



2026 US Junior Women's Singlehanded Championships for the Leiter Trophy

July 27-30, 2026
Corpus Christi, TX



NOTICE OF RACE (NoR)

Organizing Authority: US Sailing
Host Club: Corpus Christi Yacht Club

All times are US Central Time

Event Website:

<https://www.ussailing.org/competition/championships/2026-u-s-junior-womens-singlehanded-championship>

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. The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the NoR means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule nor request redress based on that rule. This changes RRS 60.1 and 61.1.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 Other documents that govern the event are:
 - (a) US Sailing Championship Conditions, available at <https://www.ussailing.org/competition/resources/championship-conditions/>
 - (b) Conditions for the US Junior Women's Singlehanded Championships (USJWC Conditions), available on the [event website](#).
 - (c) [NP] US Sailing Championship Code of Conduct, available at <https://www.ussailing.org/competition/resources/championship-conditions/>
 - (d) [DP] US Sailing Coaching and Support Boat Policy, available at: <https://www.ussailing.org/competition/resources/coaching-and-support-boat-policy/>. This is a Grade 2 (US Sailing coaches provided) event.
- 1.3 The Class Rules of the International Laser Class Association apply.
 - (a) RRS 60.1 is changed to add: 'However, a boat shall not protest another boat for an alleged breach of a class rule other than class equipment measurement rules.'
- 1.4 RRS 60.4(a)(2) is changed as follows: '(2) if it alleges a breach of a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 and is from a boat that was not involved in, and did not see, the incident or'
- 1.5 RRS 77 is changed so that a boat is not required to display national letters.

2 SAFETY

- 2.1 [DP] Each competitor shall wear a USCG-approved life jacket, in good condition, that is 100% dependent on foam for flotation and the appropriate size for the sailor, at all times while on the water except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment.
- 2.2 The PFD must be worn outside of all clothing except that a thin shirt or bib may be worn over the PFD to prevent snagging.
- 2.3 [DP] Each competitor shall carry a tow line at least 40 feet long onboard at all times while on the water.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The official notice board is online and located at the [event website](#). Courtesy Postings will be located at the east window of the CCYC Sailing Center.
- 3.2 [DP] From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

4.1 The sailing instructions will be posted on the notice board approximately one week before the event.

5 ELIGIBILITY

- 5.1 The event is open to all boats of the ILCA 4 and ILCA 6 class that meet the following requirements. All competitors shall:
- (a) provide their own boats. Charter boat information is available on the event website.
 - (b) be female and have reached their 13th birthday but not their 19th birthday during the calendar year in which the event is held.
 - (c) be US Competitors (see US Championship Conditions B7.3(a)).
 - (d) be individual or family members, all in good standing, of US Sailing at the time of application, registration, and of the event and not otherwise ineligible to compete under the laws, regulations, policies and rules of the USOPC or its affiliated organizations.

6 ENTRY

6.1 Eligible boats may enter no later than July 13, 2026 by registering online at the [event website](#) and paying all required fees. To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all advance and on-site registration requirements and pay all fees.

7 FEES

7.1 Entry fees are as follows:

If paid by midnight on:	Entry Fee (US\$)
June 15, 2026	\$475
July 13, 2026	\$575

7.2 The entry fee includes pre-regatta clinic, racing, boat storage and launching during the event, post-race socials, and the awards dinner.

8 ADVERTISING

8.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

9 SCHEDULE

9.1 [DP] Competitors shall not arrive at the venue before Sunday, July 26 unless they have been given prior written permission from the US Sailing Junior Women's Championship Committee Chair. Requests for early and late arrivals and departures shall be made in writing via e-mail to US Sailing, youthchampionships@ussailing.org and sent no later than July 19.

9.2 The schedule is as follows (all times are US Central):

Date	Time	Item
Sun, July 26	1300-1700	Early boat drop-off
Mon, July 27	0900-1000 1000-1800	On-site Registration Clinic with US Sailing Coaches
Tue, July 28	1000-1800	Clinic with US Sailing Coaches
Wed, July 29	0900 1100	Competitors' Meeting Racing Day - Warning for first race of the day
Thur, July 30	0900 1100 1500 1730-1830	Competitors' Meeting Racing Day - Warning for first race of the day No warning after this time Awards Ceremony

9.3 [NP] Awards presentation will be made as soon as practicable following the conclusion of racing and pack-up. Attendance at the Awards Ceremony is mandatory for all competitors.

10 [DP] REGISTRATION AND EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 10.1 By the end of onsite registration all competitors shall, in writing, agree to abide by the US Sailing Championship Code of Conduct and US Sailing Waiver of Liability.
- 10.2 Boats, sails, and equipment may be inspected at any time.

11 VENUE

11.1 The venue will be Corpus Christi Yacht Club, 98 Coopers Alley, Corpus Christi, TX 78401

11.2 The racing area will be on the waters of Corpus Christi Bay.

12 COURSES

12.1 Courses will be autonomous marks or drop-marks courses as described in the sailing instructions.

13 PENALTY SYSTEM

13.1 RRS/US Appendix P shall be in effect, as modified in the Sailing Instructions.

14 SCORING

14.1 Three races are required to be completed to constitute a championship.

14.2 Additional scoring details will be provided in the sailing instructions.

15 RISK, DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

15.1 Competitors participate in the regatta at their own risk. See Racing Rules of Sailing rule 3 (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.

15.2 Competitors shall accept full responsibility for their actions during any activity related to the event. This includes activities before, during, and after the regatta from the time they arrive at the venue until they leave the venue at the conclusion of the event.

16 PRIZES

16.1 US Sailing Championship medals will be awarded to competitors who finish first through fifth overall in classes greater than 25 and first through third overall in classes with less than 25 entries.

16.2 The winning competitors will have their names placed on the Leiter Trophy.

16.3 The C. Thomas Clagett Jr. Sportsmanship Prize will be awarded to a competitor based on the results of the competitor ballots.

16.4 Additional awards may be given at the discretion of the organizing authority and host club.

17 FURTHER INFORMATION

17.1 For further information please contact

Event Chair:	Joe Hanko	sailingdirector@ccyc.com	239.789.7510
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Chief Judge:	Chris Lupens	jcluppens@ussailing.net	
US Sailing Staff:	John Pearce	youth@ussailing.org	401.342.7930
Championship Chair:	Alana Marks	alanaoreilly@gmail.com	843.327.9855

NoR Appendix A - SafeSport MAAPP and Reporting Protocol

SafeSport:

This event will be run in compliance with the US Center for SafeSport's Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies (MAAPP) and required abuse and misconduct reporting protocol.

The MAAPP includes the following requirements:

1. SafeSport Training requirements for certain adults who are in positions of authority over minor competitors, and
2. Abuse Prevention Policies in effect during this event.

SafeSport Training Requirement

Who must complete SafeSport Training?

The US Center for SafeSport requires certain adults to complete SafeSport Training prior to this US Sailing event. For this event, US Sailing has determined that the following adults must complete SafeSport Training:

- US Sailing Championship Committee Chairs,
- All race officials (Principal Race Officers, Judges, & Umpires),
- Volunteer Medical Professionals,
- Coaches and Instructors,
- On-site event organizers and regatta officials,
- Competitors who are 18+ sailing in the same boat as a minor competitor

US Sailing, in partnership with the organizing authority, will identify and inform each person who is required to complete SafeSport Training prior to the event.

Abuse Prevention Policies

What are the Abuse Prevention Policies?

The Abuse Prevention Policies are designed to limit the opportunities for unobservable and uninterrupted contact between adults and unrelated minors at an event. They include rules around the following situations:

- Meetings
- Individual Training Sessions
- Manual Therapy and Therapeutic and Recovery Modalities
- Locker Rooms & Changing Areas
- Electronic Communications
- Transportation
- Lodging and Residential Environments

US Sailing and organizing authority officials will monitor all events to ensure compliance with the Abuse Prevention Policies.

[For a full explanation of the Abuse Prevention Policies in place for this event, please see Section IV of the US Sailing Athlete Safety Handbook.](#)

Reporting Protocol

Per Federal law and the US Sailing Athlete Safety Handbook, all adult **Event Personnel** are required to immediately report known, suspected, or alleged misconduct as follows:

- Child Abuse: To the US Center for SafeSport and Law Enforcement.

- Sexual Misconduct: To the US Center for SafeSport and to Law Enforcement if the sexual misconduct involves a minor.
- Emotional and Physical Misconduct: To US Sailing.
- MAAPP Violations: To US Sailing.

Adult Event Personnel must also comply with any other applicable reporting requirements under state law. Information about state reporting requirements is available at: <https://www.childwelfare.gov/topics/responding/reporting>

Reports to the US Center for SafeSport can be made as follows:

- US Center for SafeSport 24-hour reporting helpline: 833-587-7233, OR
- Online US Center for SafeSport online reporting tool: <https://uscenterforsafesport.org/report-a-concern/>.

Reports to US Sailing can be made via US Sailing's online reporting tool:

<https://ussailing.jotform.com/form/72484064847162>

For a full explanation of the required reporting protocols in place for this event, please see Section VIII of the [US Sailing Athlete Safety Handbook](#).