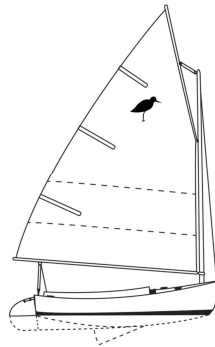


FOURTH ANNUAL

SANDPIPER NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP REGATTA

September 16-18, 2016

The 2016 National Championship of the Sandpiper Class will be held September 16-18. Regatta headquarters will be the Barnegat Light Yacht Club, Harvey Cedars, New Jersey with racing on Barnegat Bay. The Organizing Authorities (OA) are the host club Barnegat Light Yacht Club and Sandpiper Class Association



NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the 2013-2016 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of US Sailing, the rules of the Sandpiper Class Association, and this Notice of Race, except as any of these are changed by the Sailing Instructions or any appendices to the Sailing Instructions.

2. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 2.1 AGE – The regatta is open to competitors of all ages. Competitors under the age of 18 may, at the discretion of the OA, be required to submit a completed Waiver of Liability signed by his/her parent or guardian.
- 2.2 US SAILING MEMBERSHIP – All skippers at this regatta will be required to be members of US Sailing.
- 2.3 CLASS ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP – All skippers at this regatta will be required to be Full Members of the Sandpiper Class Association. A Full Member is an owner or partial-owner of a Marshall Marine Sandpiper. Associate Members, at the discretion of the Sandpiper Class Association Council, may be allowed to skipper in this event.

3. BOATS/MEASUREMENT

- 3.1** The regatta is open to Marshall Sandpipers conforming to the rules of the Sandpiper Class Association. Land storage for the first 25 boats will be available at Barnegat Light YC. Minimum number of crew is two including skipper. There is no maximum number of crew. The same crew must sail in all races of the regatta. If a crewmember is not able to continue racing, a substitute may be allowed by petition to the Race Committee.
- 3.2** CHARTERS – Competitors are encouraged to bring their own boats. A limited number of charter boats are available. The Regatta Chairman can provide the contact information for the charter coordinator upon request.
- 3.3** EQUIPMENT CHECK – All boats must complete a Required Equipment check at registration in which they will be required to show proof of each item on a Required Equipment list including towline of at least 30', bilge pump, bucket, paddle, suitable anchor and anchor line, whistle, life vests for each crewmember, and a VHF radio.
- 3.4** SAIL MEASUREMENT – All sails used in this regatta will be subject to a Class Association compliance check at any point before, during or after the regatta.
- 3.5** RESPONSIBILITY – Each competitor will be responsible for ensuring their boat is in compliance with the Sandpiper Class Association Rules.

4. FEES

The entry fee for the regatta is \$250.00 per boat. The entry fee includes Continental breakfast, refreshments after sailing each day, two T-shirts, and admission to the Barnegat Light YC Cookout on Friday night. Additional crewmembers can be added at \$135.00 each. Spouses and guests of competitors will be able to attend the evening events for a per event charge to be listed on the registration form or paid at event.

5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Thursday, September 15

1200-1700: Registration, competitor check-in, rigging, equipment check
1700-1900: Welcome refreshments at Barnegat Light YC

Friday, September 16

0830: Skippers meeting, late registration ends, at Barnegat Light YC
0930: Harbor Depart
1030: First Warning for Races 1-3 (Lunch on the water)
1730: After Race beverages and appetizers

Saturday, September 17

0900: Daily Skipper briefing / North-South Course announcement
0930: Harbor Depart
1030: First Warning for Races 4-6 (Lunch on the water)
1800: "Saturday Night Cookout" at Barnegat Light YC

Sunday, September 18

0900: Daily Skipper briefing / North-South Course announcement
0930: Harbor Depart
1030: First Warning for Races 7-8 (Lunch on the water)
1430: Racing completed, return to harbor to Derig and pack
1600: Awards Ceremony and refreshments
1630: Departure

6. REGISTRATION

Advance registration for competitors is available online with links on class web site, <http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/13237>. Registration opens August 11th, 2016. Advanced Registration will close on September 11th, 2016. A late fee of \$30 will be assessed for all registrations after September 11th. Online registration closes on September 11th. Registration for this event closes at 0800 September 16.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions (SI's) will be available at registration and on the regatta website.

8. SCORING

A maximum of 8 races are scheduled, of which one shall be completed to constitute a series. If 5 or more races are sailed, a boat's worst score shall be discarded.

9. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to competitors placing first through fifth. The Sandpiper National Championship Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the winner of the regatta.

10. HOUSING

An attempt will be made to accommodate all housing requests. Housing provided by members of the host club that have volunteered will be given out on a first come first serve basis. Please contact Regatta Chairman Pete Menninger lbi.sandpiper@yahoo.com to arrange for housing.

11. FURTHER INFORMATION

Contact Regatta Chairman Pete Menninger, 267-261-5615, lbi.sandpiper@yahoo.com and check the regatta website for further information.

12. Host Club:

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