



29ER US NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP



July 25 to July 28, 2017

Alamitos Bay Yacht Club
Long Beach, California, USA

NOTICE OF RACE

AMENDED MAY 21, 2017

This event serves as both the 2017 US 29er National Championships and the “tune up” regatta for the 2017 29er World Championship Regatta. <http://www.29erworlds.org/> Alamitos Bay Yacht Club (ABYC) and the US 29er Class Association invite all 29er sailors, regardless of nationality, to compete in this event. The Organizing Authority (OA) is Alamitos Bay Yacht Club.

The notation ‘[DP]’ in a rule in the NoR means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2. The following prescriptions of US national authority will apply:
Prescriptions to RRS 61.4, 67 and 76.1, which are stated in full below:
 - 1.2.1. RRS 61.4 – Fees for Protests and Requests for Redress – US Sailing prescribes that no fees shall be charged for protests or requests for redress.
 - 1.2.2. RRS 67 – Damages – US Sailing prescribes that:
 - (a) A boat that retires from a race or accepts a penalty does not by that action alone admit liability for damages.
 - (b) A protest committee shall find facts and make decisions only in compliance with the rules. No protest committee or US Sailing Appeals authority shall adjudicate any claim for damages. Such a claim is subject to the jurisdiction of the courts.
 - (c) A basic purpose of the rules is to prevent contact between boats. By participating in an event governed by the rules, a boat agrees that responsibility for damages arising from any breach of the rules shall be based on fault as determined by application of the rules, and that she shall not be governed by the legal doctrine of “assumption of risk” for monetary damages resulting from contact with other boats.
 - 1.2.3. RRS 76.1 – Exclusion of Boats or Competitors – US Sailing prescribes that an organizing authority or race committee shall not reject or cancel the entry of a boat or exclude a competitor eligible under the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions for an arbitrary or capricious reason, or for the reason of race, color, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, or age.
- 1.3. RRS G3 CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS will be in effect. A boat chartered or loaned for an event may carry national letters or a sail number in contravention of her class rules.

2. ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority. World Sailing Regulation 20.9.2 applies. [DP]



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3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1. The regatta is open to all boats of the International 29er Class sailed by competitors who are members of the International 29er Class Association.
- 3.2. Eligible boats may enter through the event website www.abyc.org
- 3.3. Parent/Guardian Declarations: All helms and crews under 18 years of age during the event shall complete a signed Parent/Guardian Declarations which can be downloaded from the event site. Declaration forms, which must be signed by a Parent/ Guardian, can be handed in at registration or emailed to ABYC.

4. FEES

- 4.1. Entry fee: \$120 USD if paid on or before Tuesday, June 16, 2017, \$150 USD thereafter.
- 4.2. No entries will be accepted after July 22, 2017
- 4.3. Coach Event Registration Fee is \$40 USD per person
- 4.4. Refunds for cancelled entries will be 50% up to Tuesday June 16, 2017

5. QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES

If the number of entries received at the close of entries is more than 80, the regatta may consist of a qualifying series and a final series.

6. SCHEDULE

6.1.

Shipping for US Nationals & Worlds	
Wednesday 12 th July	First Day Containers can arrive at ABYC
Sunday 6 th August	Pack Containers for shipping

6.2.

Registration and Race Office Schedule	
Tuesday 25 th July	From 12:00 to 17:00
Wednesday 26 th July	From 09:00 to 17:00
Thursday 27 th July	From 09:00 to 17:00
Friday 28 th July	From 09:00 to 17:00

6.3.

Social and Meeting Schedule		
Wednesday 26 th July	0900	Coaches Meeting with the OA
	0930	Competitors' Meeting
	After Racing	Power Snack
		Competitor Debrief



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Thursday 27 th July	0930	Competitors' Meeting
	After Racing	Power Snack
		Competitor Debrief
Friday 28 th July	0930	Competitors' Meeting
	After Racing	Power Snack
		Prize Giving

6.4.

Racing Schedule

Wednesday 26 th July	Championship series races
Thursday 27 th July	Championship series races
Friday 28 th July	Championship series races

6.5.

Number of races:

6.5.1. Ten races are scheduled.

6.5.2. No more than 4 races per day shall be sailed.

6.6.

The scheduled time of the Warning Signal for the first race each day will be 1155.

6.7.

On Friday 28th July, the first Warning Signal for a race will not be made after 1700.

7. MEASUREMENTS

7.1.

Spot measurement checks may be carried out during the Championship.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available electronically on the regatta website. Printed copies will be posted on the official notice board.

9. VENUE

9.1.

The 2017 29er US National Championship will be held at Alamitos Bay Yacht Club, Long Beach, CA 90803 USA

9.2.

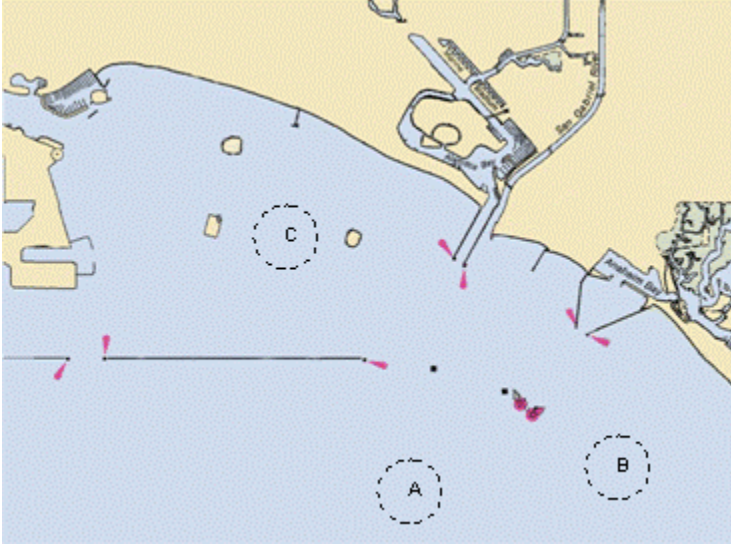
Racing will take place on the Pacific Ocean off Long Beach



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- 9.3. The approximate location of the racing areas are shown below.



10. COURSES

The courses to be sailed will be windward-leeward. The race target time will be 30 minutes.

11. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 11.1. RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 11.2. In accordance with rule 70.5(a), decisions of the protest committee are final. US Sailing's permission has been granted. If the requirements 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 final series.

12. SCORING

- 12.1. Series Scores:
- When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
 - When from 5 to 8 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
 - When 9 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.
- 12.2. If the regatta consists of a qualifying series and a final series, the scoring system will be described in the sailing instructions.

13. SUPPORT BOATS

- 13.1. Support boats shall register at the Race Office during the registration period. All support boats will be required to comply with local legislation and event support boat regulations. [DP]
- 13.2. Coaches are required to complete on-site registration and pay the appropriate fee as per NOR 4.3 at the Race Office. [DP]
- 13.3. Support boats shall display their national letters on a flag or outboard covers. [DP]



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- 13.4. If called upon, support boats will be required to act as rescue boats. [DP]
- 13.5. Additional instructions will be stated in the SIs.

14. PRIZES

- 14.1. Prizes will be awarded to the top 5 teams, the top all-female team, and the highest ranking team where both helm and crew represent the United States of America– the US 29er National Champions.

15. BERTHING

- 15.1. All competitors shall store their boats on the beach immediately adjacent to the ABYC facility for the duration of the event. [DP]
- 15.2. After each day of racing, all personal belongings shall either be secured within a boat or removed from the beach area; security patrols will be provided for the beach area however the OA assumes no responsibility for any lost or missing items. [DP]



16. SAFETY

- 16.1. Competitors shall either wear a US Coast Guard-approved flotation device, or a flotation device that conforms to the International 29er Class Rules while on the water, other than for brief periods while adding or removing clothing. [DP]

17. RIGHTS TO USE NAMES & LIKENESSES

- 17.1. By participating in the 29er US National Championship a competitor automatically grants to the Organizing Authority and its sponsors and agents the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of him or her relating to the event without compensation.
- 17.2. A drone may be flown to record video and still imagery primarily for the event advertising and promotion.



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18. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 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.

19. RISK STATEMENT

RRS 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omission;
- d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

20. FURTHER INFORMATION

Additional useful information regarding accommodations, travel, boat charters, equipment services and area recreation are available at www.abyc.org or contact the ABYC office abyc@abyc.org or +1 562 434 9955.

Charter Boats: Available from Zim Sailing - www.zimsailing.com

Link to the charter boat page is: www.zimsailing.com/charters/default.aspx

Coach Boat Charters: a limited number of coach boat charters are available from:
US Sailing Center Long Beach: <http://www.usclub.org/coach-boats> or (562) 433-7939