



2008 US ALBACORE ASSOCIATION NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

October 11-13, 2008

Optional Race Clinic on Friday, October 10, 2008
with Barney Harris



ORGANIZING AUTHORITY: UNITED STATES ALBACORE ASSOCIATION

CLUB/HOST ORGANIZATION: WARE RIVER YACHT CLUB
Gloucester, Virginia
Directions: www.wareriveryachtclub.com

OFFICIAL WEB SITES: www.albacore.org/usa

NOTICE OF REGATTA

- Rules:** This regatta will be governed by *The Racing Rules of Sailing* for 2005-2008, 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. 11	1030 Skippers Meeting
		1200 Warning for Race 1, Presidents Fleet
		Warning for Race 1, Challenger Fleet, will follow;
		other races to follow as appropriate
Sun.	Oct. 12	1000 Warning Gun for 1 st race of the day, others to follow
Mon.	Oct. 13	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 13.
- Social and Registration Schedule**

Fri.	Oct. 10	1200	Racing Clinic starts. To start on-time, have your boat launched and rigged with sails ready to be raised. Late arrivals will be able to join in. Video post-mortem: Approx. 1600 - 1800.
Fri.	Oct. 10	1600 – 1930	Check-in, Late Registration, and Measurements at WRYC
		1930	Optional dinner at Gloucester Restaurant
Sat.	Oct. 11	0830 – 1000	Check-in, Late Registration, and Measurements at WRYC
Sat.	Oct. 11	1800	Dinner per invitation of WRYC for all registered participants, extra tickets for guests required (\$25.00; children \$10.00).
Sun.	Oct. 12	1800	USAA Nationals Banquet to be followed by AGM. Dinner tickets for registered participants included in Registration Fee. Extra tickets (\$25.00) available with registration. Extra tickets for children 12 y and under will be \$10.00.

5. **Launching:** Ramp launching only; launch dollies are highly recommended
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 Daphne Byron
13701 Beauwick Court
Silver Spring, MD 20906

Online registration is also available at www.albacore.org/usa. \$25 late fee for registrations not post-marked or made online by Sep. 10, 2008. Payment required with registration.

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

120.00	Regatta Registration Fee (includes 2 dinners for skipper and crew)
-12.00	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. 10, 2008
25.00	Extra dinner for Saturday, Oct 11 and Sunday Oct. 12. Dinner ticket orders must accompany registration.
10.00	Extra dinner ticket for children (not crew) 12 years and under
15.00	Optional race clinic on Oct 10. Includes on-water coaching (weather permitting) with video analysis. Fee covers both skipper and crew.

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 may be posted online by Sep 1, 2008 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.
- Presidents Trophy- Winner of the President's Fleet
 - Bob Harwood Challenge Trophy- Winner of the Challenger Fleet
 - Roger Thomas Senior Trophy- Top boat with combined crew age > 100 years
 - Bill Shore Trophy- Top Woman helm
 - Lockley-Newport Trophy- Top helm 19 years or under as of Dec 31, 2008
 - Endurance Award- Lowest placing boat that starts every race in the Presidents Fleet
 - Most Improved Award- for greatest improvement in overall position from 2006 U.S Nationals
 - Against All Odds Award- for top placing boat using personal handicap system
 - Six Pack Award –Three boats from the same club (two boats compete in the presidents fleet and one in the challenger fleet) compete for the best combined score.

14. Accommodations:

Camping:

Unlimited camping with showers is available on the WRYC club grounds, no electrical hookups.
BYO breakfast with use of WRYC kitchen.

Hotel:

Comfort Inn Gloucester
6639 Forest Hill Avenue
Gloucester, VA 23061

Rate \$79.00 + tax, incl. continental breakfast

A block of rooms has been reserved for **booking by Sep. 10, 2008**. Guests are to call 804-695-1900 and mention US Albacore Association when making reservations.

15. Further Information: visit www.albacore.org/usa OR contact Regatta Chair Rolf Zeisler by phone at 443-770-0775 or email at rolf.zeisler@verizon.net.