



The U.S. Women's Championship for the Mrs. Charles Francis Adams Cup

September 17—21, 2008

Organizing Authority: US SAILING

Hosted by the Oklahoma City Boat Club

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Sponsor: Rolex Watch U.S.A. Inc.

NOTICE OF RACE posted 1/18/08

1. RULES

- 1.1. The National Finals as well as all Elimination Events will be governed by the *rules* as defined in The 2005—2008 Racing Rules of Sailing RRS and the current US SAILING Championship Conditions for the U.S. Women's Sailing Championship and its Eliminations.
- 1.2. The Chairman and the Area Representatives of the Event Championship Committee administer the Championship Event.
- 1.3. The J-22 Class rules will be used except that RRS 60.1 (a) is changed to prohibit a boat from protesting another boat for an alleged breach of a class rule requiring class membership or imposing a weight limit. This is not an international regatta; therefore, boats are not required to display a country code on their sails under Appendix G.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND CREW

- 2.1. The boat for this competition will be the J-22, provided by the Oklahoma City Boat Club and J-22 Fleet 36. The number of crew shall be 4 including helmsman.
- 2.2. All competitors including alternates, must be female; and
 - 2.2.1. Be age 18 or over in the 2008 calendar year, except one crew member (not skipper) may be age 15 or older in the 2008 calendar year; and
 - 2.2.2. Members of US SAILING, and
 - 2.2.2.1 A Yacht Club (YC), within the same US SAILING area as the skipper, belonging to a Regional Sailing Association (RSA) recognized by US SAILING, or
 - 2.2.2.2 A Club belonging directly to USSAILING within the same USSAILING area as the skipper
 - 2.2.2.3 A Community Sailing Program (CSP) or other sailing organization which is a member of the local RSA and US SAILING area as the skipper.
 - 2.2.2.4 Reside in or regularly compete in the same US SAILING area where the Club is geographically located.
 - 2.2.3. Members of a team do not have to be members of the same YC or CSP. Refer also to Paragraphs 2 & 4 of the Championship Conditions.
- 2.3. The selection process for competitors shall be by sailing elimination ladder events progressing from the club level through the RSA, Area and to the National Championship. Some entries may be selected by resume, but only after each Area has had the opportunity to send a finalist from the ladder eliminations. In the event that an elimination is not held, resumes may be submitted per 5.2.

3. FEES

Entry Fee \$600.00/Team: payable by credit card at: www.ussailing.org/championship/adult/women/uswsc
Damage Deposit \$250.00 (Separate check payable to OCBC)

4. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Host Club:

HOST CLUB:

Oklahoma City Boat Club
PO Box 20245
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73156
PHONE NUMBER: (405) 751-8409 (not attended)
Web: www.okcboatclub.com

Wednesday September 17, 2008 – 0800-0900 Breakfast
0800-1700 Check in
Clinic
1200 Lunch
1300 Practice race
1700 Sail draw, competitor briefing
1800 Opening Ceremony

Thursday September 18, 2008 – 0800-0900 Breakfast / Lunch Bar
0915 Daily Sail Draw
0930 Harbor Gun
1030 Warning, First race of the day, others to follow
1800 Dinner at OCBC

Friday September 19, 2008 - 0800-0900 Breakfast / Lunch Bar
0915 Daily Sail Draw
0930 Harbor Gun
1030 Warning, First race of the day, others to follow
Open Night

Saturday September 20 2008 – 0800-0900 Breakfast / Lunch Bar
0915 Daily Sail Draw
0930 Harbor Gun
1030 Warning, First race of the day, others to follow
1800 Thank You Dinner at OCBC

Sunday September 21, 2008 – 0800-0900 Breakfast
0915 Daily Sail Draw
0900 Harbor Gun
1030 Warning, First race of the day, others to follow
1200 Lunch
1300 Awards presentation

5. REGISTRATION

5.1. The official entry form shall be used at the Regional Sailing Association, Area and National levels of

this ladder.

- 5.2. In the event that a competitor wishes to apply by resume, they must submit a resume form with a non-refundable application fee of \$50 to www.ussailing.org/championship/adult/women/uswsc **no later than August 15**. Successful candidates will be notified by August 20.
- 5.3. Competitors shall register in advance by completing the entry form on line, see the link below, **no later than August 22, 2008**. www.ussailing.org/championship/adult/women/uswsc
- 5.4. No entry fees will be refunded after August 28, 2008 unless a replacement team can be found.

6. HOUSING - Housing will be provided for all competitors at Nationals **if requested no later than 9/1/08**. After that all attempts will be made, and hotels will be offered at select rates. Contact Nancy Shidler Email:Nancy.Shidler@Integrus-Health.com phone #'s: 405-949-6984 (wk) 405-550-3545 (cell)

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS – Sailing Instructions will be posted on the US SAILING web site in draft form by August 31, 2008 and will be available at registration in final form.
www.ussailing.org/championship/adult/women/uswsc/ **Final Sailing Instructions and Notice of Race will be available at check in.**

8. NUMBER OF RACES –

- 8.1 The regatta will be conducted using a round-robin format. If possible, each skipper/team will race in each boat one (1) time.
- 8.2 The number of races will be determined by the final number of entries according to the Conditions.
- 8.3 Three (3) races constitute a regatta.

9. RACING AREA AND COURSES

- 9.1 Racing area will be on Lake Hefner
- 9.2 Courses will be windward leeward.

10. SCORING

- 10.1 Appendix A2 is modified such that all races will be scored for this event.

11.0 SAFETY

- 11.1 Per US SAILING Regulation 10.04 Competitors in US SAILING championships or qualifiers for US SAILING championships shall wear a U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) approved personal floatation device (PFD) while on the water, other than for brief periods while adding or removing clothing.
- 11.2 A boat retiring from a race shall notify a Race Committee vessel before leaving the course, or when that is impossible, the Regatta Office immediately after arrival ashore.

12 PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES

- 12.0 Per US SAILING Regulation 10.03 B. For Junior and Youth events or for junior or youth competitors in any US SAILING championship, 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).
OR
- 12.1 Per US SAILING Regulation 10.03 A. For adult US SAILING championship events, no 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.
- 12.3 Per US SAILING Regulation 10.03 C. An alleged breach of (10.03B, #15.1 for junior and youth events **OR** 10.03 A, #15.2 for adult events) 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 of the series and, where practicable, sent home. The competitor's boat shall be disqualified from all races of the series.

13. PRIZES AT NATIONAL EVENT

- 13.1 The winning team shall receive the **Mrs. Charles Francis Adams Trophy**, which they shall have appropriately engraved and may hold until the following year's Championship.
- 13.2 The second place team will receive the **Mrs. Willis D. Wood Trophy** which they shall have appropriately engraved and may hold until the following year's Championship.
- 13.3 The third place team will receive the **Alexander Gest Trophy** which they shall have appropriately engraved and may hold until the following year's Championship.
- 13.4 The **Francis McElwain Wakeman Sportsmanship Award** will be awarded to the skipper or crew who best exemplifies sportsmanship both on and off the water. The winner of this perpetual award shall have it appropriately engraved and may hold it until next year's Championship.
- 13.5 **US SAILING medals** will be awarded to the skippers and crews finishing in the top three positions.
- 13.6 A **Shipshape Award** will be presented to the Team with the greatest number of points for neatness and general shipshape condition of borrowed boats.

14 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 14.1 Contact Betsy Beddow, the National Chair for the U.S. Women's Sailing Championship, betsy@beddow.com, (918) 664-5903.
- 14.2 Liz Walker, Championships Director: lizwalker@ussailing.org; US SAILING, PO Box 1260 Portsmouth, RI 02871; phone (401)683-0800 ext. 651
- 14.3 For qualifying events, please refer to the information posted under Area Qualifiers at <http://www.ussailing.org/championships/eliminations.asp?championshipshipid=2>

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