



**2014 US ALBACORE ASSOCIATION
United States National Sailing Championship
October 11-13, 2014**

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY: UNITED STATES ALBACORE
ASSOCIATION

CLUB/HOST ORGANIZATION: REHOBOTH BAY SAILING
ASSOCIATION

Rehoboth, Delaware

OFFICIAL WEB SITES: www.usaa.albacore.org

NOTICE OF REGATTA

1. Rules: This regatta will be governed by *The Racing Rules of Sailing* for 2013-2016, 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. 11 1030 Skippers Meeting
1200 Warning Signal for Race 1, other races to follow

Sun. Oct. 12 1100 Warning Signal for 1st race of the day, other races to follow.

Mon. Oct. 13 1100 Warning Signal for 1st race of the day, other races to follow.

Awards immediately following racing on Monday. No races will be started after 1400 on Monday Oct 13.

4. Social and Registration Schedule

Fri. Oct. 10 1700 – 2000 Check-in, Late Registration, and Measurements (Including Measurements for the 2015 Albacore International Championships) at RBSA

Sat. Oct. 11 0830 – 1000 Check-in, Late Registration, and Measurements at RBSA

Sat. Oct. 11 1800 Dinner per invitation of USAA for all registered participants and USAA AGM.

Extra tickets for guests required (\$15.00)

Sun. Oct. 13 1800 Banquet Dinner

Tickets for registered participants included in Registration

Extra tickets (\$25.00) available with registration.

5. Launching: Beach launching or one 3 point crane

6. Advance Registration: Sailors should register in advance by completing the attached registration form

(Appendix A) 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, if available, will be announced on USAA's web site no later than August 24, 2014. For registrations not made online or postmarked by September 16, 2014, there will be a \$20 late fee.

7. Fees (US Dollars): \$170.00 Regatta Registration Fee (includes 2 dinners for skipper and crew)

-15.00 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, 2014

15.00 Extra dinner for Saturday, Oct 11

25.00 Extra dinner Sunday Oct. 12. Dinner ticket orders must accompany registration.

5.00 Camping per night at RBSA

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 (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, 2014 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

- **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, 2010**
- **Endurance Award – Lowest placing boat that starts every race in the Presidents Fleet**

14. Accommodations:

Camping: Camping with showers is available on the RBSA club grounds, no electrical hookups (\$5.00 per night).

Hotel: Bay Resort Motel: Albacore US Nationals Package October 11, 12 & 13 with 6 PM late checkout on Monday at the Bay Resort. Prices below include three nights accommodations and free internet.

Poolside Package \$209 plus tax

Bayview Package \$249 plus tax

Bellevue Street on the Bay

302-227-6400 - <http://www.bayresort.com/>

A block of rooms has been reserved for **booking by September 16, 2014** at the Bay Resort.

Competitors are to call and mention US Albacore Association when making reservations. Please call

ASAP since Columbus weekend could fill up the rooms very quickly.

Houses or condos may be booked via Dewey Beach or Rehoboth commercial rental agencies (weekly rates \$350.00 and up).

15. Social Events:

Saturday, Oct. 11, 6:00pm at RBSA:

Happy Hour (select beers and soft drinks) followed by Buffet Dinner
Sunday, Oct. 12, 6:30, at the Starboard Restaurant.

Buffet Banquet incl. Welcome Drink - Additional drinks will be on individual tabs

16. Further Information: visit www.usaa.albacore.org
OR contact Regatta Chair Gene Spillane by phone at 908-397-5699 or email at
EGSpillane@Earthlink.net.