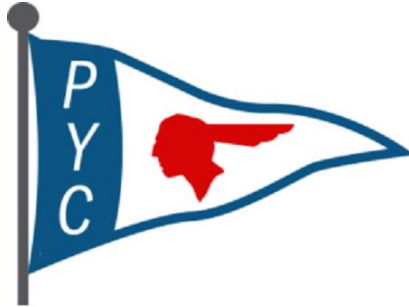




CHAMPIONSHIP OF CHAMPIONS



September 16 – 19, 2021

Organized by US Sailing (OA)

Hosted by Pontiac Yacht Club (PYC)

3270 Wards Point Drive, Orchard Lake Village,

Michigan 48324

NOR Posted April 21, 2021

Notice of Race

1. RULES

- 1.1. The Event will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024* (RRS), by the [US Sailing Championship Conditions](#), [Championship of Champions Conditions](#) (referred to hereinafter as the Conditions), [US Sailing Regulations](#), Sections 2, 4, 10 and 15, the SafeSport Handbook, and by the [US Sailing Code of Conduct](#).
- 1.2. RRS 60.1(a) is modified to prohibit a boat from protesting another boat for an alleged breach of a class rule.

2. CLASS

- 2.1. Lightnings will be provided and will be sailed in a “round robin” format.
- 2.2. The total number of crew aboard shall be 3 people: 1 helmsperson plus 2 crew.
- 2.3. The event is not being conducted as a class sanctioned or class association event.

3. IDENTIFICATION AND ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display advertising supplied by the OA.

4. BORROWED BOATS AND EQUIPMENT

PYC will provide member-owned, race-ready Lightning Class boats and sails for all teams. Teams must use the Lightnings as provided by the club and comply with this NOR and Attachment A (Boat Handling and Equipment Rules). [NP] [DP]

5. ELIGIBILITY

- 5.1. The one-design class represented by each competing sailor must be a current member of US Sailing at the time of application. All competitors must be **at least 18 years of age at time of the Championship of Champions** and be current members of US Sailing. Proof of membership will be requested upon application and registration.
- 5.2. The applicant must be a 2020 or 2021 one-design class **U.S. National Champion, North American Champion, or World Champion** helmsperson.
- 5.3. As this Championship is held in the Corinthian spirit of competition, no skipper or crew may be paid to sail in this event. Skipper and crew shall sign a declaration of compliance at registration check-in.
- 5.4. The qualifying year runs August 1, 2020 to August 4, 2021. If a class championship is completed after August 4, 2021, the class champion will be eligible to apply for the 2022 championship of Champions. If a current year champion has not been established prior to the application deadline, the current standing class champion is eligible to apply. Refer to the Conditions, paragraph 3 and 4 for a detailed discussion of eligibility and selection.

6. APPLICATION AND SELECTION

- 6.1. Eligible class champions may apply for this event by submitting an online application and a non-refundable application fee of \$50.00 at: <https://www.ussailing.org/competition/championships/2021-championship-of-champions/> no later than **August 8, 2021** Midnight Pacific Time. The US Sailing Championship of Champions Committee will review all applications. Applications selected to participate will be notified no later than **August 14, 2021**. Upon selection, applicants will be sent detailed information regarding on-line registration and the on-line payment of entry fees. The twentieth (20th) competitor will be an invited Mystery Guest.
- 6.2. Eligible late entries may be accepted or invited at the discretion of the US Sailing Championship of Champions Committee. Entries not invited by **August 14, 2021** will be kept on a priority wait list and will be contacted in the order determined by US Sailing if any of the initial entrants are unable to attend.

7. FEES

- 7.1. The entry fee is \$650 per boat and includes borrowed boat insurance, breakfast, lunches, dinners, parties, banquet (both skipper and crew) and any commemorative item that may be provided.
- 7.2. Entry fees are due by **August 27th, 2021**. Registration information will be provided within the *invitation* letter sent to selected sailors. Entrants who cancel at the last minute and

whose slot cannot be filled may not receive a refund.

- 7.3. Entry fees are not refundable after August 31st, 2021.
- 7.4. A separate damage deposit fee of \$1000.00 is required. This fee will be payable by credit card to Pontiac Yacht Club and collected at registration on-site.
- 7.5. A non-competitor accompanying a competitor may purchase meal tickets at the registration desk.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 8.1. Provisional Sailing Instructions will be posted on the US Sailing event website one week prior to the event: <https://www.ussailing.org/competition/championships/2021-championship-of-champions/>
- 8.2. Official Sailing Instructions will be available at registration and on the US Sailing event website: <https://www.ussailing.org/competition/championships/2021-championship-of-champions/>

9. VENUE

Racing will be held on Cass Lake, Orchard Lake Village, Michigan.

10. COURSES

The courses will be windward/leeward.

11. PROVISIONAL SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Thursday September 16th	1030-1630	On-site registration and check-in
	1200-1300	Lunch
	1030-1630	Practice
	1800	Competitors Meeting
	ASAP	Dinner
Friday September 17th	0830-1000	Breakfast
	0900-0930	Competitors meeting
	1100	Warning signal – first race of the Day subsequent races and lunch Break will follow Dinner or open night (TBD)
Saturday September 18th	0830-1000	Breakfast
	0900-0930	Competitors Meeting
	1100	Warning signal – first race of the Day subsequent races and lunch Break will follow
Sunday September 19th	1900	Dinner following racing
	0830-1000	Breakfast
	0900-0930	Competitors Meeting
	1100	Warning signal- first race of the day Subsequent races will follow No race will begin after 1500 Lunch and Awards will follow the last race

12. SCORING

- 12.1. A complete round robin of races is scheduled.
- 12.2. Appendix A2 is modified as follows:
 - 12.2.1. When fewer than six (6) races are completed, a competitor's series score will be the total of race scores.
 - 12.2.2. When seven (7) or more races are completed, a competitor's series score will be the total of that competitor's race scores excluding the worst score.
- 12.3. Four (4) races are required to constitute the Event.

13. PRIZES

- 13.1. US Sailing medals will be awarded to the top three (3) teams.
- 13.2. The winning team will be awarded the Jack Brown Perpetual Trophy. Their names will be engraved on the perpetual trophy, which will remain on display at US Sailing.

14. PERSONAL FLOTATION

- 14.1. Competitors shall bring their own USCG PFD and show it at registration.
- 14.2. Each competitor shall wear a USCG approved life jacket that is of appropriate size for the sailor at all times while on the water, except for brief periods while adding or removing clothing.

15. HOUSING and HOTELS

Limited housing will be available to competitors in homes of PYC members. If you would like housing with a PYC member, please contact the Event Chair, Ray Peters. US Sailing members are eligible for discounted hotel accommodations through IGH InterContinental Hotel Groups. Log into your MY US SAILING account and click on

<https://www1.ussailing.org/User/Login.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2fconstituents%2fMyUSSailing.aspx>

This discount can only be booked through this site. Hotels in the area offering the US Sailing Member discount include:

16. COACHING

The Championship of Champions is a Grade 3 event as defined by US Sailing's Coaching and Support Boat Policy. No private coaching of any competitor while on the water shall be permitted during the period September 14th – 17th, 2021.

17. SPECTATOR BOATS

- 17.1. Spectator boats may be available.

18. TRAVEL

US Sailing members are eligible for discounted travel through United Airlines for this event. Go to: <https://www.ussailing.org/membership/become-a-member/#membership-benefits-discounts>. This discount can only be booked through this site.

19. CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES (US Sailing Regulation 10.03)

- 19.1. For Adult US Sailing championship events, no competitor shall use or possess, either on or off the water, marijuana, or any other substance if possession is illegal under state or federal law.
- 19.2. An alleged breach of this regulation shall not be grounds for protest. However, when the protest committee believes that a competitor may have breached this regulation, it shall follow the process described in the Championship's Code of Conduct. If a competitor found to have breached one of the elements within the Code of Conduct, they 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 and from the final results.

20. ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS

- 20.1. Except in an emergency, a boat racing shall neither make nor receive wireless communications that are not simultaneously available at no cost to all other boats. This includes cell phones.
- 20.2. All on the water communications between the race committee and competitors will be on a VHF radio.
- 20.3. Competitors are strongly encouraged to bring their own VHF radio. Radios will **not** be provided to competitors by the OA.

21. FURTHER INFORMATION

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