



July 12, 2013

Dear 2013 U.S. Multihull Championship Competitor and Guests,

On behalf of the Organizing Committee and the Sausalito Yacht Club, we are thrilled to welcome you to SYC! We hope you have a great sailing experience and that your stay in Sausalito will be a memorable one. There are social events planned during the regatta, in addition to racing, and we are looking forward to your arrival in September.

CLUB WEBSITE

Information about Sausalito and the surrounding areas is available at www.sausalitoyachtclub.org or the Chamber of Commerce Website at www.sausalito.org.

Daily results and photos will be posted during the event on <http://championships.ussailing.org/Adult/USMHChampionship.htm>

ARRIVAL BY AIR

SYC is approximately 22 miles north of the San Francisco International Airport (SFO), 30-38 miles north of the Oakland International Airport and 60 miles north of San Jose International Airport (SJC). San Jose International Airport is the least convenient due to the distance and lack of public transportation. Adult visitors can rent a car when arriving by air at any of the airports.

If you don't wish to rent a car and you are arriving at SFO there is a reasonably priced transportation option known as Marin Airporter: www.marinairporter.com. We advise using the Manzanita, Mill Valley stop, rather than the Sausalito Spencer Avenue stop, as you will be able to obtain a taxi ride to your hotel or other accommodations more easily there than at Spencer Avenue. Transportation options to Marin County from Oakland Airport are listed on that airport's website.

San Francisco International Airport: www.flysfo.com

Oakland International Airport: www.flyoakland.com

DRIVING INSTRUCTIONS TO DUNPHY PARK (1600 Bridgeway, SAUSALITO, CA 94965)

Take Highway 101 north or south, depending on where you are arriving from and exit at the Sausalito/Marin City Exit. Follow the signs at the off-ramp to Sausalito, then drive south on the main road from the off-ramp, which is Bridgeway Blvd. Drive approximately 1.3 miles south. Dunphy Park is on the east side. Turn east on Napa St. Follow the signs to unload your boat and parking.

The address of the Sausalito Yacht Club is: 1 El Portal, Sausalito, CA 94965. It is adjacent to the Sausalito Ferry Terminal. There is ferry service from two locations in San Francisco, the Ferry Building at the foot of Market Street and from Pier 41 which is adjacent to Pier 39.



REGISTRATION

Skippers and crews will be required to sign a physical copy of the releases.

Skipper and crew will weigh in.

Boat weigh-in will be required.

A physical copy of proof of \$100,000 liability insurance is required at registration.

You will be issued an event wristband. Your wristband will be used for your entry to events during the week.

MEDICAL FORM

Each competitor under 18 must send a completed Medical Form along with all of the required waivers to SYC by August 16th. If any medical issues change after that date, it is the responsibility of the parent/competitor to notify the SYC regatta chairman, Kathie Forte, usmultihull@sausalitoyachtclub.org. It is suggested that you bring a copy of your insurance card with you.

HOUSING

Housing is available on a first come first serve basis up to June 1, 2013

“Dry” RV Parking is available at Dunphy Park in Sausalito, CA - next to the regatta site. No facilities (no water, power or hook-ups). The fee will be approximately \$35 per night.

RV Accommodations with hook-ups are available at the following websites. They require reservations and strongly recommend they be made soon.

- www.marinrvpark.com
- www.goldengatetrailerpark.com

GUEST/ACCOMMODATIONS

These are listed as a convenience to visitors from out of town and are not to be considered a recommendation of the quality of the facilities nor their services.

Hotels:

Holiday Inn Express Mill Valley

160 Shoreline Highway,

Mill Valley, CA

(Approximately 2 miles from Dunphy Park)

Courtyard Larkspur Landing/Marin County

2500 Larkspur Landing Circle

Larkspur, California 94939 USA

(Across from the Larkspur Ferry to San Francisco)

(Approximately 7 miles from Dunphy Park)

Marin County hotels are identified at

http://www.tripadvisor.com/Hotels-g155988-Marin_County_California-Hotels.html

PARKING

Parking will be available in the lot adjacent to Dunphy Park. SYC is within walking distance.



BOATS

This event is a Bring-Your-Own Boat regatta to be sailed on Hobie 16s. Charter boats may be available. It will be the responsibility of the lessee and the boat owner to work out all costs and logistics. The Organizing Authority will have no role or responsibility regarding chartered boats.

Each boat shall comply with the International Hobie Class Association class rules and will be weighed for compliance. In addition, boats and crew may be weighed at any time during the regatta at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.

CANCELLATIONS

If at any time your plans change and you will not be able to attend the Championship, you **must** notify the National Chair, Laura Sullivan, laura.kay.sullivan@gmail.com, as soon as possible. This is crucial.

CREW CHANGES

Occasionally unanticipated situations may make it necessary for teams to change crew. Crew changes will be granted by the Committee prior to the regatta or by Jury during the regatta *only if* there is a valid reason (see the championship conditions for specifics). Sailors that wish to change sailing partners must submit a request in writing stating the reason. Requests should be e-mailed to the National Chair, Laura Sullivan at laura.kay.sullivan@gmail.com. We encourage you to plan well in advance in an effort to retain your original team unless a true emergency arises.

PRIVATE COACHES

No private coaches are allowed at this event.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be distributed at registration and will be available on the championship's website on <http://championships.ussailing.org/Adult/USMHChampionship.htm>

GEAR

The average water temperature in early September in San Francisco Bay is 60 degrees. Most Hobie sailors wear wet suits or dry suits with appropriate footwear.

PERSONAL GEAR

Competitors shall wear a US Coast Guard (USCG) approved personal flotation device (PFD) while on the water other than for brief periods while adding or removing clothing. No modifications of the PFD are permitted. Competitors from outside the U.S. may wear a PFD approved by their nations' certification authority to the extent permitted by international treaty. The PFD must be worn outside of all clothing except that a thin shirt may be worn over the PFD to prevent snagging.

WEATHER

Real time weather information is available at: <http://forecast.weather.gov/MapClick.php?CityName=Sausalito&state=CA&site=MTR&textField1=37.8592&textField2=-122.484&e=0#.UcsWcxaYepc>



ALCOHOL AND DRUGS

Per US Sailing Regulation 10: For adult US SAILING championship events, no competitor shall use, either on or off the water, marijuana or any other controlled substance, (as defined in 21 U.S. Code 802) the possession of which is unlawful under 21 U.S. Code 841.

For junior and youth events or for junior or youth competitors in any US SAILING championship, no participant or competitor shall use, either on or off the water, marijuana or any other controlled substance (as defined in 21 U.S. Code 802) the possession of which is unlawful under 21 U.S. Code 841, or alcoholic beverages (distilled spirits, wine and beer, each as defined in chapter 51 of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code and intended for beverage use).

An alleged breach of one of these regulations shall not be grounds for a protest. However, when the protest committee believes that a competitor may have breached one of these regulations, it shall follow the process described in racing rule 69.1, and a competitor found to have breached one of these regulations shall be excluded from the remaining races of the series and, where practicable, removed from the regatta venue and sent home.

TREATING THE HOST CLUB PROPERLY

SYC has been planning and working on this event for months. You can be assured that they have planned the best possible event for you. They take their regatta hosting very seriously, and as their guests you have an obligation to show that you appreciate their work. Please be as self-sufficient as possible and help others as needed. We expect that you'll jump in and help without being asked!

We welcome you to Sausalito Bay Yacht Club and look forward to great racing, great food, and a great time at our club.

Sincerely,

Kathie Forte
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Sausalito Yacht Club Regatta Chair
2013 U.S. Multihull Championship