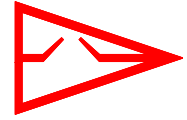


NOTICE OF RACE
BoatU.S. 2009 Santa Maria Cup
May 26 – 30, 2009
Eastport Yacht Club
Annapolis, Maryland, USA



1 ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Organizing Authority (OA) will be the Eastport Yacht Club (EYC).

2 VENUE

The venue will be Annapolis, Maryland, USA

3 EVENT GRADING

This event is an ISAF Grade 1 event. This grading is subject to review by the ISAF Match Race Advisory Board. The event may be re-graded when there is clear reason for doing so.

4 PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

4.1 The provisional schedule of events is:

- a Race office opens at 0900 hours, Tuesday, May 26.
- b Registration/weigh-ins will be 0900-1200 hours and 1500-1900 hours, Tuesday, May 26, 2009.
- c Practice from 1400-1700 hours, Tuesday, May 26.
- d First briefing at 0800 hours, Wednesday, May 27.
- e First meeting with umpires following the first briefing.
- f Racing days from Wednesday, May 27 to Saturday, May 30.
- g Time of the first race each day will be 0900 hours.
- h Daily press conference 30 minutes after race committee docking time each day.
- i Prize giving at approx. 1900 hours, Saturday, May 30.
- j No attention signal will be made after 1730 hours on May 30.

4.2 Unless excused by the OA, attendance at the following is mandatory:

- a Initial briefing, for skippers.
- b Daily briefing, for skippers.
- c Daily press conferences, for skippers sailing that day.
- d Regatta social events, for skippers and crews. Schedule to be determined at a later date
- e Prize giving, for skippers and crews.

5 SKIPPERS ELIGIBILITY

- a Ten skippers will be invited (the OA may expand to twelve teams). Only skippers invited by the OA will be eligible to enter this event. Requests for an invitation must be made electronically at <http://www.santamariacup.org/> by February 28, 2009.
- b The winner of the 2009 Sundance Cup will be given one of the ten available invitations.
- c The winner of the 2008 WIMRA Cup (Clube Naval Charitas, Niterói, Rio De Janeiro, Brasil) will be given one of the ten available invitations.
- d Invitations will be issued on or before March 7, 2009.
- e To remain eligible a skipper shall confirm acceptance of invitation in writing, (fax or e-mail is acceptable) by March 21, 2009.
- f All skippers shall be members of the Women's International Match Racing Association and of their National Authority.
- g A non-refundable entry bond of \$450 (US) shall accompany the acceptance of invitation for this to be valid. At registration, this money will be credited to the required damage deposit and insurance fee.
- h All competitors shall meet the eligibility requirements of ISAF Regulation 19.2.
- i The registered skipper shall helm the yacht at all times while racing, except in an emergency. All competitors shall obtain an ISAF Sailor ID by registering online at www.sailing.org/isafsailor. Skippers shall inform the OA of their ISAF Sailor ID at registration.

6 ENTRIES

6.1 Entry Completion

The team shall be entered on completion of registration, crew weighing and the payment of all fees and deposits. All payments shall be made by credit card or check in US dollars.

6.2 Entry Fee

The entry fee for this regatta is \$200. Each competitor shall pay the non-refundable portion of the cost of borrowed boat insurance, not to exceed \$100.00 (US). This amount will be taken out of the entry bond at time of registration.

6.3 Damage Deposit

- a An initial damage deposit of \$350 (US) shall be paid at registration, unless extended by the OA. This deposit is the maximum payable by the skipper as a result of any one incident. The entry bond of \$450 (US) – minus entry fee and insurance - will be applied to the damage deposit upon registration.
- b In the event that a deduction from the damage deposit is made by the OA, it may require that the deposit be restored to its original amount before the skipper will be permitted to continue in the event.
- c Any remaining deposit after the event will be refunded by July 15, 2009.



7 RULES

7.1 Basic Rules

- a The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), and including Appendix C.
- b The rules for the handling of boats will apply, and will also apply to any practice sailing and sponsor races.

7.2 The prescriptions of US SAILING will not apply, except the US SAILING prescriptions to rules 68, 76.1, and new rule 76.3, which are stated in full in paragraph 18 below.

7.3 International Jury

An International Jury (IJ) will be appointed in accordance with RRS Appendix N.

8 BOATS AND SAILS

- a The event will be sailed in J/22 type boats.
- b 10 boats will be provided.
- c The following sails will be provided for each boat: mainsail, jib, and spinnaker.
- d Boats will be allocated by draw, either daily or for each stage as decided by the Race committee.
- e US Coast Guard approved wearable life jackets will be provided for each boat.

9 CREW (INCLUDING SKIPPER)

- a The skipper and all crew shall be female.
- b The maximum number of crew (including the skipper) shall be 4. All registered crew shall sail all races.
- c The maximum total crew weight, determined prior to racing shall be 272 kg, when wearing at least shorts and shirts.
- d When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the event, the IJ may authorize an original crew member to substitute.
- e When a registered crew member is unable to continue in the event, the IJ may authorize a substitute, a temporary substitute or other adjustment.

10 EVENT FORMAT

- a The event will consist of the following stages:

Stage 1 – Double Round Robin

Each skipper will race against each other skipper twice.

Stage 2 - Semi Final Knockout Series

The four skippers with the highest total scores at the end of the stage 1 will advance to stage 2. The winners of each series of stage 2 will be the first boat to score 3 points.

Stage 3 – Final/Petit-Final Knockout Series

The winners of stage 2 will advance to the Final series. The other competitors from stage 2 will sail in the Petit-Final series. The winner in the Final series will be the first boat to score 3 points. The winner in the Petit-Final series will be the first boat to score two points.

- b The OA may change the format, terminate or eliminate any round, when conditions do not permit the completion of the intended format.

11 COURSE

- a The course will be windward/leeward with starboard roundings, finishing downwind.
- b The intended course area shall be on the Severn River or on the Chesapeake Bay, between Thomas Point and the Chesapeake Bay Bridge – NOAA chart # 12283

12 ADVERTISING

- a The OA intends to supply the following equipment, boat and sails. ISAF Regulation 20.3.2 will apply and Category C advertising as supplied by the OA is to be displayed on this equipment.
- b Competitors will not be required to wear clothing or a logo of an event sponsor while racing or at official functions.
- c Competitors may be permitted to display advertising ashore at the venue, but this is subject to individual negotiation with the OA.
- d Boats shall not be permitted the right to protest for breaches of any rules regarding advertising (changes RRS 60.1).

13 PRIZES

- a Prizes will be awarded to the skipper and crew of boats placing first through third.
- b The names of the winning team will be engraved on the perpetual BoatU.S. Santa Maria Cup Trophy.
- c The Gay Lynn Memorial Trophy will also be awarded.



14 MEDIA, IMAGES AND SOUND

The OA may require television personnel and equipment (or dummies) to be carried on board while racing and may require competitors to be available for interviews. The OA shall have the right to use any images and sound recorded during the event free of any charge.

15 COACH BOATS

- a Coach boats shall conspicuously display the identification of the team being coached. A coach boat is any boat that is under the direction or control of a person gathering information or giving material support for the benefit of particular competitors either on or off the water.
- b The OA will not provide berths for coach boats. The OA may be able to provide launching facilities for coach boats, but cannot provide trailer storage. Please contact the OA for more information.
- c Any interference by a coach boat with the racing or event organization may result in a penalty applied at the discretion of the IJ to the appropriate skipper or team.

16 OTHER INFORMATION

- a Housing in private homes of Eastport Yacht Club members will be provided to all competitors upon request.
- b Breakfast, lunches and cold drinks will be provided to all competitors Wednesday through Saturday.

17 DISCLAIMER

All those taking part in the event do so at their own risk. The OA, its associates and appointees accept no responsibility for any loss, damage, injury or inconvenience incurred, howsoever caused.

18 APPLICABLE US SAILING PRESCRIPTIONS

18.1 After RRS 68 add: "US SAILING prescribes that:

"(a) A boat that retires from a race or accepts a penalty does not, by that action alone, admit liability for damages.

"(b) A protest committee shall find facts and make decisions only in compliance with the rules. No protest committee or US SAILING appeal authority shall adjudicate any claim for damages. Such a claim is subject to the jurisdiction of the courts.

"(c) A basic purpose of the rules is to prevent contact between boats. By participating in an event governed by the rules, a boat agrees that responsibility for damages arising from any breach of the rules shall be based on fault as determined by application of the rules, and that she shall not be governed by the legal doctrine of 'assumption of risk' for monetary damages resulting from contact with other boats."

18.2 After RRS 76.1 add: "US SAILING prescribes that an organizing authority or race committee shall not reject or cancel the entry of a boat or exclude a competitor eligible under the notice of race and sailing instructions for an arbitrary or capricious reason or for reason of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, or age."

18.3 Add RRS 76.3: "US SAILING prescribes that a boat whose entry is rejected or cancelled or a competitor who is excluded from a race or series shall be, upon written request, entitled to a hearing conducted by the protest committee under rules 63.2, 63.3, 63.4 and 63.6."

19 CONTACT INFORMATION

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