



**2016 US ALBACORE ASSOCIATION
North American Sailing Championship
October 8- 10, 2016**

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY: UNITED STATES ALBACORE
ASSOCIATION

CLUB/HOST ORGANIZATION: Rock Hall Yacht Club
Rock Hall, Maryland

OFFICIAL WEB SITES: www.usaa.albacore.org
www.rockhallyachtclub.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: One or more 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 is indicated below:

Sat. Oct. 8 1030 Skippers Meeting
 1200 Warning Signal for Race 1, other races to follow

Sun. Oct. 9 1100 Warning Signal for 1st race of the day, other races to follow.

Mon. Oct. 10 1030 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 10.

4. Social and Registration Schedule

Fri. Oct. 07 1800 – 2000 Check-in, Late Registration, and Measurements (Excluding those with Measurements from the 2016 US Albacore National Championships) at RHYC

Sat. Oct. 8 0830 – 1000 Check-in, Late Registration, and Measurements at RHYC

Sat. Oct. 8 1800 RHYC Banquet Dinner followed by USAA Annual General Meeting. Tickets for registered participants included in registration. Extra tickets for guests required (\$17.00)

Sun. Oct. 9 1800 RHYC Club Social including buffet dinner. Tickets for registered participants included in registration. Extra tickets for guests required (\$17.00)

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

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 is expected to be available on USAA's web site before Sept 1, 2016. For registrations not made online or postmarked before September 23, 2016, there will be a \$20 late fee.

7. Fees (US Dollars): \$220.00 Regatta Registration Fee (includes Saturday and Sunday dinners for skipper and crew, limited breakfast buffet and a make-your-our sandwich bar each day, and two bottles of water each day per boat.)

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

\$20.00 Late fee for registrations not postmarked or made online before Sep. 23, 2016

\$17.00 Extra dinner for Saturday, Oct. 8. Order with registration or at check in.

\$17.00 Extra dinner Sunday Oct. 9. Order with registration or at check in.

Camping (Tent camping is free, RV hookup is \$15 paid directly to RHYC)

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 are expected to be posted online before October 1, 2016 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:

- Awards: There will be awards for the top 5 finishes
- Endurance Award – Lowest placing boat that finishes every race.

14. Accommodations:

Camping (Tent camping is free, RV hookup \$15 per day according to RHYC) Bathrooms with showers are available 24/7.

A RHYC Member owns Rock Hall Vacation Rentals <http://rockhallvacationrentals.com/>, the inventory includes vacation rentals which can house up to 10 people who could share the cost of the rental. Also <http://www.rockhallmd.com/visitors/pages/lodging> and for lots of other options.

Bay Breeze Inn P.O. Box 189, 5758 Main Street, Rock Hall, Maryland 21661 phone: (410) 639-2061 Competitors are to call Jim, the owner, and mention the US Albacore Association when making reservations.

Mariners Motel 5681 South Hawthorne Avenue, Rock Hall, Maryland 21661
E-mail: reservations@marinermotelmd.com Tel: 410-639-2291

Holiday Inn Express 150 Scheeler Road, Chestertown, MD 21620 Tel: 800-467-1538

15. Social Events:

Saturday, Oct. 8, 6:00pm at RHYC: Happy Hour (select beers and soft drinks) followed by Buffet Dinner and Annual General Meeting. Keg and cash bar.

Sunday, Oct. 9, 6:00pm at RHYC. Club Social including buffet dinner. Cash Bar.

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.

ATTACHMENT A: Registration Form

**2016 US ALBACORE ASSOCIATION
NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP
OCTOBER 8-10, 2016
Rock Hall Yacht Club, Rock Hall, MD**

COMPETITOR INFORMATION:

Skipper: _____ **Crew:** _____

Address: _____ **Address:** _____

Phone: _____ (H) _____ (W) **Phone:** _____ (H) _____ (W)

E-mail: _____ **E-mail:** _____

US Sailing, CYA, RYA or CBYRA # _____ **Club Affiliation:** _____

BOAT INFORMATION:

Sail Number: _____ **Boat Name:** _____

Boat Measurement Cert. (Yes) (No) **Most recent buoyancy test date** _____

FEES:

National Championship (\$220.00) _____
Includes Saturday and Sunday dinners for skipper and crew, limited breakfast buffet
and a make-your-own sandwich bar each day, and bottled water

Discount for members of US Sailing, CBYRA, CYA or RYA (-\$10.00) _____
Membership Number: _____

***For registrations with payment post-marked or on-line before Sep. 23, 2016
add late fee \$20.*** _____

Sat. Oct 8 Extra Dinner Tickets: _____ @ \$17.00 _____

Sun. Oct 9 Extra Dinner Tickets: _____ @ \$17.00 _____

Total Enclosed _____

Make checks payable in US dollars to USAA. On-line registration (if available) uses PayPal.

NOTE: US banks charge \$15 or more to cash checks drawn on non-US banks, even if the checks are in US funds! If you pay by check from such a bank, please add \$15. Non-US residents who pre-register before September 23, 2016 and pay in US Dollars at the event will not be charged the late fee.

Mailed entry: US Albacore Association
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WAIVER OF LIABILITY:

I agree to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing, and by all other rules that govern this event. By participating in this regatta I voluntarily assume, and am knowledgeable of the risk of sailing and I assume sole responsibility for myself, my crew/team and boat. I agree to hold harmless and free of liability the Rock Hall Yacht Club, their employees and officers; all individuals volunteering for the regatta, and the United States Albacore Association, its officers and volunteers for any damage, material or personal, suffered by me or by my crew during the event or otherwise.

Skipper's signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Crew's signature: _____ **Date:** _____