

USDBF CCWC Berths

At this time, the USDBF is allotted 5 standard boat berths, and two small boat berths for the IDBF Club Crew World championships (CCWC) in each racing division.

Currently the berths are for racing divisions:

- Junior A (Under 14)-Open, Mixed, and Women
- Junior B (Under 16)-Open, Mixed, and Women
- Junior C (Under 18)-Open, Mixed, and Women
- U24 (Under 24)-Open, Mixed, and Women
- Premier-Open, Mixed, and Women
- Senior A (Over 40)-Open, Mixed, and Women
- Senior B (Over 50)-Open, Mixed, and Women
- Senior C (Over 60)-Open, Mixed, and Women
- BCS

At this time the USDBF chooses to award the 5 standard boat berths per racing division by giving each of its 4 regions 1 berth per division for the CCWCs to award to a regional champion for that division. The 5th berth is awarded at the USDBF Club Crew National Championships (USDBF CCNCs). All regional member club crews in good standing are eligible to participate in the USDBF CCNCs for the title of USDBF National champion as well as a berth for the IDBF CCWCs.

The 2 small boat berths for each division will be awarded in the following manner: The first place finisher in each division at the CCNCs will be offered either the standard boat berth or one of the two small boat berths. The second place finisher will be given a choice of one of the two remaining berths, and the third place finisher will be offered the remaining berth. **Any unfilled berths can be awarded by petition.**

Since each USDBF regional member awards its regional championships through different processes, we thought it would be helpful to clarify the procedure a bit for when the regional champion chooses not to use its awarded berth. If the regional champion chooses to not send a crew to the CCWC, the berth can then be offered to the region's second place crew for that division. If the second place crew chooses to not take the berth, it can then be offered to the third place finisher. If the third place finisher chooses not to take the slot, the berth is returned to the USDBF. This allows a greater opportunity for those who performed well in their region to represent the USDBF in the CCWCs.

All awarded berths should be confirmed no later than **November 15** of the year prior to the CCWC. It is strongly encouraged to accept or return the berth as soon as possible so as to allow time for other crews to request berths by petition.

Member crews who did not earn a berth through this structure, but wish to go, can then petition the USDBF for an available berth. Petitions should include club info and crew resume for the year. The CCNC committee will review any petitions in the order they are received by the USDBF Secretary (secretary@usdbf.org). Content of proposals will be considered as necessary and regional confirmation of crew membership standing will be required.

Petitions should be submitted by Nov 15 of the year prior to the CCWCs.

Berths will be awarded no later than Dec 1.