

Application Process Open for 2011 US Sailing Development Team

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Applications are now being accepted for the 2011 US Sailing Development Team (USSDT), the youth pipeline team supported by US SAILING's Olympic Sailing Committee (OSC). Created in 2009, the USSDT is designed to provide an elite environment for young sailors, aged 13 years or older, to prepare for the highly competitive world of Olympic Sailing.

"The OSC believes that the athletes most likely to succeed at the Olympic Games are more than just skilled sailors," said Dean Brenner, Chairman of the US Olympic Sailing Program. "Therefore, the OSC will support a team culture of shared training and information, coordinated effort, and independent athlete decision-making modeled after the one used with the US Sailing Team AlphaGraphics."

Interested applicants should submit a resumé of sailing results and a statement of goals. Those selected for a final-round interview will be required to demonstrate a commitment to the program and long-term Olympic competition.

"We are seeing that our hard work and lots of training is paying off," said Kenneth Andreasen, High Performance Director and Head Coach of the US Sailing Team AlphaGraphics. "In 2010 USA sailors medaled in every non-Olympic development class at the World Championships. Our training camps are a great addition to all the youth training that is taking place in sailing programs around the country"

Sailors interested in applying for the team should apply electronically at:

https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_registration_form.php?regatta_id=3323

Current members of the US Sailing Team Development Team should apply at:

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The deadline for applications is midnight PST on November 1, 2010.

USSDT members receive elite-level coaching, guidance and mentoring from the Olympic coaching staff how assist the athletes in acquiring the skills to make independent decisions and to compete at the Olympic level. In addition, these athletes benefit from joint training with US Sailing Team AlphaGraphics (USSTAG) members and other top young sailors from across the United States.

The OSC also supports these athletes with shipping and logistical assistance and advice, as well as access to the OSC's Performance Enhancement Team of physical therapists, trainers and nutritionists.

The OSC will choose qualified candidates up to and including the following number of sailors in these classes:

- Laser Radial: Up to 8 sailors, including at least 3 female sailors
- Laser: Up to 8 sailors
- I420: Up to 3 teams
- 29er: Up to 3 teams
- 470: Up to 5 teams
- 49er: Up to 6 teams
- Finn: Up to 2 sailors

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The list of mandatory camps and regattas can be found online in the USSDT Selection Guidelines on the US Sailing Teams web site: http://sailingteams.ussailing.org/Teams/2010USSDT/Team_Concept_2011.htm

USSDT and Youth World Team members won seven medals at top international events overseas this summer. Read more about their successes: http://sailingteams.ussailing.org/News/2010/USSDT_Successes.htm