



U.S. SINGLEHANDED
CHAMPIONSHIPS



NOTICE OF RACE

Laser Spring Regatta and 2012 Area B Eliminations for the U.S. Singlehanded Men's and Women's Sailing Championships

Cedar Point Yacht Club, Westport Connecticut
SATURDAY, May 12th, 2012

ELIGIBILITY

ALL COMPETITORS ARE WELCOME TO RACE, however, in order to compete for a position at the 2012 U.S. Singlehanded Sailing Championship, you must meet the following requirements:

1.1 ALL competitors MUST BE:

- a. At least age 17 in the calendar year of 2012; and
- b. A member of US SAILING at all levels of competition; and
- c. A member of the Class Association for the boat they qualified in for the finals.
- d. A member of one of the following:
 - 1) Sailing Club, Sailing Organization, or District Laser Class Association (LSO), belonging to a Sailing Association (RSA) recognized by US Sailing;
 - 2) A Sailing Club, Sailing Organization, or Laser Class Association, belonging directly to US Sailing,
 - 3) A Community Sailing Program (CSP) which is a member of a RSA recognized by US Sailing;

1.2 A competitor may compete in only one Area elimination and only in the elimination for the Area in which he or she resides in or regularly competes. Each competitor's LSO or CSP shall be located within the geographical borders of the Area conducting the elimination.

1.3 No competitor, after being entered or participating in any Area elimination may be a competitor from another elimination in the same year. This restriction does not apply to ICSEA, ISSA, and other selection events. See Conditions 3.4.

1.4 Competitors for the Men's Championship must be males. Competitors for the Women's Championship must be females.

2. PROTEST AND APPEALS

2.1 Under rule 70.5(a), there shall be no appeal of the decision of a protest or request for redress. However, a decision following a hearing under rule 69.1(a) may be appealed.

2.2 E-mail and phone contact information for the helm of each boat entered and for the chairmen of the Protest Committee and the Race Committee shall be posted on the official notice board at all times during the event.

2.3 Rule 65.2 is changed as follows:

65.2 A party to the hearing is entitled to receive the above information in writing, provided she asks for it in writing and hand-delivers her request 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 committee shall then, within two hours, hand-deliver the information to the party, including when relevant, a diagram of the incident prepared or endorsed by the committee.

2.4 Rule 66 is changed as follows:

66 REOPENING A HEARING



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- 66.1 A hearing may be reopened when the protest committee decides that it may have made a significant error, or when significant new evidence becomes available within a reasonable time.
- 2.5 Under rule 70.5(a), there shall be no appeal of the decision of a protest or request for redress. However, a decision following a hearing under rule 69.1(a) may be appealed.
- 2.6 E-mail and phone contact information for each boat entered and for the chairmen of the protest committee and the race committee shall be posted on the official notice board at all times during the event.
- 2.7 Rule 65.2 is changed as follows:
65.2 A party to the hearing is entitled to receive the above information in writing, provided she asks for it in writing and hand-delivers her request 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 committee shall then, within two hours, hand-deliver the information to the party, including when relevant, a diagram of the incident prepared or endorsed by the committee.
- 2.8 Area Elimination Reopening
- (a) A party to a hearing of a protest or request for redress may request an Area Semi Final Reopening. The request shall be in writing and include the significant error that the party believes the protest committee made or the nature of the significant new evidence that is available. The request shall be made 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. The request, along with copies of the original protest or request for redress, the facts found, the decision of the protest committee, any new evidence that cannot be presented verbally, and e-mail and phone contact information for all parties to the hearing as well as the chairman of the protest committee, shall be sent by e-mail to the US SAILING Championships Director, LizWalker@USSAILING.org, and the US SAILING Championships Chairman, swmadero@aol.com.
- (b) The protest committee for an Area Elimination Reopening shall consist of the chairman of the original protest committee plus four certified judges appointed by US SAILING. A majority of the committee's members shall be Senior or International Judges. US SAILING will appoint its chairman.
- (c) An Area Elimination Reopening will be conducted by telephone conference call. The time and date for the conference call shall be established by the chairman as soon as practicably possible and no later than seven days after the request for reopening is e-mailed. The chairman will e-mail to the parties to the hearing the request for reopening, the facts found, the decision of the protest committee, the time and date of the hearing, the process for joining the call and any other relevant documents.
3. PERSONAL FLOATATION DEVICES (PFD) AND PERSONAL EQUIPMENT
- 3.1 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.
- 3.2 The only gear, rigging, or equipment that a sailor may take aboard a boat shall be: magnetic card compass, flags, plastic bucket or bailer, normally equipped ditty-bag, personal effects, including PFDs and protective clothing.
- 3.3 Electronic fluxgate compasses and GPS devices of all varieties, styles and combinations are specifically banned.
4. PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES
- 4.1 Per US SAILING Regulation 10.01 C1. For adult US SAILING championship events, no 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.
- 4.2 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 RRS 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.
- 4.3 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).

CPYC SERIES

Races sailed in this regatta count towards the CPYC Spring Series, scored without regatta-only competitors.

RULES

This regatta will be governed by rules set forth by ISAF, US Sailing, ILCA, and



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Sailing Instructions. Laser Class membership is encouraged, and sign-up forms will be available. Wetsuit or drysuit required - no exceptions. USCGA Life-vest must be worn.

SCHEDULE

1000 Registration
1045 Registration ENDS
1050 Skippers Meeting
1100 Harbor Start
1130 First Race
1600 No race will start after 1600
1645 Food, then Party, then Prizes

ENTRY FEE

\$30 for competitors, \$5 for extra dinners No charge for those fully registered and paid for the CPYC Series.

PRIZES

Top 3 (Radial and Standard), Junior (18 or younger), First Apprentice Master (35+), Master (45+), Grandmaster (55+), Great Grand Master (65+).

DIRECTIONS

I-95 exit 17, turn right at end of ramp, 1 mile turn left onto Duck Pond Road, 1/4 mile turn left onto Harbor Road, 1/2 mile to wooden bridge. TRUCKS, TRAILERS & CAR-TOP LASERS: DO NOT CROSS BRIDGE! Instead, turn right on Canal Road, left at end, 2nd left, 1st right.

CPYC shares Bluff Point in a residential neighborhood populated by many young children and pedestrians. Please be mindful of the 15 mph speed limit and stop signs on Saugatuck Island. The added minute or two will be safer, enhance your driving pleasure and do much to benefit our relations with local residents.

CONTACT:

Fleet Captain: Joe Nice (203)-912-6855
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Laser Spring Regatta and Area B Single Handed Qualifier Regatta May 12, 2012

*CEDAR POINT YACHT CLUB
Westport, CT*

All competitors please fill in this section:

Sail Number: _____ **Age:** _____ **Rig (circle):** Standard Radial

Name: _____

Entry Fee Enclosed \$ _____ (circle): cash check

If not registered for the Spring Frostbite Series, please fill in this section:

Phone: _____ **Sex:** _____

Address: _____

e-mail address: _____

Entry fee: \$30.00 payable to CPYC Laser Fleet
No charge for those fully registered and paid for the CPYC Fall Series.
\$ 5.00 for extra dinners

WAIVER AND RELEASE - In consideration of the acceptance of this entry, I hereby agree that the safety of my boat and her crew, including the decision whether or not to wear life jackets, and the decision whether or not to start or continue to race, is my responsibility and not that of any person sponsoring or undertaking such race. I hereby forever and irrevocably waive, release and discharge any and all claims, liability, loss, or damages, including but not limited to claims for property damage, personal injury or death, which I may have or in the future acquire against Cedar Point Yacht Club, its officers, governors, members, employees, volunteers or agents, arising out of or in any way connected with my participation in any race or other activity sponsored or undertaken by any of them, even though such liability may arise out of their negligence or carelessness. I understand that serious accidents occasionally occur during sailboat racing, and that participants in sailboat racing occasionally sustain mortal or serious personal injuries and/or property damage as a consequence, and I knowingly assume all of the risks of sailboat racing. I agree that this waiver is binding on my heirs, representatives, successors and assigns.

I agree to abide by the Racing Rules of Sailing. I have read and understand Fundamental Rules 1 through 5. I understand that abusive language directed at another competitor or at a race official may result in penalties under rules 2 or 69.1(a).

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____