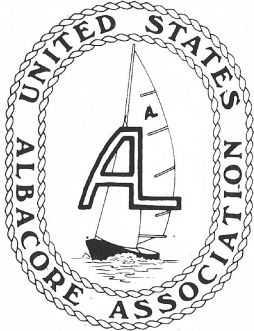


2012 US ALBACORE ASSOCIATION NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

October 6-8, 2012



ORGANIZING AUTHORITY: UNITED STATES ALBACORE ASSOCIATION

CLUB/HOST ORGANIZATION: HAMPTON YACHT CLUB
4707 VICTORIA BOULEVARD
HAMPTON, VA 23669
WWW.HAMPTONYC.COM/ONEDESIGN

OFFICIAL WEB SITES: usaa.albacore.org

NOTICE OF REGATTA

- Rules:** This regatta will be governed by *The Racing Rules of Sailing* for 2009-2012, 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.
- 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. Members may register to compete either in the Presidents Fleet or the Challenger Fleet, with placed winners of previous USAA and international championships excluded from competing in the latter. This championship will be a Category A event as it relates to advertising.
- 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. 6	1000 Skippers Meeting 1100 Warning Gun for Race 1, Presidents Fleet 1105 Warning Gun for Race 1, Challenger Fleet, other races to follow
Sun.	Oct. 7	1000 Warning Gun for 1 st race of the day, others to follow
Mon.	Oct. 8	1000 Warning Gun for 1 st race of the day, others to follow

Awards immediately following racing. No race will be started after 1400 on Monday Oct 10.

4. Social and Registration Schedule

Fri.	Oct. 5	1830 – 2130	Check-in, Late Registration, and Measurements at Hampton YC
Sat.	Oct. 6	0830 – 1000	Check-in, Late Registration, and Measurements at Hampton YC
Sat.	Oct. 6	1800	Dinner per invitation of USAA for all registered participants, extra tickets for guests required (\$25 per person)
Sun.	Oct. 7	1800	USAA Nationals Banquet to be followed by AGM. Dinner tickets for registered participants included in Registration Fee. Extra tickets (\$25 per person) available with registration.

- Launching:** Ramp and lift launching is available. Dock/ramp is for boats on dollies ONLY.

6. **Advance Registration:** Sailors should register in advance by completing the attached registration form and mailing it along with the entry fee to:

US Albacore Association
c/o Michael Heinsdorf
2926 Cortland Place NW
Washington, DC 20008

Online registration is NOT available at this time. \$25 late fee for registrations not post-marked or made online by Sep. 7, 2012. Payment required with registration.

7. **Fees (US Dollars):**

160.00	Regatta Registration Fee (includes 2 dinners for skipper and crew)
-16.00	Discount for US Sailing, CYA or RYA members (have card at check-in)
25.00	Late fee for registrations not postmarked or made online by Sep. 7, 2012
25.00	Extra dinners for Saturday, Oct 6 and Sunday Oct. 7. 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 specifications 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 (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 will be posted online by Sep 1, 2012 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 except (in summary): DNF boats will be treated as tied for the position immediately behind the last boat to finish correctly; boats failing to start correctly will be awarded points equal to number of starters plus one. Completion of at least one race shall constitute a series. One drop race 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.

14. **Accommodations:**

Housing: Regatta housing is available through the generosity of HYC members. Please contact Leigh Chapman at (757) 726-9640 prior to October 1, 2012, and every effort will be made to accommodate sailors at members' homes. For obvious reasons, the availability of member housing cannot be guaranteed.

Camping: Local campgrounds include Gosnold's Hope Park ((757) 850-5116) about 5 miles from the club. Camping arrangements must be made during business hours. No camping allowed on HYC grounds.

Hotels/motels: There is a long list of hotels and motels in the Hampton area.

- Hampton Crowne Plaza Hotel less than a half-mile from HYC in downtown Hampton (757) 727-9700
- Embassy Suites near I-64 (757) 827-8200
- Courtyard by Marriott near I-64 (757) 838-3300

15. **Further Information:** visit www.albacore.org OR contact Regatta Chair Michael Heinsdorf by phone at 215.868.4631 or email at mheinsdorf@gmail.com

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ENTRY FORM

COMPETITOR INFORMATION:

Helm: _____

Crew: _____

Address: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ (H) _____ (W)

Phone: _____ (H) _____ (W)

E-mail: _____

E-mail: _____

US Sailing (CYA, RYA) # _____

Club Affiliation: _____

CBYRA # _____

BOAT INFORMATION:

Sail Number: _____

Boat Name: _____

Boat Measurement Cert. (Yes) (No)

Most recent buoyancy test date _____

Competing for Presidents Trophy _____

Bob Harwood Challenge Trophy _____

Bill Shore Trophy _____

Top woman helm

Roger Thomas Senior Trophy _____

Top boat with combined crew age > 110 years

Complete reverse for FEES and SIGNATURES, please submit by September 7, 2012 to avoid late fee!

