



ALBACORE INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Sarasota Sailing Squadron, Sarasota, FL, USA
19 - 27 March 2015

and

USAA Mid Winter Championship
20 – 22 March 2015

Official Website: <http://intls.albacore.org>

NOTE: The USAA Mid Winter Championship is part of the Sarasota Sailing Squadron One Design Midwinters to be held 20 – 22 March 2015, and will run as a separate event scored independently from the 2015 Albacore International Championship. Refer to separate Notice of Race and see Sections 6 Fees and 7 Schedule for details.

NOTICE OF RACE

1 RULES

- 1.1 This regatta is governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of the US Sailing Association, the 2013 International Albacore Class Rules and any temporary rules or interpretations as published on <http://albacore.org>, except as any of these is altered by this notice, and by the sailing instructions.
- 1.2 The United States Albacore Association (USAA) and the USAA Internationals Organizing Committee, in cooperation with the International Albacore Association, is the Organizing Authority for these events.
- 1.3 The Internationals Organizing Committee may make exceptions to the rules upon written petition from competitors in advance.

2 ADVERTISING

Subject to the provisions of Regulation 20.6, the Organizing Authority may require that **boats** display the Advertising listed in this Regulation 20.4.1 and that the Organizing Authority provides the **boats** with the needed materials (stickers, flags, etc.).

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 This regatta is open to all members of a national Albacore class.
- 3.2 Eligible helms may enter by registering online at www.regattanetwork.com by 28 February 2015.
- 3.3 Late entries will be accepted on payment of a late fee as indicated in 6.3.
- 3.4 There are no restrictions on the number of boats that may enter.
- 3.5 Helms are required to present written confirmation of membership of a national Albacore class association and to present a current measurement certificate at registration. (See section 9 below).

4 SAIL NUMBERS

- 4.1 **International Letters:** All boats must display the helm's international letters on the mainsail.
- 4.2 **Sail Numbers on Charter Boats:** A chartered or loaned boat may carry national letters or a sail number in contravention of her class rules. Exceptions under this rule must be applied for and reviewed according to the interpretation set forth by the Albacore Class International Rules Committee. The interpretation, which will apply for this event, will be published on <http://albacore.org/rules/interpretations> not later than 1 December 2014.
 - 4.2.1 Competitors wishing to take advantage of this provision must make an application to the organizing committee in writing in accordance with the instructions set forth below. Applications should be made by 1 January 2015. Late applications may be accepted up to the close of registration for the event.

The application shall include:

- a) a clear statement of the reason(s) for requesting an exemption.
- b) a copy of the measurement certificate (for the boat to which the sails to be used belong) showing the sails to be used are measured and properly endorsed on this certificate.
- c) the hull number and name of the owner of the chartered or loaned hull which will be used with mismatched sails.

Application shall be made to the regatta chair, Rolf Zeisler, by e-mail at past-president@usaa.albacore.org.

- 4.2.2 Upon receipt of application, the designated review authority shall acknowledge such receipt and communicate to the applicant a date by which a decision will be rendered. The principle guiding each decision will be fair sailing in accordance with the spirit of the Sail Endorsement Rule C.10.2. Under no circumstances will a boat be permitted to use the sail number of another boat that is racing.

Decisions on advance applications shall be communicated to the applicant prior to the event and all decisions shall be posted on the official event notice board prior to the competitors meeting.

Competitors who are found to be in violation of the rules regarding sail numbers and their endorsement and who have not applied for and received an exemption as stated in this interpretation may be subject to protest and disqualification.

5 SPECIAL EQUIPMENT RULES

5.1 Adjustable Shrouds: International Albacore Class rule C.9.6(b)(3) will be in effect. Exceptions under this rule must be applied for and reviewed according to the interpretation set forth by the Albacore Class International Rules Committee. The interpretation which will apply for this event will be published on <http://albacore.org/rules/interpretations> not later than 1 December 2014.

5.1.1 Competitors wishing to take advantage of this provision must make an application to the organizing committee in writing in accordance with the instructions set forth below. Applications should be made by 1 January 2015. Late applications may be accepted up to the close of registration for the event.

The application shall include:

- a) a clear statement of the reason(s) for requesting an exemption.
- b) a statement that the adjustments will not be used while racing.

Application shall be made to the regatta chair, Rolf Zeisler, by e-mail at past-president@usaa.albacore.org.

5.1.2 Upon receipt of application, the designated review authority shall acknowledge such receipt and communicate to the applicant a date by which a decision will be rendered. The principle guiding each decision will be fair sailing.

5.2 Electronic Devices

5.2.1 Except in an emergency, a boat shall not make radio transmissions or cellular phone calls while racing.

5.2.2 Mobile telephones, smart phones, or two way radios may be carried on board for placing or receiving emergency calls at any time. Communications not related to weather or sea conditions, the day's race(s), or sailboat racing, and which could not be construed in any way as "outside help" are permitted while not racing.

5.2.3 Position logging and video recording devices may be carried on board and operated provided the device is configured such that no information (visual, audio or otherwise) is available to competitors while racing.

5.2.4 The organizing committee may loan demonstration units to competitors during the event.

5.2.5 Any and all devices must be submitted to the measurement committee for inspection and, if approved, will be documented using the regatta waiver form available at registration.

- 6 FEES**
- 6.1 Combined \$390
includes
a. Albacore International Championship (22 – 27 March 2015)
b. Sarasota Sailing Squadron One Design MidWinters (20 – 22 March 2015)
c. All social activities for helm and crew (20 - 27 March 2015)
- 6.2 Albacore International Championship \$340
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- 6.3 Registrations after 28 February 2015 add \$35
- 6.4 Helms not carrying US Sailing or equivalent national membership add \$35
(e.g. RYA, Sail Canada)
Helms are required to present written confirmation of membership at registration.
- 6.5 Additional social event tickets and merchandise can be ordered with the online registration and will be available at the event.

7 SCHEDULE

The Albacore International Championship will be sailed 23 - 27 March 2015, following the Sarasota Sailing Squadron 2015 One Design Midwinters, which will be held on 20 - 22 March 2015. The Albacore Mid Winter Championship is part of the Sarasota Sailing Squadron One Design MidWinters. Logistics make it necessary to schedule the International Championship activities starting 19 March 2015.

7.1 Albacore International Championship 19 – 27 March 2015

Registration and Measurement

Thursday, 19 March	08:00 – 18:00	Registration Open
Friday, 20 March	08:00 – 10:00	Registration Open
Sunday, 22 March	15:00 – 19:00	Registration Open
Monday, 23 March	08:00 – 10:00	Registration Open, Closes 10:00

Racing Schedule

Monday, 23 March	10:00	Competitors' Meeting
	11:30	First warning, additional races to follow
Tuesday, 24 March	11:30	Races continue; first warning
Wednesday, 25 March	Lay Day, sail-around-the-island, or makeup races.	
Thursday, 26 March	11:30	Races continue; first warning
Friday, 27 March	10:30	Races continue; first warning
	14:00	No start after

Number of races: The Race Committee will run about 3 races each day as weather and time permit.

7.2 Social Schedule

All social events will be held at the club unless otherwise indicated.

Refreshments will be available at the club each day after racing.

Sunday, 22 March	18:00 – 20:00	Reception
Monday, 23 March	TBD	
Tuesday, 24 March	TBD	
Wednesday, 25 March		<i>On your own</i>
	18:00	IAA Open Forum
Thursday, 26 March	18:00 – 21:00	Tony's BBQ
	19:30	IAA Council Meeting
Friday, 27 March	18:00 – 21:00	Awards Banquet

8 RACING AREAS

The Racing Area will either be in Sarasota Bay or in the Gulf of Mexico.

8.1 The Sarasota Bay site will be approximately 1 mile NNW of the Sarasota Sailing Squadron.

8.2 The Gulf of Mexico site will be approximately 1 mile SSW of New Pass.

9 MEASUREMENTS

9.1 All boats must be accompanied by a valid measurement certificate with a current buoyancy endorsement. No provision will be made for issuing new measurement certificates or endorsements at the regatta. All measurement must be completed in advance of the event.

9.2 Each boat must be presented for measurement during the indicated times, but not on or after 23 March 2015. Acceptance of boats will be according to a previously established schedule (see registration form for application)

9.3 Sailing weights will be determined for all boats. Boats will be inspected and a number of key measurements will be validated. Boats may produce a measurement validation according to the published itemized list provided by the Organizing Authority, and filled out and endorsed by a local measurer after 1 September 2014 and before departing or shipping for the regatta in lieu of on-site measurements. All sails used in the regatta shall be checked and endorsed.

10 SAFETY EQUIPMENT:

10.1 Each boat must carry the following safety equipment: 1 PFD per person, sound signal, paddle and bailer. In addition, each boat must carry on board during the regatta a line suitable for towing, at least 30 feet in length and 1/4 inch thickness.

10.2 US Sailing Prescription regarding Rule 40 shall not apply to this event.

11 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available in advance of the regatta on the International Albacore Championship website.

12 PENALTY SYSTEM

Appendix P, Immediate Penalties for Breaking Rule 42, Propulsion, will apply.

13 SCORING

13.1 The Low Point System of Appendix A and RRS 90.3(b) will apply, subject to modification as noted in the sailing instructions.

13.2 A minimum of one race will constitute the championship.

14 PARKING OF BOATS AND CARS

14.1 Parking spaces for boats will be assigned and competitors must keep boats within assigned spaces. Return dollies and trailers after launching to the assigned space.

14.2 Car parking is not allowed on Sarasota Sailing Squadron grounds during racing. Cars shall not be parked in prohibited areas.

15 SUPPORT BOATS

15.1 Support boats must be registered with the Organizing Authority and Sarasota Sailing Squadron grounds management. Designated parking spaces will be assigned if space on Sarasota Sailing Squadron grounds is available.

15.2 Support boats will be required to display a designated flag when present in the race area.

16 LAUNCHING

Beach and ramp launching as well as the use of two cranes are available. The use of dollies is encouraged.

17 TROPHIES

Trophies will be awarded for helm and crew on a daily basis and to the top 10 teams for their overall standing. Perpetual trophies will be awarded as follows:

- Governor General's Trophy - highest place helm in series
- [Pewter urn](#) – second place helm in series
- US Presidents Trophy – third place helm in series

- Freedom Trophy - highest placed helm NOT from host nation
- BP Barrel - highest place helm from Scottish club
- The Anton McNamara Trophy - winner of the last points race
- <To be named> Best young team (combined crew age 65 years or less)

18 MEDIA RIGHTS

- 18.1 By participating in this regatta, a competitor grants to the Organizing Authority and its sponsors the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time at their discretion, any photographs, motion pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of him or her during the period of the competition without compensation.
- 18.2 NO photographs, motion pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions taken during racing by competitors or others shall be used in protest or redress.

19 BOAT CHARTER

A limited number of boats will be available for charter. Please contact Barney Harris for further information:

Email: teamsport@hotmail.com

Phone: (703) 517-8985

20 HOUSING

Hotels/Motels: A variety of accommodations for visiting sailors is available. Close by (Lido Key, Longboat Key) rooms will be at high season rates, early reservations (now!) are recommended. The Sarasota Sailing Squadron website lists some hotels, see <http://sarasotasailingsquadron.org/contacts/visiting-sailors/>. Note that lowest priced accommodations are located on the mainland (\$29 per day or \$ 79 per week have been spotted), but there are sometimes tedious commuting issues.

Billeting: Local sailors may offer accommodations, the Organizing Authority will establish a contact.

Onsite Accomodations: Camping is available on Squadron grounds. There is no charge for tents during the regatta, RVs/Campers will be charged a nominal fee for setup and electricity per night.

21 SPONSORS

The event is sponsored by Dogfish Head Craft Brewery Inc., Milton, DE.
<http://www.dogfish.com/>

22 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact the Regatta Chair Rolf Zeisler or the Sarasota Sailing Squadron.

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