

**Tenth Biennial
William I. Koch International Sea Scout Cup
Official Notice of United States Qualifiers**

Preamble

The William I. Koch International Sea Scout Cup 2018 (“Event”) is an international sailing regatta that provides competition between U.S. Sea Scouts and international Scouts. The United States Qualifiers (“Qualifiers”) are held to determine which teams will represent the United States in the Event.

The Event will be held in the summer of 2018. The Qualifiers will be held during the summer and fall of 2017.

The Organizing Authority for the Qualifiers are the four Regions of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA). The venues for the Qualifiers will be determined by each Region.

PART 1-GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

1. Reginal Coordinator. Each Region shall appoint a Regional Coordinator (“Coordinator”). All Qualifiers will be approved and coordinated by the Coordinator. Names of Coordinators shall be provided to and approved by the Event Chairman prior to any Qualifiers.
2. Regional Qualification Events. Each BSA Region may hold up to five regional qualifiers.
3. Qualified Crews. The winner of each Qualifier will be designated as a Qualified crew and receive an invitation to participant in the Event. If a Region does not hold five (5) qualifiers the Coordinator may designate other crews that placed in a qualifier as a Qualified crew for a maximum of five (5) Qualified crews for the Region.
4. Alternate Crews. Each Regional Coordinator can designate up to five (5) other crews that participated in a Reginal Qualifier, as an alternate crew. The alternate crews should be ranked from one (1) to five (5) based on the strength and sailing resumes. Alternate crews may be offered an invitation to compete in the Event on the direction of the Event Committee.
5. Web Site. Qualifier information and updates can be found on the Event web site at www.seascoutcup.org.
6. Official Regional Qualifiers. For a Regional Qualifier to be officially recognized
 - a. It must be posted on the web site at least 45 days prior to the Qualifier.
 - b. It must have at least five (5) teams competing.
 - c. Results and summary of the Qualifier must be provided to the Event Chairman within two (2) weeks after the Qualifier.

PART 2 – RULES AND ELIGIBILITY

1. Rules
 - a. Governance. This Qualifiers will be governed by the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020 (RRS) until changed; BSA Guide to Safe Scouting (No. 34416D or current); and any Regional code of conduct or notice of race.
 - b. Crews. All vessels shall be sailed by a crew of two (2) persons.
 - c. Vessels. The races for the Qualifiers will be conducted in CFJs or similar boat provided by each Qualifier Organizing Authority. The vessels will be sloop rigged with no spinnakers. Class rules will not apply.

2. Eligibility and Entry
 - a. BSA Registration. The Qualifiers are open only to currently registered Sea Scouts in the Boy Scouts of America. They must obtain the rank of Apprentice no later than January 1, 2018.
 - b. Age. Participants must be at least fourteen (14) years of age and less than twenty-one (21) years of age on July 1, 2018.

PART 3 – EVENT REGISTRATION

1. Applications. Applications for the Event are available online at the Event web site.
2. Registration Fees. **The registration fee will be due at the time of application.** Make payment via the internet on the web site. Applications will not be processed until payment is received. If you cannot make payment on our web site contact the event purser for instructions - Purser@seascoutcup.org.
3. Invitation Registration Deadline. All teams that receive an invitation from a qualifier have until January 1, 2018 to complete their application. If both team members are not registered by the deadline the invitation to participate may be withdrawn at the discretion of the Event Committee.
4. Vacant Youth Participant Positions. The Event Committee may fill any vacant crew positions by selecting from available alternate crews. If all positions are not filled by an International, Qualified or Alternate crew the Regatta Committee may elect to accept youth participant applications at-large. Visit the Event web site for more information.
5. All applications must be completed and submitted with **required documents** by April 1, 2018.

Amendments to this Notice. The Event Committee reserves the right to amend this Official Notice of United States Qualifiers at any time. Amendments to this Notice will be posted on the Event web site. No amendments will be made to these rules without the express consent of the Event Regatta Chairman.