

Notice of Race Amendment
2011 YRALIS Championship
and
US Sailing Area A & B Eliminations for the United States Men's Sailing
Championship for the Clifford D. Mallory Trophy
Indian Harbor Yacht Club
Greenwich, Ct
August 6-7, 2011

RULES:

1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012 (RRS), except as any of these rules are changed by the sailing instructions or any appendices to the sailing instructions.
2. The Organizing Authority is YRA
3. The Right of Appeal from decisions of the Protest Committee is denied in accordance with RRS 70.5(a)
4. RRS 66 (Reopening a Hearing) is changed in accordance with Appendix A of this Notice of Race
5. The Conditions for the US SAILING Men's Championship that are applicable to an Area Event shall apply. Condition 7.1.3 (Bring and Sail Your Own Boat) shall apply and Conditions 8 and 9 shall not apply.

ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY:

This regatta is open to all Vipers that possess a valid measurement certificate.

All skippers and crews of boats competing in the US SAILING Area A & B Men's Championship shall be current members of US SAILING and the YRA of Long Island Sound. Associate membership is acceptable for Area A entries.

Registration may only be made by *completing the two online forms at: www.yralis.org*. The first is entry into the regatta \$70 and the second entry of \$10 for the Area A & B.

FEES & REGISTRATION:

\$70.00 Regatta registration

\$10.00 Area A & B Elimination registration

US Sailing and YRA LIS Associate membership for entry into the elimination.

US Sailing Area A & B Eliminations for the United States Men's Sailing Championship for the Clifford D. Mallory Trophy:

1. This regatta will be the US Sailing Area A & B Eliminations for the United States Men's Sailing Championship for the Clifford D. Mallory Trophy.
2. Skippers who wish to be considered to be scored for this Championship elimination shall so indicate their participation on the entry form. The elimination series shall be sailed with the competitors competing for the YRA of Long Island Sound.
3. Area A and B Elimination competitors will be scored separately and will also be eligible for the YRALIS awards.
4. The qualifier will be sailed and scored together with the YRALIS Championship. The scores of those competitors who elected to compete in the Semi-Final will then be ranked to determine the Area A & B Series Champion.
5. Competitors for the Area A & B Elimination shall comply with the conditions of US Sailing for the United States Men's Sailing Championship.

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6. The conditions may be found at

<http://championships.ussailing.org/Adult/USMensandWomensChampionships/Conditions.htm>

SCHEDULE:

Saturday, August 6
0900 Registration (Clubhouse at Indian Harbor Yacht Club)
1230 Warning Signal

Sunday, August 7
1130 Warning Signal

Awards presentation at Riverside Yacht Club clubhouse as soon as possible following the final race
One race will constitute a regatta.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:

Sailing Instructions will be available on the YRA Long Island Sound web site www.yralis.org. Any amendments will be posted prior to the skipper's meeting.

RADIO COMMUNICATIONS:

The race committee may use VHF radio communications to communicate with competitors. The radio channel will be announced at the skippers meeting.

COURSES:

Described in the Sailing Instructions

PRIZES:

Prizes will be awarded to the top Area A and Area B competitors.

SOCIAL:

Social and beer will be held at the Riverside Yacht Club Clubhouse Saturday.

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Appendix A

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.

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.

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.

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.

66.2 The protest committee may reopen the hearing. A *party* to the hearing may ask for a reopening no later than one hour after being informed of the decision. When a hearing is reopened under rule 66.2, a majority of the members of the protest committee shall, if possible, be members of the original protest committee.

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66.3 Area Elimination Reopening

(a) A *party* to a hearing of a *protest* or request for redress may request an Area Elimination 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, wrigs@earthlink.net. **(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.