

## **US OFFSHORE CHAMPIONSHIP SELECTION PROCEDURE**

The following is the procedure used by the US Offshore Championship Selection Committee to select participants in the U.S. Offshore Championship. The US Offshore Championship nominators are the various area directors of the US SAILING Areas and the US Offshore Championship Committee. The nominations may be made in one of two ways; either based on the results of a designed race or race series within an area or by resume nomination. In the event of a resume nomination, each application is ranked by the Area Director (or their designee) or in the case of an application submitted directly to US Sailing, by the US Offshore Championship Committee. Remember, we have access to the internet. **Do not fudge results!**

Final selection will be made by the members of the US Offshore Championship Committee by ranking all nominations in order using the following methods:

Each team's resume will be scored using the criteria below. The maximum total score is 100.

- Overall team ability and sailing experience (25)
- Skipper Race Experience (10)
- Most competitive regattas (25)
- Best Final Positions (15)
- Number of regattas out of local area (15)
- Recommendation by Area Director (10)

If a competition has been held to select an Area representative, the Area Director Recommendation portion of the resume will be increased to 25% and will include the "Best final position" criteria.

All teams will be ranked in order and the number of teams selected will depend on the number of available boats. If all selected teams cannot attend, the next team(s) in order will be selected.

Each team's ability and background will be determined by:

- a. examining regatta results
- b. drawing on personal knowledge
- c. researching the relative difficulty of regattas held and the level of competition

While ranking applicants, the Selection Committee members must keep in mind the single most common "complaint" received is that a team who did not get accepted regularly beats another team who did get accepted. Research and knowledge should minimize this occurrence.

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