



## 2010 AREA D ELIMINATIONS FOR THE U.S. SINGLEHANDED MEN'S AND WOMEN'S SAILING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Organizing Authority: US SAILING Area D  
Hosted by the Birmingham Sailing Club  
147 Merrill Road  
Vincent, AL 35178

### NOTICE OF RACE

Posted April 15, 2010

1. **RULES** - The National Finals as well as all elimination events shall be governed by *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS); the U.S. Singlehanded Championships Conditions (SHC Conditions); the US SAILING Regulations Sections 10.0 (Championships), 13.04 (Sexual Abuse and Harassment Policy), 13.05 (physical Abuse Policy), and 14.04 (Volunteers at US SAILING Events); US SAILING Policy, Certified Officials at any Event (Championship Management), and the International Laser Class Association (ILCA) rules.
2. **ENTRANTS MUST BE MEMBERS OF THE LASER CLASS ASSOCIATION.**
3. **CLASSES** – Laser (Men's) and Laser Radial (Women's)
  - 3.1 The Area D Semifinals is open to Laser Full Rig for the Men's Semifinal elimination and Laser Radial Rig for the Women's Semifinal elimination.
4. **ELIGIBILITY**
  - 4.1 ALL competitors MUST BE:
    - a. At least 16 years of age in the calendar year; and
    - b. Members of US SAILING at all levels of competition; and
    - c. A member of one of the following:
      - 1) A Sailing Club or Sailing Organization, or District Laser Class Association (LSO), belonging to a Sailing Association (RSA) recognized by US SAILING;
      - 2) A Sailing Club, Sailing Organization, or Laser Class Association, belonging directly to US SAILING,
      - 3) A Community Sailing Program (CSP) which is a member of the local RSA;
      - 4) A member of or a drilling Reservist of the Military Service
  - 4.2 A CSP or LSO may enter a competitor in only one RSA elimination, and a competitor may compete in only one Area elimination and only in the elimination for the Area in which he or she resides in or regularly competes. Each competitor's CSP or LSO shall be located within the geographical borders of the Area conducting the elimination.
  - 4.3 No competitor, after being entered or participating in any LSO, CSP, RSA elimination may be a competitor from another CSP, RSA, LSO elimination in the same year. This restriction does not apply to ICSCA, ISSA, Military Services and other selection events. See Conditions 3.4.
  - 4.4 Competitors for the Men's Championship must be males. Competitors for the Women's Championship must be females.
5. **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

June 12-13	Up to nine races may be sailed, awards following the last race. (NO RACE WILL BE STARTED AFTER 1300 ON June 13)
June 12, 0800-0900	Check in
June 12, 0930	Competitors Meeting
June 12, 1030	First Warning signal for first day of racing
June 13, 0930	First Warning signal for second day of racing

6. **FEES** - Entry fee \$40.00
  - 7.1 Entry fee includes continental breakfast Saturday and Sunday, Saturday dinner and Sunday lunch. Saturday lunch is at the choice and discretion of individuals and will not be provided.
  - 7.2 Additional meal packages for non-competitors may be purchased for \$25.00 each.
  - 7.3 A cookout, provided by the Birmingham Sailing Club, will be held Friday evening for arriving competitors and those accompanying them.
7. **REGISTRATION** Competitors must e-mail or fax their pre-registration form no later than June 5, 2010. If sent by USPS mail or courier service they must be sent in time to arrive by June 5, 2010.
8. **PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES**

US SAILING Regulations 10.01C apply at all levels of competition as follows:

10.01 C. PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES

  1. 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.
  2. 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).
  3. 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.
9. **HOUSING** – Camping is permitted at the club. Please leave pets at home.

Area hotels include:  
Pell City-Riverside (10 miles)

Holiday Inn Express	205-884-0047
Comfort Suites	205-338-5570
Ramada Inn	205-338-1314
Hampton Inn	205-814-3000
Best Western	205-338-3381
Big Bull (US Hwy 231 S)	205-338-3344
10. **COACHING & SUPPORT VESSELS** – This event is a USSAILING Grade 1 for Coaching and Support Vessels as outlined at [http://championships.ussailing.org/Youth/Coaching\\_and\\_Support\\_Vessels.htm](http://championships.ussailing.org/Youth/Coaching_and_Support_Vessels.htm).
11. **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS** - Provided at registration
12. **EVENT FORMAT** – Bring and sail your own boat.
13. **NUMBER OF RACES**
  - 13.1 The number of races sailed equals the number of boats entered times two, with a maximum of nine races in the event.
  - 13.2 Should conditions or circumstances make it impossible or impractical to complete an event in accordance with the chosen format, the event will be determined on the number of races sailed. One race may constitute an event.
14. **COURSES** - Courses will be those diagrammed in the Sailing Instructions.
15. **SCORING** - Appendix A of the Racing Rules of Sailing, as modified by the SHC Conditions will apply. See Section 13 of the SHC Conditions.
16. **DECISIONS OF THE PROTEST COMMITTEE**

Under rule 70.5(a), there shall be no appeal of the decision of a protest or request for redress. However, a decision following a hearing under rule 69.1(a) may be appealed. E-mail and phone contact information for each boat entered and for the chairmen of the protest committee and the race committee shall be posted on the official notice board at all times during the event.

**Rule 65.2 is changed as follows:**

**65.2** A *party* to the hearing is entitled to receive the above information in writing, provided she asks for it in writing and hand-delivers her request to a member of the protest committee no later than the protest time limit on the last day of racing or one hour after being informed of the decision, whichever is later. The committee shall then, within two hours, hand-deliver the information to the *party*, including when relevant, a diagram of the incident prepared or endorsed by the committee.

**Rule 66 is changed as follows:**

**66 REOPENING A HEARING**

**66.1** A hearing may be reopened when the protest committee decides that it may have made a significant error, or when significant new evidence becomes available within a reasonable time.

**66.2** The protest committee may reopen the hearing. A *party* to the hearing may ask for a reopening no later than one hour after being informed of the decision. When a hearing is reopened under rule 66.2, a majority of the members of the protest committee shall, if possible, be members of the original protest committee.

**66.3 Area Elimination Reopening**

- (a) A *party* to a hearing of a *protest* or request for redress may request an Area Elimination Reopening. The request shall be in writing and include the significant error that the *party* believes the protest committee made or the nature of the significant new evidence that is available. The request shall be made no later than 24 hours after the hearing or 24 hours after the protest time limit on the last day of racing, whichever is later. The request, along with copies of the original *protest* or request for redress, the facts found, the decision of the protest committee, any new evidence that cannot be presented verbally, and e-mail and phone contact information for all *parties* to the hearing as well as the chairman of the protest committee, shall be sent by e-mail to the US SAILING Championships Director, [LizWalker@USSAILING.org](mailto:LizWalker@USSAILING.org), and the US SAILING Championships Chairman, [wrigs@earthlink.net](mailto:wrigs@earthlink.net).
- (b) The protest committee for an Area Elimination Reopening shall consist of the chairman of the original protest committee plus four certified judges appointed by US SAILING. A majority of the committee's members shall be Senior or International Judges. US SAILING will appoint its chairman.
- (c) An Area Elimination Reopening will be conducted by telephone conference call. The time and date for the conference call shall be established by the chairman as soon as practicably possible and no later than seven days after the request for reopening is e-mailed. The chairman will e-mail to the *parties* to the hearing the request for reopening, the facts found, the decision of the protest committee, the time and date of the hearing, the process for joining the call and any other relevant documents.

17. **PERSONAL FLOATATION DEVICES** - All competitors in US SAILING championships, at all levels, 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 (US SAILING Regulation 10.01 (D)).

18. **POWER LINE HAZARD** -The sites for US SAILING Championships, at all levels, shall follow US SAILING Regulation 10.05 and be free of power line hazards in any area.

19. **PRIZES** - Prizes will be awarded to the top finisher for each elimination. The Area D Singlehanded Championship Perpetual trophy will be presented to the Top Finisher of the Men's division.

20. **CONTACT INFORMATION**

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21. **FURTHER INFORMATION**

Contact the Area D Singlehanded Representative - Martine Zurinkas (770) 674-3992 or [Mar\\_rawlings@yahoo.com](mailto:Mar_rawlings@yahoo.com)

**Registration Form**  
**2010 U.S. SINGLEHANDED Championship**  
**Area D Semifinal Elimination**  
**Men's Championship LASER FULL RIG**  
**Women's Championship LASER RADIAL RIG**

Complete in full. Individual or family membership in US SAILING is required for all competitors at all levels.

SKIPPER Name \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ ST \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Birth date \_\_\_\_\_ (must be at least 16 in the calendar year) Female Radial \_\_\_\_ Male Full \_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Eligibility Requirements:**

US SAILING Member No. \_\_\_\_\_ Required per NOR section 5 (go to [www.ussailing.org](http://www.ussailing.org) for membership)

ICLA/ICLANA Member No. \_\_\_\_\_ Required per NOR section 2 (go to [www.ilcana.org](http://www.ilcana.org) for membership)

Member of Sailing Club/District Laser Class Association/Community Sailing Program: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ required per NOR section 5.1

Sail Number \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Additional Meal Packages Desired \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks for Entry Fees and Additional Meal Packages payable to: Birmingham Sailing Club

The top male and female winners of the Singlehanded Championships Semifinals for Area D will be given an entry berth at the 2010 U.S. Singlehanded Championships

July 29 – August 1, 2010

Pensacola Yacht Club, Pensacola, FL

*Area D will pay entry fee to the finals*

For final event information and NOR go to:

<http://championships.ussailing.org/Adult/USSinglehandedChampionship.htm>

*Please complete this form and mail, e-mail or fax to:*

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*c/o Carl D. Reigart*

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**MUST BE RECEIVED BY JUNE 5<sup>th</sup>**