

2018 USSCA NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP

July 31 – August 4, 2018

Waukegan Public Beach, Waukegan, IL – USA

Notice of Race

(Release date: Feb 11, 2018)

Organizing Authority: Lake Bluff Yacht Club

Endorsed by USSCA

1. RULES

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

- 1.1. The following are the only prescriptions of US SAILING that will apply: the prescription to RRS 61.4 (no fees for protests), the prescription to RRS67 (results of jury are not liability decisions), and the prescription to RRS 76.1 (non-discrimination).

The prescriptions are contained in their entirety at:

https://www.sunfishclass.org/documents/2017-2020_US_Prescriptions_-_final_10.4.2016.pdf

- 1.2. If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.
- 1.3. This event will qualify the top 3 nations (non-previously qualified) to compete at the Pan American Games – Lima 2019, in the Open Single-handed Sailing Event (Does not apply to Youth NA's event). [Requirements of the Qualification System as defined by the Pan American Sailing Federation \(PASAF\) are applicable.](#)
- 1.4. A competitor may qualify a country for the 2019 Pan American Games only when eligible to represent that country under IOC rules, and that the IOC Nationality rules shall apply to all members of the crew.
- 1.5. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes of the first boat to finish will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes Rules 35, A4 and A5.
- 1.6. Rules A4 and A5 will be changed to state that a boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start.
- 1.7. All competitor's attention is drawn to the US Federal Law Title 33, Subpart B Personal Floatation Devices that may be enforced by local or federal law enforcement agencies, which requires that while practicing for or racing in competition, each boat must carry for each competitor aboard, either a US Coast Guard-approved flotation device, or a flotation device that conforms to regulations of their own country. Failure by a competitor to heed this advice is not a protestable item.

2. ADVERTISING

The Organizing Authority may require all participating boats to display the event sponsor's advertising in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 Each competitor shall be a 2018 member of his/her respective country's Class Association.
- 3.2 Sailors not reaching the age of 19 by the end of 2018 shall be classified as a Youth.
- 3.3 Sailors reaching the age of 40 by the first day of the regatta shall be classified as a Master.
- 3.4 Registration may be completed online at: www.lakebluffyachtclub.org/2018NA
- 3.5 Checks are also accepted and should be made payable to Lake Bluff Yacht Club and mailed to PO Box 292, Lake Bluff, IL 60044 along with Entry Form on Addendum 1.

4. ENTRY FEES

- 4.1 **Youth NA's Entry Fee:** \$80 (After July 1, 2018: \$100)
- 4.2 **NA's Entry Fee:** \$200 (After July 1, 2018: \$225)
- 4.3 **Joint NA's Entry Fee:** \$250 (After July 1, 2018: \$275)
- 4.4 Registration fee includes as a minimum: Regatta gift bag, hors d'oeuvres at the opening ceremony, Youth dinner on Wednesday, dinner on Friday, awards ceremony BBQ, breakfast and lunch on racing days. Additional activities will be announced at registration.
- 4.5 Registration fees are in US Dollars and shall be free of any transfer and/or banking costs and/or commissions. Any charge shall be reimbursed by competitors to complete their entries.
- 4.6 Meal plans available for coaches, family members, and guests can be purchased for \$75.

5. SCHEDULE

5.1 YOUTH NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP

Monday July 30

- 12:00 Hrs. 18:00 Hrs. Registration and Measurement
- 14:00 Hrs. Practice Starts/Practice Race
- 18:00 Hrs. Welcome Party

Tuesday July 31

- 07:00 Hrs. – 09:00 Hrs. Last Call for Measurement & Registration
- 08:00 Hrs. Breakfast and/or Make Your Lunch
- 09:30 Hrs. Skipper's Meeting
- 10:30 Hrs. First Warning
- After Racing: Dinner

Wednesday August 1

- 08:00 Hrs. Breakfast and/or Make Your Lunch
- 10:00 Hrs. First Warning
- 18:00 Youth NA's Awards Ceremony & Dinner

Multiple back to back races will be sailed each day with lunch on the water.
On Wednesday, August 1, no warning signal will be made after 14:00 hours.

5.2 NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP (2019 Pan-Am Games Country Qualifier)

Wednesday August 1

- 10:00 Hrs. 18:00 Hrs. Registration and Measurement
- 15:30 Hrs. Practice Starts/Practice Race
- 18:00 Hrs. Welcome Party

Thursday August 2

07:00 Hrs. – 09:30 Hrs. Last Call for Measurement & Registration
08:00 Hrs. Breakfast and Make Your Lunch
10:00 Hrs. Skipper's Meeting
11:00 Hrs. First Warning
After Racing: Dinner
18:00 Hrs. USSCA Board Meeting

Friday August 3

08:00 Hrs. Breakfast and Make Your Lunch
11:00 Hrs. First Warning
After Racing: Dinner
18:00 Hrs. USSCA General Assembly Meeting

Saturday August 4

08:00 Hrs. Breakfast and Make Your Lunch
11:00 Hrs. First Warning
18:00 Hrs. NA's Awards Ceremony

Multiple back to back races will be sailed each day with lunch on the water.
On Saturday, August 4, no warning signal will be made after 14:00 hours.

6. MEASUREMENT

Boats and equipment must be compliant with current ISCA rules. A signed measurement form must be submitted to the registration desk for the entry to be completed. Boats may be selected for re-measurement at any time during the regatta by the ISCA Chief Measurer, or an appointed representative.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available at check-in for the regatta.

8. VENUE

The regatta venue will be Lake Bluff Yacht Club on the Waukegan, IL public beach. Racing will be in the waters of Lake Michigan, east of the Waukegan, IL public beach.

9. THE COURSES

The courses will be windward – leeward, triangles, or combinations thereof.

10. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 10.1 Appendix P will apply.
- 10.2 If a judge believes that there has been a breach of a rule of Part 2 (When Boats Meet) or RRS 31 (Touching a Mark), the judge may make two sound signals but will not display any flag nor hail any sail number. If no boat takes a penalty under rule 44.2, the judge may protest one or more boats.
- 10.3 If a judge witnesses an incident in the vicinity of the windward mark in which a boat protests another boat (hails "protest" at the first reasonable opportunity) as a result of the incident, and no boat takes a penalty, the judge may signal to impose a penalty by displaying a red flag

with one long sound signal and hailing the sail number(s) of the boat(s) penalized. A boat so penalized by a judge shall take a penalty per rule 44.2.

- 10.4 A boat involved in an incident where a judge signals under NOR 10.3 is not entitled to a hearing. This changes rules 60, 61, 62, 63, 64.1, 65 and 66.
- 10.5 Decisions of the International Jury will be final as provided in Rule 70.5.

11. SCORING

- 11.1 The Low Point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A2, shall apply.
- 11.2 One (1) race is required to constitute a series.
- 11.3 A maximum of eight (8) races will be sailed for the Youth NA's.
- 11.4 A maximum of twelve (12) races will be sailed for the NA's.
- 11.5 When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 11.6 When six (6) to eleven (11) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst race.
- 11.7 When twelve (12) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

12. SUPPORT BOATS

- 12.1 The organizing authority will not provide support boats.
- 12.2 Support boats include those carrying team leaders, coaches and other personnel that interact with competitors.
- 12.3 Coach/support boats must register prior to the first competitor's meeting on the first day of racing with the Organizing Authority. Coach/support boats shall carry a working VHF radio and monitor the race committee channel.
- 12.4 Support boats shall stay outside the racing area from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment. The racing area is defined as no less than 100 meters from any boats that are racing and outside the laylines from the marks defining the course.
- 12.5 Support boats shall remain 50 meters below the starting line between the preparatory and starting signals. After the starting signal, they may only proceed to the windward mark up the left side of the course and must return to the leeward mark via the same side. At the finish line, they must remain 100 meters to windward of the extensions of the finish line.
- 12.6 No communication from the support boats (including verbal and hand signals) will be permitted after the preparatory signal until after the competitor completes the race.
- 12.7 If a support boat does not comply with applicable rules, restrictions and/or instructions, a discretionary penalty may be applied by the International Jury to some or all associated competitors and may include restrictions on the movement of their support boat.
- 12.8 Support boats may be required to act as safety boats upon instruction from a race official.

13. PRESS / PHOTOGRAPHY BOATS

- 13.1 Press or photography boats may be supplied or authorized by the organizing authority.
- 13.2 Press/photography boats shall stay outside the laylines to the marks defining the course while boats are racing and shall not maneuver so as to interfere with or influence boats racing.
- 13.3 Press/photography boats shall obey instructions related to boat positioning or operations from on-the-water race officials.

14. BERTHING

Boats shall be kept at the regatta site and in spots assigned by the organizing authority.

15. PRIZES

Prizes will be given as follows:

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- a) Top Five finishers
- b) Top Junior Sailor (Does not turn 15 in calendar year of the regatta)
- c) Additional special prizes may be awarded

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- a) Top Ten finishers
- b) Highest placed Female finisher (if the top finisher is male) or the highest placed Male finisher (if the top finisher is Female)
- c) Highest placed Youth
- d) Highest placed Master (50+)
- e) Alcort Sportsmanship Award
- f) Additional special prizes may be awarded

16. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority 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.

17. INSURANCE

The organizing authority recommends that each competitor shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance.

18. LODGING / TRANSPORTATION

Local Hotels:

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<http://www.visitlakecounty.org/AccommodationsGuide>

Housing:

Housing will be provided upon request based on availability.

Camping:

Primitive Camping (no shower facilities) will be allowed on the regatta site.

A full service campground is located 20 minutes away at Illinois Beach State Park:

<https://www.dnr.illinois.gov/Parks/Pages/AdelineJayGeo-KarisIllinoisBeach.aspx>

Distance from closest Airports:

- Chicago, O'Hare International Airport: 35 miles
- Milwaukee International Airport: 47 miles

19. WEATHER CONDITIONS

- Predominant Breeze: South 40% of the time
- Average historical wind speed: 5 - 20mph
- Average day temperature: 80°F

- Average night temperature: 61°F
- Tide: 0 Ft
- Current: variable
- The information provided, may vary from year to year. For more information, check out the following websites:
 - <https://www.windfinder.com/>
 - <http://www.sailflow.com/>

20. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 20.1 For logistics, lodging, travel or venue questions contact Organizing Authority Representative:
Douglas Warren
Email: douglas.b.warren@gmail.com
Telephone: (847) 204-7023
- 20.2 Limited local housing will be available. Please contact Gretchen Seymour at gretchenseymour@me.com for more information.
- 20.3 Regatta web page: www.lakebluffyachtclub.org/2018NA
- 20.4 For charter boats please contact:
- **The Dinghy Shop** at www.dinghyshop.com
Jim or Marguerite Koehler
(631) 264-0005
info@dinghyshop.com
 - **Sunfish Direct** at <https://www.sunfishdirect.com/>
Chris McLellan
(586) 350-6010
cmclellan@discountmarinesource.com



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Addendum 1

2018 USSCA NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP

ENTRY FORM

NAME _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____

SEX _____ YACHT CLUB _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

COUNTRY _____

PHONE _____

E-MAIL (to confirm receipt of entry) _____

SHIRT SIZE _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT NAME _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT PHONE _____

ENTRY FEE

YOUTH NA's \$80 (After July 1, 2018: \$100)

NA's \$200 (After July 1, 2018: \$225)

JOINT NA's \$250 (After July 1, 2018: \$275)

Make check payable to: Lake Bluff Yacht Club

Mail check and Entry Form to: Lake Bluff Yacht Club, P.O. Box 292, Lake Bluff, IL 60044 Atn.
2018 USSCA North American Championship.

****If entrant is Under 18 years old at the time of this entry, a parent or guardian must also agree to the Liability Release**

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

COUNTRY _____

PHONE _____ E-MAIL _____

SIGNATURE _____



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