



**2009 Chubb U.S. Sailing Junior Championships
Sears Cup – YRA of LIS Finals
Clinic and Regatta, July 18 & 19, 2009
Stamford Yacht Club, Stamford CT**

NOTICE OF RACE

1 Rules

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in current *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, the US Sailing Junior Championship Conditions and the rules for JSA of LIS (JSA) events, except as may be modified by this Notice or the Sailing Instructions.

1.2 The Ideal-18 Class Rules will be used except that RRS 60.1 (a) is changed to prohibit a boat from protesting another boat for an alleged breach of a class rule requiring class membership or imposing a weight limit.

1.3 US Sailing Junior Sailing Conditions sections 7 and 8 are changed (see 12 below)

1.4 Appendix P, Immediate Penalty for Breaking Rule 42 is modified (see 9.4 below)

2 Advertising - Elimination events as well as the Nationals shall be Category A in accordance with Appendix 1, Regulation 20

3 Eligibility and Crew

All competitors, including alternates, must be:

3.1 Age 13-18 in the the calendar year of the competition.

3.2 Members of JSA and a sailing club located in the geographic area represented by the YRA of Long Island Sound.

3.3 Members of US Sailing.

3.4 Each program must certify (in writing from the head instructor) that the sailors they send are competent to sail in the boats used for this series.

4 Boats, Measurements and other Conditions

4.1 The boats sailed in this competition will be wet sailed Ideal 18s with anti-fouling bottom paint.

4.2 Hulls and sails will be checked for conformance to class rules. This is a “bring your own boat, sail your own boat regatta.” However, a limited number of loaner boats may be available from sailing programs that do not have qualifying Ideal 18s. In the event loaner boat demand exceeds supply, boat allotments will be made by the Organizing Authority based on sailing resume. Requests for loaner boats must be submitted in writing by Monday, **June 22nd, 2009.**

4.3 Boats are expected to arrive by water. Those that come by land must have prior arrangements made with Dave Gurney, Event Chair at Stamford Yacht Club, searscup@stamfordyc.com. Boats shall not be hauled at anytime during the series without written permission from the jury.

4.4 Teams must provide proof of insurance for club-owned boats and a statement signed by a flag officer of the club that the boats are wet sailed Ideal 18s with anti-fouling bottom paint.

4.5 For this event the Ideal 18s will be sailed by a team of three – a skipper and two crew.

5 Registration and Fees

The entry fee is \$80 per sailor, \$50 per instructor. Completed U.S. Sailing Chubb U.S. Junior Triple-Handed Championship entry form, housing requests, JSA waivers, Participation & Medical Information sheet for each competitor are due at Stamford Yacht Club, Attn: Dave Gurney/Sears Cup by 1700, Monday, July 13, 2009. Entries are limited to a maximum of two per sailing program.

6 Schedule of Events

Saturday, July 18	0830 – 1000	Registration and boat inspection
	1000	Competitors' Meeting
	1015 – 1330	Clinic, lunch, on-water turn-up
	1400	Warning, first start
	1730	No warning signal will be made after this time
	1830 – 1930	Dinner
Sunday, July 19	0930	Harbor Start
	1030	Warning, racing resumes
	1500	No initial warning for a sequence will be made after this time

Lunches will be provided for both days for all competitors and registered instructors. Presentation of Awards will be made as soon as practical after the conclusion of the series.

7 Housing

Housing will be provided for the night of July 18 upon request for any contestant or instructor from Long Island member programs

8 Sailing Instructions

Sailing Instructions will be available at registration and at www.stamfordyc.com

9 Scoring and Penalty System

9.1 Six races are scheduled. One race shall constitute a series. If six races are completed, a boat's worst score will be excluded subject to RRS 90.3(b).

9.2 Those boats scored TLE (time limit expired, Section 10) shall be awarded point equal to the number of boats that finished within the limit plus three but not worse than last. This modifies Appendix A4.

9.3 Requests for redress for breakdowns will not be considered except as provided in Rule 62.1(b) or Rule 62.1(d).

9.4 Appendix P will apply, modified as follows:

9.4.1 P2.2 is changed to "second time and subsequent times"

9.4.2 P2.3 is deleted

9.4.3 P3 is changed to read: "If a boat has been protested under Rule P1 and the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall, or abandonment, the penalty or penalties are cancelled."

10 Time Limit

10.1 The time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish is 1-1/4 hours. If one finishes within the time limit, boats failing to finish within 1-1/2 hours after the start will be marked TLE (time limit expired) and scored as specified in Section 9.2. This modifies RRS 35 and A4.

11 Decision of the Protest Committee

11.1 The OA will apply for permission from US Sailing to deny the right of appeal in accordance with rule 70.5(a) and the US Sailing prescription to this rule.

12 Support Boats

12.1 Spectator and support boats must remain outside the course area, so as not to affect any racers, and must identify themselves to the Race Committee before the first gun. Coaching will be permitted as prescribed in the JSA Rules for Championship Events. This modifies U.S. Sailing Junior Championship Section 7. However, there shall be no coaching following a general recall.

13 Safety

13.1 Personal Floatation Devices (PFDs): In addition to the requirements of rule 40 and it's US Prescription, a condition of entry and participation in this regatta is the wearing of a US Coast Guard approved PFD with whistle attached and properly secured at all times while on the water, or on the dock in accordance with JSA rules. This instruction also applies to all instructors. Failure to comply with JSA rules can result in disciplinary action being taken.

13.2 A boat retiring from a race shall notify a Race Committee vessel before leaving the course, or when that is impossible, the Regatta Office immediately after arrival ashore

14 Prizes

15.1 Prizes for 1st, 2nd, & 3rd will be awarded to skippers and crew.

15.2 As this the Chubb US Sailing Triple Handed Championship ladder event, the top finisher will be eligible to proceed to the next qualifying event. The events are as follows:

Semi-finals - Area B

July 27-29 Host: Bay Shore Yacht Club

Bay Shore, NY

Boat: Flying Scots

Finals – Nationals

Aug 9-13 Host: Pleon Yacht Club Co-Hosts: Eastern, Boston, and
Corinthian Yacht Clubs

Marblehead, MA

Boat: Rhodes 19

15 Responsibility for Decision to Sail

As a condition of the participation of any boat in any race or related activity sponsored or undertaken by the Stamford Yacht Club: the owner, helmsman and each crew member agree that the safety of the boat and the crew and the decision whether or not to start or continue to race is solely their responsibility, and each of them waives all claims which he or she, or any heir, representative, successor or assignee, may have against the Stamford Yacht Club or the Junior Sailing Association and, any of their officers, trustees, members, committees, employees or agents, out of or in any way connected with participation in such race or activity. Responsibility for evaluating wind, sea and weather conditions rests with each competitor as does the responsibility for the safe condition and operation of their boat including safety equipment and rigging and for wearing a life jacket. Assistance from the Race Committee, patrol boats, or other support boats and from personnel manning them is at the risk of the participant.

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