

Changes to Regatta-Provided Housing at 2020 US Sailing Youth National Championship Series

Frequently Asked Questions

What is changing in 2020?

In previous years, most of the US Sailing Youth National Championship Series regattas have required participants to stay in regatta-provided housing. In 2020 this will no longer be the case. Three regattas will offer limited regatta-provided housing based on expressed need and availability, and two regattas will not be offering regatta-provided housing.

Why has this changed?

In February 2018 Congress passed the “Protecting Young Victims from Sexual Abuse and Safe Sport Authorization Act”. This Act, and subsequent athlete safety policies from the US Center for SafeSport and the US Olympic and Paralympic Committee, has increased the training and safeguarding requirements across all sports.

As one of these new measures, US Sailing must now ensure that all adults in each host household are SafeSport trained and background checked before they are cleared to be a regatta-provided housing host. This makes it impractical to provide housing for an entire regatta.

How will this affect the regattas that I’m interested in attending?

The U.S. Youth Match Racing Championship, U.S. Junior Women’s Doublehanded Championship, and Chubb U.S Junior Championships are offering a limited amount of regatta-provided housing, based on need and availability. Sailors can indicate their interest in housing during the registration process and will be notified of their housing status by US Sailing.

The U.S. Youth Championship and the U.S. Junior Women’s Singlehanded Championship will not be offering regatta-provided housing.

All five Championship regattas have arranged for discounted rates at local hotels, which are listed on the regatta websites.

Are parents allowed to attend?

Parents and families are welcome at all the 2020 Championships. Special social events are planned to make parents and visitors feel welcome and get to know each other. Spectator boats will be available at each regatta, but private spectator boats are not allowed in the racing area (except at the U.S. Youth Championship). Additional information for parents will be available in the Regatta “Welcome Packet”.

Questions? Please email championships@ussailing.org