



U.S. TEAM RACING
CHAMPIONSHIP



2021 U.S. Team Racing Championship
for the George R. Hinman Trophy
September 24-26, 2021

Organizing Authority: US Sailing
Host: Bristol Yacht Club, Bristol RI

Notice of Race

1 RULES

- 1.1 The races will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing*, including *Appendix D - Team Racing Rules*, The US Sailing Championship Conditions, and the Conditions for the US Team Racing Championship for the George R. Hinman Trophy.
- 1.2 US Sailing Prescriptions and Regulations
 - 1.2.1 US Sailing Regulation 10 applies in its entirety.
 - 1.2.2 US Sailing Regulation 10.03 Prohibited Substances applies:

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. An alleged breach of this rule shall not be grounds for a protest. This changes RRS 60.

For Junior and Youth events or for junior or youth competitors in any US Sailing championship, no participant or 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; or any alcoholic beverages. However, when the protest committee believes that a competitor may have breached this rule, it shall follow the process described in the Championships 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.
 - 1.2.3 US Sailing Regulation 10.04, Use of Personal Flotation, applies:

Each competitor shall wear a USCG approved life jacket that is 100% dependent on foam for flotation and the appropriate size for the sailor, at all times while on the water, except for brief periods while adding or removing clothing. This changes RRS 40 and the preamble to RRS Part 4. Competitors from outside the United States must supply their own PFDs approved by their MNA. PFDs shall be worn outside of all clothing and under team identification bibs.
 - 1.2.4 The US Sailing Prescriptions to RRS 63.2 and 63.4 shall not apply.
- 1.3 Changes to the RRS
 - 1.3.1 The Organizing Authority may change the format, terminate any stage of the event when, in its opinion, it is impractical to attempt to hold the remainder of matches under the existing conditions or in the remaining time scheduled; early stages may be terminated in favor of later stages. Such



a decision by the Organizing Authority shall not be subject to a request for redress. This changes RRS 62 and D4.2(a).

- 1.3.2 In RRS 66 the third sentence is changed to "A party to a hearing may not ask for a re-opening."
- 1.3.3 Rule D5.3 and 5.4 are changed by replacing "race committee" with "protest committee" in all instances.
- 1.3.4 In accordance with RRS 70.5(a), decisions of the protest committee in the qualifying series are final. US Sailing's permission has been granted. If the requirements shown on <http://www.ussailing.org/race-officials/rules-and-appeals/new-no-appeals-page/> are not met, the decisions of the protest committee may be appealed. US Sailing's permission is limited to the qualifying series. Competitors may appeal decisions of the protest committee in the Championship Series.
- 1.3.5 Add new *rule* D4.8: When a competitor withdraws from part of an event, the scores of all completed races shall stand. When a competitor withdraws from an event pursuant to the US Sailing Code of Conduct [voluntarily or by reason of being excluded by a protest committee], that competitor's team shall be removed from the final event scores and each team with a worse finishing place in the event shall be moved up one place.
- 1.3.6 Neither the Class Rules of the C420 or Z420 (if any) shall apply.

2 Boats provided by the Organizing Authority

- 2.1 Zim 420E (version 2) type sailboats will be provided by Zim Sailing and Bristol YC.
- 2.2 Standing rigging including battens and jib luff tension shall not be adjusted, unless directed by the umpires or boatswain. Running rigging and fittings shall be used for their intended purposes only. All equipment supplied shall be carried aboard while racing. Boats, centerboards, and rudders may be cleaned only with water.
- 2.3 A Team Representative will provide a valid credit card number and completed charter form for their team to the regatta organizer prior to sailing. The representative's credit card may be charged in the event of damage to the boats. Damage that cannot be attributed to a particular incident will be split evenly amongst all of the competitors in the regatta.

3 TEAMS, BIBS, AND PROTEST FLAGS

- 3.1 Each competing team shall consist of three skippers and three crew.
- 3.2 Teams shall wear identification bibs supplied by the Organizing Authority outside of their PFDs.
- 3.3 Teams shall provide their own red protest flags (at least 3). Each flag shall measure at least 8 inches by 8 inches. Each team's red flags shall be inspected and approved by the Chief Umpire or an appointed representative at check-in.

4 ELIGIBILITY

- 4.1 Up to 16 teams but no less than 12 teams will be selected or invited by the U.S. Team Racing



Championship Committee from team resumes and applications. Non-US teams may be invited to compete.

- 4.2 The Championship Committee may give preference for selection to an all women's team.
- 4.3 Sailors who are current members of US Sailing or another Member National Authority (MNA) may apply as a member of a six-person team. US Sailing Regulation 10.02 Non-USA Resident Participation in US Sailing Championships applies.

5 ENTRIES

- 5.1 Complete entry forms (that will consist of a team roster and resumes) and an application fee shall be submitted online between May 11, 2021 and July 3, 2021 at the following address: <https://www.ussailing.org/competition/championships/2021-u-s-team-racing-championship/>. The U.S. Team Racing Championship Committee will thereafter review the applications and notify all applicants of their status no later than July 8, 2021.
- 5.2 An invited team shall pay its entry fee and complete registration online at the address listed in 5.1 by July 15, 2021. The invitation of a team with an incomplete registration or entry fee as of July 15 will be deemed cancelled unless the Organizing Authority extends this time limit.
- 5.3 No competitor or team will be permitted to sail [practice or race] at the venue unless all fees are paid, registration is complete, a valid credit card has been provided to Bristol YC for damage, and all of his/her team members have been otherwise checked in at the venue.

6 FEES

- 6.1 The entry fee for accepted teams is \$1400 per team and includes boat charter. The entry fee includes one dinner on Saturday. The host may also provide various beverages and light snacks throughout the weekend. Housing will not be offered; see regatta information sheet for some available housing options.
- 6.2 An extension of the time limit set forth in 5.2 may be subject to a late fee of \$100 at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.
- 6.3 There will be a non-refundable \$50 application fee that covers platform, credit card, shipping, and other fees. Application fees and entry fees are non-refundable and shall be paid only by credit card at <https://www.ussailing.org/competition/championships/2021-u-s-team-racing-championship/>

7 SUBSTITUTIONS

- 7.1 The Substitution Deadline for making changes to the team roster is August 16, 2021.
- 7.2 Only one team member (helm or crew) may be changed prior to the Substitution Deadline. See [Championship Conditions](#). After August 16, team member substitutions are prohibited, unless due to illness, injury, or other emergency.
- 7.3 Substitution requires the approval of the Chief Umpire in consultation with the U.S. Team Racing Championship Committee Chairman. Requests for substitutions should be made by email to the Committee Chairman at clintonearlhayes@gmail.com; during the event, a written request for



substitution may be delivered to the Chief Umpire or Committee Chairman.

8 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

The proposed schedule of events is:

	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	September 23	September 24	September 25	September 26
Check In	1300 - 1900	0800 - 0900	—	—
Daily Competitors' Briefing	—	0900	0900	0900
First Warning	—	1000	1000	1000
Practice	1300	—	—	—
Regatta Dinner	—	—	1830	—
Trophy Presentation	—	—	—	1700

NOTE: It is the intention of the OA to start awards no later than 1700 on Sunday, September 26th, 2021 although this is not a hard cutoff time. It is strongly suggested that competitors do not plan on leaving the regatta venue until after 1800 on Sunday, September 26th, 2021.

9 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available at check-in and online after August 2 at <https://www.ussailing.org/competition/championships/2021-u-s-team-racing-championship/>.

10 VENUE

Racing will be conducted in the harbor off the main dock or immediately outside the mooring field at Bristol Yacht Club.

11 FORMAT

The racing format at the event will consist of one or more stages.

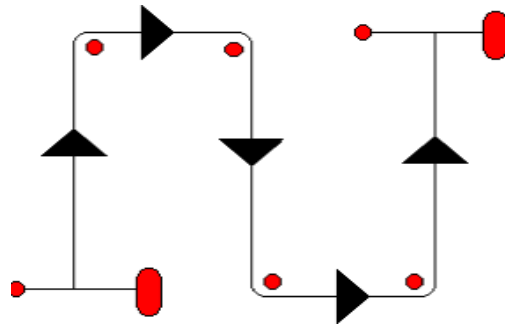
12 COACHING AND SUPPORT BOATS

This championship is a Grade 3 event as outlined in US Sailing Regulation 10.07



13 COURSE

The intended course is a digital N as shown below. Other courses may be used and will be identified in the Sailing Instructions. Courses will not be shortened.



14 SCORING

Scoring will be in accordance with Appendix D, except as changed in the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions.

15 MINIMUM CREW WEIGHT

- 15.1 The combined weight of each six-person team shall not be less than 870 pounds. Each team whose combined weight is less than this amount shall carry corrector weight while racing. The amount of corrector weight will be one pound of corrector weight for each pound of combined crew weight less than 870 pounds. Corrector weights shall be distributed among the boats of a team to make the combined weight of skipper and crew of each of the three boats as even as practicable. The jury, on request, may approve a more equitable distribution.
- 15.2 Each team with a combined weight of less than 870 pounds shall be responsible for supplying its own corrector weights. Only water in sealed jugs shall be acceptable. Competitors shall carry the corrector weights in every race, from boat to boat, and shall secure them in the cockpit of each boat.
- 15.3 Competitors shall be weighed by the organizing authority at check-in to determine the combined weight. The competitors shall be weighed in dry swimming attire or light clothing with empty pockets.
- 15.4 Spot checks of team weights may be made during the regatta for compliance.

16 UMPIRING

The regatta will be umpired in accordance with rule D2.

17 PRIZES



- 17.1 The winning team will be presented the George R. Hinman Trophy.
- 17.2 US Sailing medals for permanent possession will be awarded to the top three placing teams.
- 17.3 The highest finishing U.S. team (all team members possess U.S. passports) will be named United States Team Racing Champions.

18 FURTHER INFORMATION

Contact Information:

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US Sailing Event Website at: <https://www.ussailing.org/competition/championships/2021-u-s-team-racing-championship/>

US Sailing Regulations at: <https://cdn.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/US-Sailing-Regulations-2021-01-25.pdf>

Team Racing Championship Conditions at <https://cdn.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/US-Team-Racing-Conditions.pdf>

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<https://www.ussailing.org/competition/resources/championship-conditions/>