



**Doolin Cup Adaptive Regatta
2020 U.S. Para Sailing Championship
Special Olympics Americans Championship
September 23 to 27, 2020
Organizing Authority: US Sailing
Hosted by
Sea Star Base Galveston
Galveston, Texas
Notice of Race
Posted February 4, 2020 (revised 02/20/20)**

1 ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

The organizing authority for this Regatta is US Sailing. Sea Star Base Galveston (SSBG) is the hosting organization. The Regatta is administered by the U.S. Disabled Sailing Championship Committee. This will be designated a Grade 1 event per US Sailing's support vessel policy http://championships.ussailing.org/Adult/Coaching_and_Support_Vessels.htm

2 RULES

- 2.1** The Regatta shall be governed by the rules as defined in the latest Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 2.2** In case of conflict between Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall govern. This changes RRS 63.7
- 2.3** For all Classes, RRS Appendix T and V1 are in effect.
- 2.4** The 2.4mR class will be racing under Norlin One Design class rules.
- 2.5** Sonar Class Association Appendix B - Alternative Rules will be in effect. In addition, whisker poles are allowed. Spinnaker poles are not permitted.
- 2.6** The US Sailing Prescription to Rule 40 will not apply and the preamble to Part 4 will be changed to require PFD use, dock to dock. A U.S. Coast Guard approved personal flotation device, or in the case of overseas competitors, a personal flotation device approved by their Government's corresponding Maritime Authority, shall be worn, properly fastened, at all times, while launching and sailing, except while temporarily adding or removing clothing.
- 2.7** A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications that are not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile phones.
- 2.8** Sailors are strongly encouraged to bring their own VHF handheld radios for communication.

3 CLASSES

- 3.1** Sonar Class: The OA will review crew composition and request crew adjustments as required to assure fair competition.
- 3.2** All Sonars with appropriate adaptations are provided by SSBG for competitor use.
- 3.3** The organizing authority may require SSBG provided boats to be rotated and such rotation may be listed daily.



3.4 All teams using boats provided by SSBG shall post a damage deposit with SSBG in the amount of \$500.00. This deposit will be in the form of cash or a check collected by SSBG at registration. If no damage the check will be returned at the end of the regatta.

3.2 2.4mR Class: one person with a disability. Competitors are to supply their own boat

4 ADVERTISING

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

5 ELIGIBILITY and ENTRY

5.1 Eligibility

- a. All competitors must be members of US Sailing or, if not U.S. residents, the national sailing authority of their home countries. Proof of membership will be required. Information regarding membership may be obtained online at www.ussailing.org.
- b. Eligible competitors shall certify that s/he does not use banned substances except under the terms of a validly issued Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) that would otherwise cause the competitor to declare ineligible under the rules and regulations of US Anti-doping Agency. A copy of the TUE must be provided to US Sailing if one has been issued.
- c. 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. 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 of the series and, where practicable, removed from the regatta venue and sent home. The competitor's boat shall be disqualified from all races of the series. US Sailing regulation 10.01 C 3)

5.2 Standard Entry

- a. Eligible competitors may enter on Regatta Network by following this link. <https://www.ssbgalveston.org/racingandregattas> All competitors using a SSBG supplied boat shall complete an equipment waiver. The online entry process should be available by April 6, 2020.
- b. Three competitors must enter a class/Level for that class/Level to make. Competitors entering Class/Levels that fail to make may be asked to change to another Class/Level or have their entry fee refunded.
- c. Entries fees are \$150 per competitor and are due by August 20, 2020 for all competitors. Any entry received after that date, will be subject to late fee of \$50.

5.3 Refunds

Entry fees will not be refunded except when the desired class does not make and the competitor will not race in the assigned class.



6 PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

All sailing related activities will take place at Sea Base Galveston, Galveston, TX. The preliminary schedule of events is as follows:

Wednesday September 23rd

0900 – 1500 Early Registration

Thursday September 24th

0800 – 0930 Continental Breakfast
0800 – 1000 Registration
1000 – 1200 Racing Rules Clinic
1200 – 1300 Lunch
1300 – 1330 Competitor Briefing Practice Race
1530 Practice Race
1800 Competitors Welcome Meeting
1900 Dinner

Friday September 25th

0800 – 0930 Continental Breakfast
0930 Competitor Briefing
0800 – 0930 Bag Lunches available
1030 First Warning signal. More races to follow
1800 SSBG Member Social and Dinner

Saturday September 26th

0800 – 0930 Continental Breakfast and Bag Lunches
1030 First Warning signal. More races to follow.
1730 Cocktail hour
1900 Championship Dinner

Sunday September 27th

0800 – 0930 Continental Breakfast and Bag Lunches
1030 First Warning Signal. No Warning signals after 1300.
1600 Awards Ceremony

*******This schedule is subject to change*******

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS



The Final Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions will be available at Registration. A preliminary version of the Sailing Instructions will be posted online at <https://www.ssbgalveston.org/racingandregattas> with this Notice of Race.

8 VENUE AND THE COURSES

8.1 Races will be sailed in Offats Bayou, Galveston, Texas.

8.2 The courses to be sailed will be as diagrammed in the Sailing Instructions.

9 SCORING

9.1 Low Point Scoring of Appendix A will apply. Nine races are planned for each Class. A minimum of three races are required to be completed by a class to constitute a Regatta for the class. When fewer than six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When six or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. This modifies Appendix A.

9.2 Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes (the finishing window) after the first boat in its class sails the course and finishes will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE). The points awarded for boats scored TLE will be equal to the last finisher plus 2. This changes Rules 35, A4, A5 and A11.

10 DECISIONS OF THE JURY

The right of appeal will not be denied. Appeals of decisions from a protest committee in the final series of a US Sailing Regatta are to be submitted to the US Sailing Appeals Committee.

11 PRIZES

11.1 US Sailing medals for permanent possession will be awarded to the first, second, and third place skippers and crews in 2.4 meter and Sonar classes if the number of boats equals five or more. If the number of entries is less than five, only the first prize will be awarded.

11.2 The winner of the 2.4 meter class will be awarded the Judd Goldman Trophy.

11.3 The highest placing singlehanded U.S. finisher will receive the title U.S. Para Sailing Champion.

11.4 The winner of the Sonar class will be awarded the Gene Hinkle Trophy.

11.5 The highest placing Sonar U.S. finisher will receive the title U.S. Para Sailing Triplehanded Champion.

12 RISK AND LIABILITY

Notice is hereby given to all participants including spectators, officials, and others that they participate in this event solely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority, Sea Star Base Galveston and its officers, directors and members, the Committee, the Race Committee, the Judges, the event sponsors, and any other Committee of the Club or Regatta shall not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.



U.S. PARA SAILING CHAMPIONSHIP

13 WAIVERS

Participants will be required to agree to Media Rights Waiver, and Liability Waiver to race in the Championship. Waivers will be signed upon registration. Sailors unable to consent to waivers independently must have them on file with SBG before arrival at the venue.

14 TRAVEL, LODGING and MEALS

- 14.1** Area hotels and contact information will be posted on <https://www.ssbgalveston.org/> . There will be accommodations provided for Competitors at the event at costs significantly reduced from area hotels. Details will be posted, however it is anticipated the per night per person costs will be approximately \$30/night.
- 14.2** Entry fees include breakfasts, lunches, and dinners for all competitors from Thursday, September 24th through Sunday, September 27th. No transportation is included.
- 14.3** Competitors may pay an additional \$100 per person so their guests, spouses and coaches may be included in all meals.

15 SUPPORT BOATS

- 15.1** One support boat will be permitted for each boat entered. This is a Grade 1 Coaching Event.
- 15.2** At registration, teams will be required to register their coach/support boat, list boat(s) number and sailors associated with that boat(s) and meet the standards outlined in US Sailing's Support Vessel policy.
http://championships.ussailing.org/Adult/Support_Vessels.htm
- 15.3** Coach/support boats will be required to carry identification during the regatta.

18 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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