



U.S. PARA SAILING CHAMPIONSHIP

The C. Thomas Clagett, Jr. Memorial Regatta and the US Para Sailing Championship

August 24-29, 2021

Organizing Authority: The C. Thomas Clagett, Jr. Memorial Clinic and Regatta
in collaboration with US Sailing

Newport, Rhode Island

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2. The US Sailing prescription to RRS 63.1 will not apply. Applicable US prescriptions will be posted on the official notice board.
- 1.3. The following documents shall be completed by all competitors:
 - a. Medical form
 - b. Health insurance information
 - c. Skipper and crew waivers and crew information form, which shall be completed with registration or at check-in if necessary.
 - d. US Sailing membership (or for non-U.S. residents, membership in the national sailing authority of their home country) will be confirmed at check-in.
- 1.4. The following documents also govern the US Para Sailing Championship:
 - a. US Sailing Championship Conditions
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 - c. US Sailing Code of Conduct
 - d. US Sailing Regulation 10
- 1.5. The following racing rules are changed:
 - a. A boat shall not protest another boat for breaking a class rule that requires membership. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
 - b. A boat shall not protest another boat or competitor for violating NoR 3.4.1 or NoR 3.4.2. This changes RRS 60.1.
- 1.6. 2.4mR boats (singlehanded) will race under 2.4mR Norlin One-Design class rules.
- 1.7. Martin 16 boats (doublehanded) will race under Martin 16 class rules and the double-handed sailing format will apply (Martin 16 Class Rule 6.3). Main and jib are permitted; spinnakers are prohibited.
- 1.8. Sonars (triplehanded) will race under Sonar class rules, including Appendix B. Main and jib are permitted; spinnakers are prohibited. Whisker poles are permitted. Sonar Class Rules Appendix B, I.5.1(a) is changed as follows for Clagett competitors, but not for the US Para Sailing Championship: A crew may consist of three or four persons. The limitation of two persons on the rail remains unchanged. Once the regatta begins, there shall be no crew changes except with the written permission of the organizing authority (OA).

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted by 0900 on the day it is to take effect, except that during a postponement ashore a change may be posted before the removal of the AP flag. Any change to the schedule of racing will be posted by 1900 on the day before it will take effect.

3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the Clagett Regatta hospitality tent near South Alofsin Pier. The race committee may also publicize changes by other means as a courtesy, but such additional publication shall not be considered official.
- 3.2. Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats [DP].

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole near the Clagett Regatta hospitality tent.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the race signal AP. This changes Race Signals AP.

5. SCHEDULE

Competitors are strongly encouraged to participate in the clinic for the benefit of all sailors. Boats are expected to be docked at Alofsin Pier near the regatta tent and ready to take part in the start of the clinic by 0900 on Wednesday, August 25.

All coach debriefs, food service and social gatherings will be conducted according to state and local COVID-19 requirements.

Wednesday, August 25

1000 – 1200	Welcome remarks followed by clinic
1200 – 1300	Lunch afloat or ashore
1300 – 1600	Clinic afloat or ashore (run by coaches)
1600 – 1700	Coaches debrief (no organized competitor dinner)

Thursday, August 26

1000 – 1200	Clinic Day
1200 – 1300	Lunch afloat or ashore
1300 – 1600	Clinic afloat or ashore (run by coaches)
1600 – 1700	Coaches debrief (no organized competitor dinner)

Friday, August 27

0830	Competitors meeting followed by coach briefing
1000	Harbor Start
1100 – 1600	Racing
1600 – 1700	Coaches debrief
1800	Dinner for competitors, officials and volunteers at regatta tent

Saturday, August 28

0930	Coaches briefing
1000	Harbor Start
1100 – 1600	Racing
1600 – 1700	Coaches debrief
1800	Dinner for competitors, officials and volunteers at regatta tent

Sunday, August 29

0930	Coaches briefing
1000	Harbor Start
1100 – 1600	Racing – no warning signal after 1500
After racing	Coaches debrief
After racing	Awards and cookout at regatta tent

6. CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1. 2.4mR – Numeral pennant 1
- 6.2. Martin 16 – Numeral pennant 2
- 6.3. Sonar – Numeral pennant 3

7. RACING AREA

- 7.1. Race Area “A” is between Rose Island and Goat Island.
- 7.2. Race Area “B” is north of the Newport-Pell Bridge in the vicinity of Potter Cove.
- 7.3. Race Area “C” is north of the Newport-Pell Bridge and to the west of Coasters Island. Competitors shall observe the white security zone buoys near the shore of Coasters Island.
- 7.4. The race area for each day’s racing will be posted on the official notice board before the end of the competitors meeting or coaches briefing that day.

8. COURSES

- 8.1. Courses will be windward-leeward. The diagrams in Attachment A show the courses to be sailed, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 8.2. No later than the warning signal the race committee will display the number of legs and the approximate compass bearing of the first leg:

4
270

Course identifier

Compass bearing of the first leg

9. MARKS

- 9.1. Original marks will be inflatable orange marks. If used, an offset mark will be a smaller inflatable mark.
- 9.2. New marks will be inflatable yellow marks. There will not be an offset mark if the windward mark is changed.
- 9.3. If only one mark of a gate is in place, boats shall leave it to port.

10. THE START

- 10.1. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee vessel and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 10.2. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area [DP].
- 10.3. A boat starting later than five minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 11.1. To change the position of the next mark, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as possible. When in a subsequent change

a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

11.2. There will not be an offset mark if the windward mark is changed.

11.3. The race committee may adjust the gate without signaling.

12. THE FINISH

12.1. For a downwind finish, the finishing line is between a staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee boat and a nearby mark on the starboard side of the race committee vessel.

12.2. For an upwind finish, the finishing line is between staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee boat and a nearby mark on the port side of the race committee vessel.

13. PENALTIES

13.1. Rule V1 – Penalty at the Time of an Incident – applies: The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: ‘A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident while *racing*. However, when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 while in the *zone* around a *mark* other than a starting *mark*, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.’

13.2. Rule V2 – Post-Race Penalties – applies:

a. Provided that rule 44.1(b) does not apply, a boat that may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident may take a Post-Race Penalty at any time after the race until the beginning of a protest hearing involving the incident.

b. A Post-Race Penalty is a 30% Scoring Penalty calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c). However, rule 44.1(a) applies.

c. A boat takes a Post-Race Penalty by delivering to the race office a written statement that she accepts the penalty and that identifies the race number and where and when the incident occurred.

14. TIME LIMIT and FINISH WINDOW

14.1. The time limit for the first boat to *sail the course and finish* is 60 minutes.

14.2. Boats still racing 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE). This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

15. PROTESTS

15.1. Rule 61.1(a) is changed so that a boat is not required to display a red flag if she intends to protest.

15.2. The time limit for filing a protest is one hour after the docking of the race committee signal boat for that class.

15.3. Protest forms are available at the regatta table in Clagett Regatta hospitality tent. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

15.4. Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in a location identified on the official notice board.

15.5. Rule 64.2 is changed to permit a penalty other than disqualification for non-Part 2 rule infractions at the discretion of the protest committee.

15.6. A competitor shall not protest a boat for breaking a class rule or SI 17. This changes rule 60.1.

15.7. On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision is posted.

16. SCORING

- 16.1. The Clagett Regatta and Para Sailing Championship fleets will sail and be scored together. For the championship, the highest placing championship-eligible boat in each class will be declared the winner, the second highest placing championship-eligible boat will be scored in second place, and so on.
- 16.2. One race is required to be completed to constitute a regatta.
- 16.3. When six or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 16.4. A score of Time Limit Expired (TLE) is equal to one place more than the score of the last boat to finish within the finishing window. This changes rules A4 and A5.

17. SAFETY [DP]

- 17.1. A U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jacket shall be worn, properly fastened, while afloat except briefly while adding or removing clothing. Failure to comply with this rule may result in disqualification or other penalty at the discretion of the protest committee. Competitors from outside the U.S. may substitute a life jacket approved by their nation's maritime authority.
- 17.2. The OA recommends the use of protective helmets by sailors.
- 17.3. A boat retiring from a race shall notify a race committee vessel before leaving the course, or if that is impossible, a regatta representative stationed at the regatta tent.
- 17.4. Competitors shall identify the location of all safety harness quick-release points on their boat with fluorescent tape or paint.
- 17.5. Support boats shall register with the race committee and display a provided flag.
- 17.6. Coach and support boats shall monitor VHF channel 05 at all times while on the water.

18. REPLACEMENT OF CREW

Substitution of competitors is not permitted without the written permission of the organizing authority.

19. PRIZES

- 19.1. For The C. Thomas Clagett, Jr. Memorial Regatta:
 - a. The C. Thomas Clagett, Jr. Memorial Trophy will be awarded for overall general excellence to a sailor with a disability or a full team of sailors with disabilities.
 - b. Competition awards or medals will be awarded to the skipper and crew for the first three finishing positions in each class.
 - c. In addition, the following awards will be presented and may be based on criteria other than the competition, at the discretion of the OA:
 - i. Sportsmanship – determined by polling of the participants.
 - ii. Most Improved – determined by the coaches and judges.
 - iii. Seamanship – based on a point system.
 - iv. Additional prizes may be presented and may be based on criteria other than the competition, at the discretion of the OA.

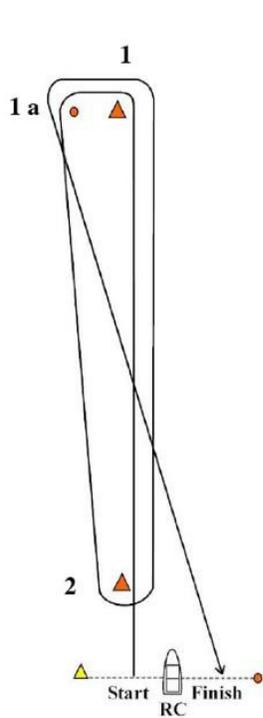
19.2. For the US Para Sailing Championship:

- a. US Sailing medals will be awarded in all divisions for the top three boats.
- b. The winner of the 2.4 mR class will be awarded the Judd Goldman Trophy. The highest placing 2.4 mR U.S. finisher will receive the title U.S. Para Sailing Singlehanded Champion.
- c. The winner of the Martin 16 class will be awarded the Chandler Hovey Trophy. The highest placing Martin 16 U.S. finisher will receive the title U.S. Para Sailing Doublehanded Champion.
- d. The winner of the Sonar class will be awarded the Gene Hinkel Trophy. The highest placing U.S. Sonar finisher will receive the title U.S. Para Sailing Triplehanded Champion.

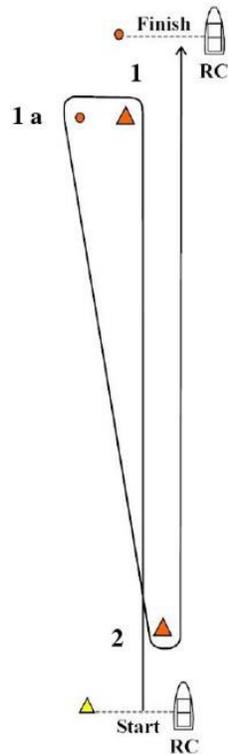
20. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY and MEDIA RELEASE

- 20.1. Competitors acknowledge that they participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The C. Thomas Clagett, Jr. Memorial Clinic and Regatta and its officers, directors and employees, US Sailing, the event volunteers and officials, the event sponsors, and any other member of the regatta will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta. A waiver of liability shall be signed by all competitors and shall be considered a document governing the regatta.
- 20.2. Competitors grant, at no cost and in perpetuity, to The C. Thomas Clagett, Jr. Memorial Clinic and Regatta and US Sailing the absolute right and permission to use their name, voice, image, likeness, and biographical material, as well as representations of the boats in any media world-wide (including television, print and internet media), including video footage, for the sole purposes of advertising, promoting, reporting and disseminating information regarding the event, The C. Thomas Clagett, Jr. Memorial Clinic and Regatta and the competitor's participation in the event.

Attachment A Course Diagrams



Even number of legs



Odd number of legs

Course 1:

Start-1-1a-
Finish (Downwind)

Course 3:

Start-1-1a-2-
Finish (Upwind)

Course 4:

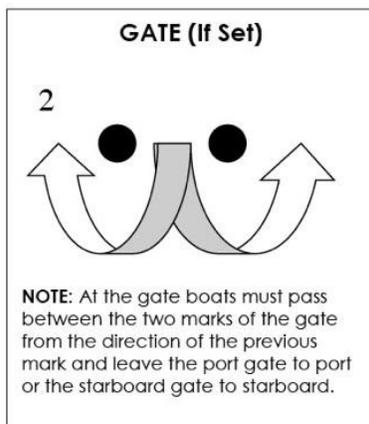
Start-1-1a-2-1-1a-
Finish (Downwind)

Course 5:

Start-1-1a-2-1-1a-2-
Finish (Upwind)

Course 6:

Start-1-1a-2-1-1a-2-1-
1a-
Finish (Downwind)



- a) Marks 1 and 1a shall be rounded to port. Mark 1a is an offset mark and will be positioned to port of mark 1.
- b) Except when there is a change of course, mark 2 will be positioned approximately to windward of the RC Signal Boat.
- c) For downwind finishes mark 2 is not a mark of the course for the first or finishing leg.
- d) For downwind finishes: the finishing line will be to the starboard side of the RC Signal Boat (facing upwind) to leeward of mark 2, unless a change is signaled for the finishing leg.
- e) For upwind finishes: the finish mark will be to windward of mark 1, unless a change is signaled for the finishing leg.