



**AREA C SEMIFINALS
FOR THE US SAILING CHUBB
U.S. JUNIOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS
(THE SMYTHE AND BEMIS TROPHIES)
July 24, 2009**

Organizing Authority – **US SAILING**
Sponsored by – Chubb Insurance Group

Hosted by: **Severn Sailing Association**
311 First St.
Annapolis, MD 21403

NOTICE OF RACE posted 6/9/09

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta shall be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2009 - 2012; the US SAILING Junior Championship Conditions; and the US SAILING Regulations Section 10.0 Championships, US SAILING Regulations 13.04 Sexual Abuse and Harassment Policy, US SAILING Regulations 13.05 Physical Abuse Policy, and US SAILING Regulations 14.04 Volunteers at US Sailing Events; Certified Officials at any Event.
- 1.2. RRS 60.1 (a) is modified to prohibit a boat from protesting another boat for an alleged breach of a class rule requiring class membership.

2. CLASSES

- 2.2 Doublehanded Chubb Jr. Championship (Bemis) – Club 420s with spinnaker and trapeze, crew of 2. Bring your own, sail your own boat, no rotation.
- 2.3 Singlehanded Chubb Jr. Championship (Smythe) – Lasers with standard rig, crew of 1. Bring your own, sail your own boat, no rotation.

3. ADVERTISING

- 1.1 The Chubb U.S. Junior Doublehanded Championship (Bemis) and Singlehanded Championship (Smythe) Semifinals are classified as Category A in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20.

4. ELIGIBILITY and ENTRY

- 4.1 The regatta is open to the sailors representing Sailing Associations within Area C who meet the eligibility requirements as specified in the US Jr. Sailing Championship conditions.
- 4.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the US Sailing Entry Form, Liability Waiver and Medical forms and sending them, together with the required fees to: Brent Ostbye, SSA Juniors, 311 First St., Annapolis, MD 21403, by July 20, 2009.
- 4.3 This is an open event. There are no restrictions as to the amount of entries per sailing association.
- 4.4 Entry forms are available at www.ussailing.org/championships.

5. FEES

- 5.1 Smythe \$15.00 per boat
- Bemis \$30.00 per boat
- 5.2 Make checks payable to Severn Sailing Association.

All waivers and fees must be received no later than July 24, 2009.

6. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 6.1. Friday July 24, 2009
 - 7:30am Arrival, Check in, Registration, and Rigging
 - 9:00am Competitor's Meeting
 - 9:30am Harbor Gun
 - 10:30am Warning Signal, Multiple Races planned up to a maximum of five (5) races. Lunch break on the water as appropriate.
- 6.2 No warning signal will be made after 1800 hours.
- 6.3 Because more than one race is scheduled to be held on the same day, the warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable. To alert boats that another race will begin soon, Code flag "Q" will be displayed for at least one minute and then lowered with one sound signal one minute before a warning signal is displayed.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 7.1. Will be provided at Registration and posted on the US SAILING website.

8. COURSES

- 8.1. Will be those diagramed in the Sailing Instructions.

9. SCORING

- 9.1. RRS A2 low point system. One discard with five (5) or more completed races.

10. RACING AREA

- 10.1. The racing area will be the Chesapeake Bay as close as practical to SSA and Spa Creek.

11. DECISIONS OF THE PROTEST COMMITTEE

- 11.1. It is intended that decisions made by the protest committee are non appealable in accordance with RRS 70.5 and the US SAILING prescription to that rule. If the requirements show on <http://raceadmin.ussailing.org/Rules/No Appeal/Rule 70 5 a Procedure.htm> are not met, the decisions of the protest committee may be appealed.

12. LIFEJACKETS

- 12.1. All competitors shall wear, while on the water, a U.S. Coast Guard approved Type III PFD, except for brief periods while changing clothing.

13. PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES

- 13.1. No participant or competitor shall use, either on or off the water: marijuana or any other controlled substance (as defined in 21 U.S. Code 802) the possession of which is unlawful under 21 U.S. Code 841, or alcoholic beverages (distilled spirits, wine and beer, each as defined in chapter 51 of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code and intended for beverage use)

- 13.2. An alleged breach of one of these regulations shall not be grounds for a protest. However, when the protest committee believes that a competitor may have breached one of these regulations, it shall follow the process described in racing rule 69.1 and a competitor found to have breached one of these regulations shall be excluded from the remaining races in the series, and where practical removed from the regatta venue and sent home. The competitor's boat shall be disqualified from all races of the series.

14. COACHING AND/OR SUPPORT OF COMPETITORS

- 14.1. Except as specifically provided for in the *Conditions*, instructors, coaches or other support personnel and family members shall not go afloat in the racing area at any time during the racing day.
- 14.2. Except as specifically provided for in the *Conditions*, competitors shall not receive advice, instruction, or any other type of outside assistance including using electronic communication devices while at the sailing venue until the last protest/redress hearing is decided during the semifinal.

15. PRIZES

- 15.1. US Sailing medals will be awarded to those teams finishing in the top 3 positions.
- 15.2. In addition, the first and second place Bemis and Smythe teams are eligible to advance to the respective Chubb US Sailing National Championships.

16. REGISTRATION

- 16.1. Each team must forward one copy of the official US Sailing entry form, the checks, the liability waiver, and the medical forms indicated in section 5 for each participant to: Brent Ostbye, SSA Juniors, 311 First St., Annapolis, MD 21403 by July 20, 2009. Bring the original entry form to the Bemis/Smythe Area C registration desk.

DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

17. FURTHER INFORMATION

17.1. Contact the Area C Representative of the Chubb US SAILING Junior Championships Committee; the Regatta Chairperson, Brent Ostbye; or visit the US SAILING website at: <http://ussailing.org/championships/youth/usjr/double/>; or, <http://ussailing.org/championships/youth/usjr/single/>.

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