



The United States Women's Championships

Area A and Area B Eliminations for the
Mrs. Charles Francis Adams Cup

July 17, 2010 (*July 18 see 8.3*)

Organizing Authority: US SAILING

Hosted by: Cedar Point Yacht Club, 1 Bluff Point, Westport, CT

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1 This regatta is governed by the Rules as defined by the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the current US SAILING Championship Conditions for the U.S. Men's and U.S. Women's Sailing Championship and their Eliminations. Additional information is available at <http://championships.ussailing.org/Adult/USMensandWomensChampionships.htm>
- 1.2 The class boat to be used will be the Lightning® using a round robin format. Boats will be provided by the Cedar Point Yacht Club. Lightning® class rules will not apply.
- 1.3. 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.
- 1.4. Grade 3 "Support Boats" applies for this event. No support boats are permitted. For information on this regulation the following link is provided: http://championships.ussailing.org/Adult/Support_Vessels.htm
- 1.5 Competitors shall not remove any gear from the borrowed boats including throwable cushion, anchor and paddle. All gear in and on the boats shall remain on the boats throughout the event.

2. ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 Area A and Area B are each allocated three berths for this event. One berth will be allocated for the top finisher in the Queens Cup quarter-final in Area B at American YC on July 10th. The remaining berths will be awarded to the first three **complete** entry forms received from Area A and the first entry form received from Area B. If more than three entrants are received for Area A or Area B, teams will be notified and waitlisted until the deadline of **July 14, 2010**. In the event that Area A or Area B does not supply three teams, any remaining available berths as of July 14, 2010 will be awarded to the waitlisted teams in the order in which their completed entry forms were received.
- 2.2 The number of crew shall be three (3) including the helm.
- 2.3 Women's Championship Eligibility entrants may refer to Eligibility in the *Conditions* located on the U.S. Sailing Championships web page at the following link: <http://championships.ussailing.org/Adult/USMensandWomensChampionships.htm>. Select your championship then click on, "*Conditions*."
- 2.4 The selection process for all competitors at the Area (Semi Finals) and Finals level is described in the "*Conditions*" for each event.

3. REGISTRATION

- 3.1 Competitors shall register in advance by **July 14, 2010** by having their entry form forwarded by their sailing association.
- 3.2 The copy of the Entry Form must be mailed to the address below and accompanied by a check for the amount of the entry fee. Entries and payment must be received by **July 14, 2010**. Entries will be confirmed by email. Send entry forms and entry fees to:

Area A:
Gretchen Curtis
188 West 9th Street
Unit 1
Boston, MA 02127

Area B:
Alix Hahn
15 Richmond Hill Road
Norwalk, CT 06854

4. FEES

- 4.1 A damage deposit is the responsibility of each crew. Each team will be required to submit a check for a damage deposit at the time of registration. If there is no damage at the end of the event, the damage check will be returned.
- 4.2 A regatta fee of \$90.00 payable to Lightning Fleet 126 covers incidental cost incurred by the host, including post-sailing snacks and awards.

5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Saturday, July 17, 2010

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| 0900 – 1000 | Check-in at Cedar Point Yacht Club |
| 1000 – 1030 | Competitors' Meeting and Boat Draw |
| 1100 | First Gun |

6. **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS** - Final Sailing Instructions will be available at registration.

7. RACING AREA AND COURSES

- 7.1 Courses will be outlined in the Sailing Instructions and at the Competitors' Meeting.

8. NUMBER OF RACES

- 8.1 The regatta will be held with a fleet of six (6) even boats. The intention of the Event Coordinators is to conduct the regatta using a round-robin format, conditions permitting. If possible, each entry will race in each boat one (1) time. However, if the Event Coordinators determine prior to racing that rotating boats is not prudent, competitors will be assigned boats by a boat draw at registration and will sail all races in their assigned boat.
- 8.2 The maximum number of races is six (6) races.
- 8.3 One (1) race shall constitute a regatta. In the event that no races are sailed on Saturday, the regatta will continue on the following day, Sunday July 18.

9. PROTESTS AND APPEALS

This event will be used to determine qualifiers for the next stage of the US SAILING Women's Championships.

- 9.1 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.
- 9.2 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.
- 9.3 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.

- 9.4 Rule 66 is changed as follows:

66 REOPENING A HEARING

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.

10. SCORING

- 9.1 Appendix A2 is modified such that all races will be scored for this event. The low point system will be used.

11. PRIZES - The top finisher from each area will receive prizes emblematic of the Leonard B. Colt Trophy (Area A) and the Area B trophy. The top Area A finisher and the top Area B finisher will each receive a berth to represent their Area at the finals in Sheboygan, WI.

12.0 SAFETY

- 12.1 Per US SAILING Regulation 10.01D Competitors in US SAILING championships and qualifiers for US SAILING championships shall wear a U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) approved personal floatation device (PFD) while on the water,

other than for brief periods while adding or removing clothing.

12.2 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.

13 PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES

13.1 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.

13.2 Per US SAILING Regulation 10.01 C3. An alleged breach of one of these regulations shall not be grounds for a protest. However, when the protest committee believes that a competitor may have breached one of these regulations, it shall follow the process described in racing rule 69.1, and a competitor found to have breached one of these regulations 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.

14. HOUSING & DIRECTIONS

Housing will not be provided for this event. Discounted Cedar Point Yacht Club rate is available for competitors staying at the Double Tree Hotel.

Hotels:

Doubletree Hotel Norwalk · 789 Connecticut Avenue, Norwalk, CT 06854 · 265 rooms

(203) 853-3477 · Fax (203) 855-9404

Near I-95. 5.7 miles and 15 minutes to CPYC.

Restaurant, gym, pool, **\$79 Room Rate for CPYC Events.**

The Westport Inn · 1595 Post Road East, Westport, CT 06880 · 116 rooms

(203) 259-5236 · (800) 446-8997 · Fax (203) 254-8439

Well located on Post Road **near The Boat Locker**. 8.2 miles and 10 minutes from CPYC.

Restaurant, complimentary breakfast, pool, gym, movies and reasonable prices.

Courtyard By Marriott · 474 Main Avenue, Norwalk, CT 06851 · 145 rooms

(203) 849-9111

Near Merritt Parkway. 8 miles and 15 minutes to CPYC.

Restaurant, gym, pool and reasonable prices.

15. FURTHER INFORMATION

15.1 AREA A U.S. Women's Championship Representative:

Gretchen Curtis

ghcurtis@gmail.com

15.2 AREA B U.S. Women's Championship Representative:

Alix Hahn

ahahn@prophet.com

15.3 REGATTA CHAIRMAN:

David Fried

Friedd_76@yahoo.com

(914) 977-3633



**Area A and Area B Semi Final Registration Form
U.S. Women's Championship
For the Mrs. Charles Francis Adams Cup**

Complete in full. Incomplete or illegible entry forms will not be accepted. Individual or family membership in US SAILING is required for all competitors at all levels. Registration for the finals will be online only.

SKIPPER

Name _____ Day Phone # _____ Home _____
 Address _____ City _____ ST _____ Zip _____
 Member of (club) _____ Birthdate _____ US SAILING # _____
 RSA _____ Club membership# _____
 E-mail address: _____

CREW

Name _____ Day Phone # _____ Home _____
 Address _____ City _____ ST _____ Zip _____
 Member of (club) _____ Birthdate _____ US SAILING # _____
 RSA _____ Club membership# _____

CREW

Name _____ Day Phone # _____ Home _____
 Address _____ City _____ ST _____ Zip _____
 Member of (club) _____ Birthdate _____ US SAILING # _____
 RSA _____ Club membership# _____

ALTERNATE (Need not be named until after Area eliminations--see Conditions)

Name _____ Day Phone # _____ Home _____
 Address _____ City _____ ST _____ Zip _____
 Member of (club) _____ Birthdate _____ US SAILING # _____
 RSA _____ Club membership# _____

Skipper: Obtain the signature of your Club Officer prior to registration for the event:

The following must be completed by a Flag Officer of the skipper's yacht club.

I certify that the skipper (and crew if applicable) is/ are a member of _____
 _____ (Club or Organization), which is a member of US SAILING, Membership No: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Phone: _____ Fax: _____
 Officer: _____ Title: _____ Date: _____