



**2017 US ALBACORE ASSOCIATION
National Sailing Championship
October 7-9, 2017**

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY: UNITED STATES ALBACORE
ASSOCIATION

CLUB/HOST ORGANIZATION: West River Sailing Club
Galesville, Maryland

OFFICIAL WEB SITES: www.westriversc.org

NOTICE OF REGATTA

1. Rules: This regatta will be governed by *The Racing Rules of Sailing* for 2017-2020, the prescriptions of the US Sailing Association, and the rules of the United States Albacore Association, except as any of these are altered by this notice, and by the sailing instructions.

2. Eligibility and Entry: All boats must be helmed by a full or associate member of the United States Albacore Association or any other national Albacore Association.

3. Number and Schedule of Races: Several races may be sailed on any day at the discretion of the race committee

(No upper limit). The warning signal for the first race each day scheduled as indicated below:

Sat. Oct. 7 1130 Competitors Meeting
1330 Warning Signal for Race 1, other races to follow

Sun. Oct. 8 1000 Warning Signal for 1st race of the day, other races to follow.

Mon. Oct. 9 1000 Warning Signal for 1st race of the day, other races to follow.

Awards immediately following racing on Monday. No races will be started after 1300 on Monday Oct 9.

4. Social and Registration Schedule

Fri. Oct. 6 1800 – 2000 Check-in, Late Registration at WRSC

Sat. Oct. 7 0830 – 1100 Check-in, Late Registration at WRSC

Sat. Oct. 7 1800 Social and Banquet Dinner

Extra tickets for guests required (\$17.00)

Sun. Oct. 8 1800 Social all registered participants and family. Tickets for registered participants included in Registration.

Extra tickets (\$25.00) available with registration.

5. Launching: WRSC has two crane hoists (lifting harness is not provided). The WRSC beach may be used for launching by dolly.

6. Advance Registration: Sailors should register in advance either by completing the online attached registration at <https://www.eventbrite.com> OR,

Appendix and mailing it along with the entry fee to:
US Albacore Association
c/o Robert Bear
313 Gruenther Avenue
Rockville, MD 20851
Bob Bear robertbear99@hotmail.com

Online registration will be announced on USAA's web site no later than August 26, 2017. For registrations not made online or postmarked by September 20, 2017, there will be a \$20 late fee.

7. Fees (US Dollars): \$220.00 Regatta Registration Fee (includes 2 dinners for skipper and crew)

-\$10.00 Discount for US Sailing, CYA or RYA members (have card at check-in)

\$20.00 Late fee for registrations not postmarked or made online by Sep. 20, 2017

\$17.00 Extra dinner for Saturday, Oct 7

\$25.00 Extra dinner Sunday Oct. 8. Dinner ticket orders must accompany registration.

8. Measurement: All boats must be accompanied by a valid measurement certificate with a current buoyancy endorsement. All boats must comply with the rules and regulations for this event.

No provision will be made for issuing new measurement certificates or endorsements at the regatta.

All measurement must be complete in advance of the event.

9. Safety Equipment: Each boat must carry safety equipment according to US Coast Guard Regulations or CE certification. (1 PFD per person, sound signal, paddle, bailer).

In addition, each boat must carry on board during the regatta a line, suitable for towing, at least 1/4" x 30 feet in length.

10. Sailing Instructions: Sailing instructions will be available at the check-in/late registration table and may be posted online by September 15, 2017 at the U.S. Albacore Association website. SIs will govern in case of any inconsistency with this NOR.

11. Scoring: The low point system of Appendix A of the RRS will apply. Completion of at least one race shall constitute a series.

One race will be dropped if 6 or more races are sailed.

12. Crew Changes: Crew changes during an event may not be made unless permission is granted by the organizing committee in advance.

13. Awards:

There will be awards for the Presidents Fleet and the Challenger Fleet. Number of awards depends on the number of entries.

- **Presidents Trophy – Winner of the Presidents Fleet**
- **Bob Harwood Challenge Trophy – Winner of the Challenger Fleet**
- **Roger Thomas Senior Trophy – Top boat with combined crew age > 110 years**
- **Bill Shore Trophy – Top woman helm**
- **Lockley-Newport Trophy – Top helm 19 years or under as of Dec. 31, 2016**
- **Endurance Award – Lowest placing boat that starts every race in the Presidents Fleet**

14. Accommodations:

Camping is not permitted on club grounds. Camping is available within 20 miles of the club.

Annapolis Campground (89 Bennion Rd, Annapolis, MD 21402, (410) 293-9200)) and Breezy Point Beach and Campground (5300 Breezy Point Rd, Chesapeake Beach, MD 20732, (410) 535-0259))

Hotel availability is limited in Galesville.

House Rentals: Home Away <http://www.homeaway.com/>

Anchor Inn : <http://www.anchoredinndeale.com/>

15. Social Events:

Saturday, Oct. 7, 1800 at WRSC:

Happy Hour (select beers and soft drinks) followed by Buffet Dinner

Sunday, Oct. 8, 1800: Annual General Meeting at the main dining room at WRSC.

Buffet Banquet with one beer/wine ticket and cash bar.

16. Further Information: visit www.usaa.albacore.org

OR contact Marty Minot at 434-401-4698 (mrminot@gmail.com) or Gene Spillane at 908-397-5699 (EGSpillane@Earthlink.net).