges Trophy will be awarded to the second-place team.
 - 20.2.3. The Cox Sportsmanship Award will be awarded to the sportsmanship award winners.
 - 20.2.4. The Seamanship Trophy will be awarded to the team of the shipshape award winners.



ATTACHMENT 1 – BORROWED BOAT GUIDELINES

1 GENERAL

- 1.1 [NP] Other restrictions or instructions may be given to the boats verbally by the RC or via the Technical Committee. Flag 3rd substitute is not required.

2 [NP] PROHIBITED ITEMS and ACTIONS

Except in an emergency or in order to prevent damage or injury, or when directed by the RC or TC otherwise, the following are prohibited:

- 2.1 Any additions, omissions or alterations to the equipment supplied.
- 2.2 The use of any equipment for a purpose other than that intended or specifically permitted.
- 2.3 The replacement of any equipment without the sanction of the RC.
- 2.4 Sailing the boat in a manner that it is reasonable to predict that significant further damage would result.
- 2.5 Moving equipment from its normal stowage position except when being used.
- 2.6 Boarding a boat without prior permission.
- 2.7 Taking a boat from its berth or mooring without permission from the RC, or, on race days, while 'AP' is displayed ashore.
- 2.8 Hauling out a boat or cleaning surfaces below the waterline.
- 2.9 Marking directly on the hull or deck with permanent ink or using any tape that leaves a residue/use of duct tape.
- 2.10 Omitting any headsail car or turning block before sheeting onto a winch.
- 2.11 Adjusting or altering the tension of standing rigging, excluding the backstay.
- 2.12 Using a winch to adjust the mainsheet, backstay or vang.
- 2.13 Using the spinnaker pole to wing out the foresail.
- 2.14 Attaching lines to the fabric of spinnakers.
- 2.15 Perforating sails, even to attach tell tales.
- 2.16 Radio transmission (including mobile telephones), except to report damage or in response to a request from the RC.
- 2.17 The use of electronic equipment, unless permitted by the SIs.
- 2.18 After the starting signal and while sailing close hauled for more than a few seconds, the main boom position shall be controlled only by using the mainsheet as it exits the block on the traveller, the traveller, and the vang.
- 2.19 The use of the shrouds (including any inner shrouds) above the lower bottle screw (turnbuckle) to facilitate tacking or gybing, or to aid the projection of a crew member outboard is prohibited.
- 2.20 Attaching the spinnaker pole to the standing rigging.
- 2.21 Hiking off sheets other than working sheets. Halyards and control lines are not working sheets.
- 2.22 A breach of **SI Attachment 1 2.12, 2.19, 2.20, or 2.21** is not open to protest by boats but is subject to action by Umpires in accordance with RRS C8.2. This changes RRS C6.2 and C8.2.

3 PERMITTED ITEMS and ACTIONS – the following are permitted:

3.1 Taking on board the following equipment:

- (a) basic hand tools
- (b) adhesive tape
- (c) line (elastic or otherwise of 4 mm diameter or less)
- (d) marking pens
- (e) tell tale material
- (f) hand held compasses, watches, timers and small personal video devices such as GoPro
- (g) shackles and clevis pins
- (h) velcro tape
- (i) bosun's chair
- (j) spare flags
- (k) PFDs

3.2 Using the items in 3.1 to:

- (a) prevent fouling of lines, sails and sheets
- (b) attach tell tales
- (c) prevent sails being damaged or falling overboard
- (d) mark control settings
- (e) make minor repairs and permitted adjustments
- (f) make signals as per Appendix C6
- (g) personal safety

3.3 Fixing a spinnaker sheet catcher at the bow, providing that it does not extend the length of the boat more than 100 mm and does not require any repair after removal.

3.4 Changing the number of mainsheet purchases.

4 MANDATORY ITEMS and ACTIONS – the following are permitted:

4.1 The completion of a written damage report before leaving a boat and submitting it to the RC, even if no damage or loss is recorded. Reports shall include any evidence of matters which could cause damage or disadvantage to the boat in future matches. When boat swaps are carried out on the water, the report should be made verbally to the RC as soon as possible.

4.2 At the end of each sailing day:

- (a) folding, bagging and placement of the sails as directed
- (b) leaving the boat in the same state of cleanliness as when first boarded that day
- (c) releasing backstay tension

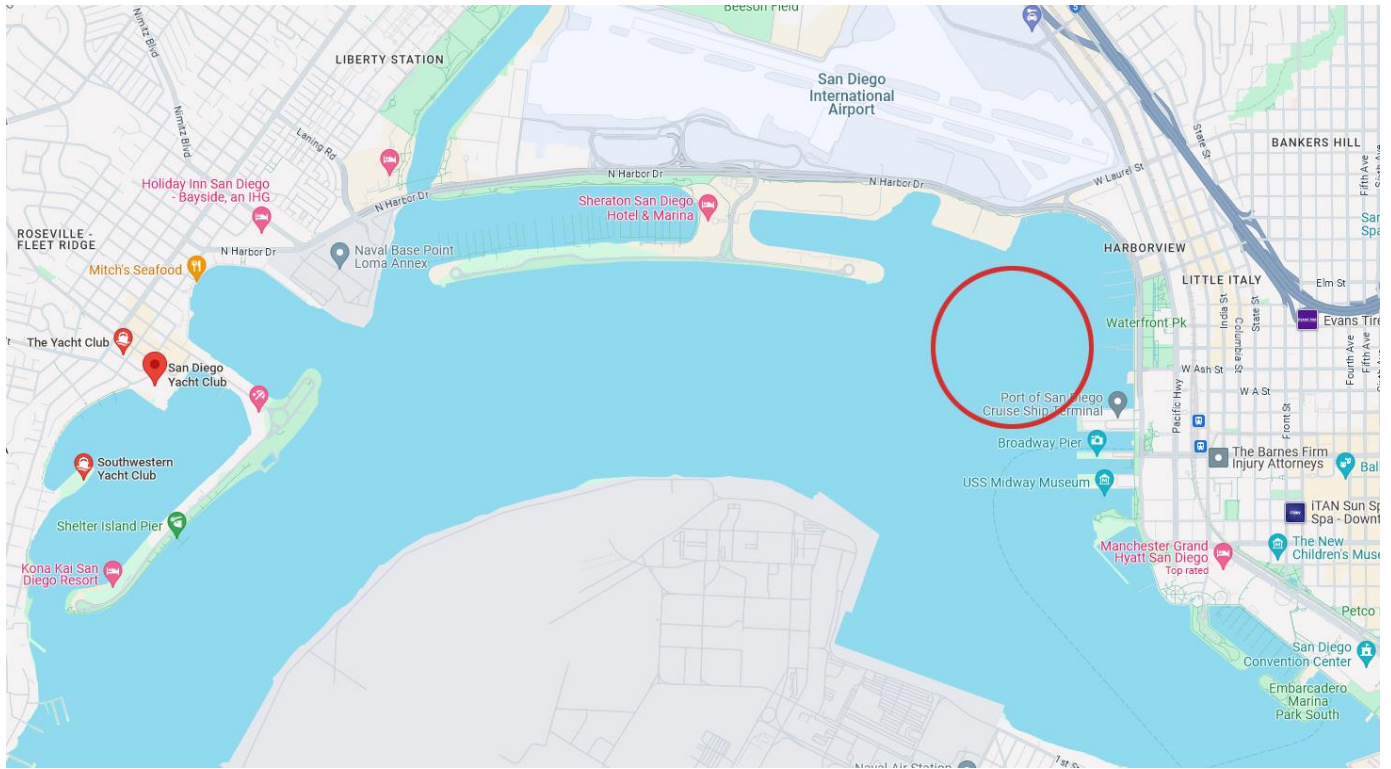
4.3 At the end of the final day for a particular boat, cleaning the boat (cabin and decks), removing all trash and removing all tape and marks.

4.4 Any request to alter, in any way, the equipment on a boat shall be in writing and worded to permit a yes/no answer.

4.5 Complying with any regulations, including speed restrictions and navigation marks, while leaving or returning to the berth or mooring.

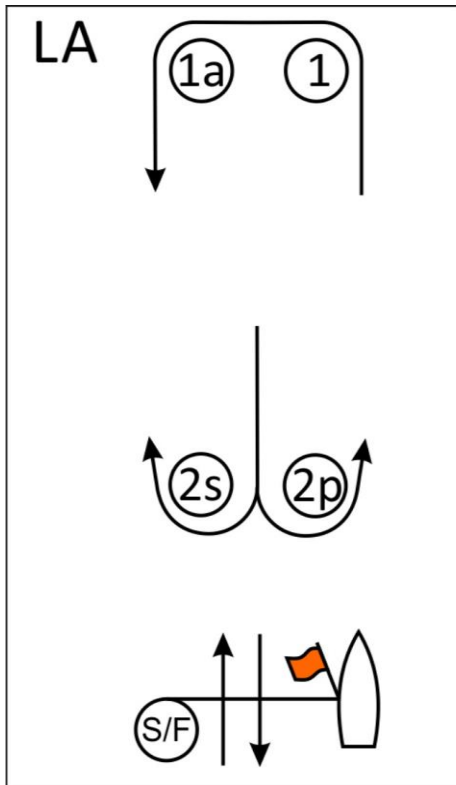
4.6 A breach of items 4.2 and 4.3 will be considered as damage and the cost of rectification will be deducted from the damage deposit.

ATTACHMENT 2 – RACING AREA



The race area (red circle) is intended to be in San Diego Bay off the Grape Street Pier.

ATTACHMENT 3 – COURSES



Course LA – Windward/Leeward with Offset Mark, Leeward Finish	
Signal	Mark Rounding Order
LA2	Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – Finish
LA3	Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – Finish
LA4	Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – Finish

ATTACHMENT 4 – ROTATION FORMAT

Rotation to be distributed at the Competitors meeting Tuesday, August 6, 2024.