



SAILING INDUSTRY CONFERENCE REGATTA

NOTICE OF RACE

May 31, 2017

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY: Sail America – the membership association for all those working in the sailing industry

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by:
 - a. The rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
 - b. Anything the regatta organizers want to add.

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1. Advertising is permitted, and in fact, encouraged on the persons participating. Permanent tattoos featuring company logos may be considered to the competitor's benefit should changes in the PHRF rating be needed. Since boats are borrowed, no change or additional advertising from competitors is allowed on the borrowed property.
- 2.2 We are thrilled to announce West Marine as the Regatta Sponsor. All competitors will be provided blue shirts and khaki pants, so we look like we work at West Marine, and we look good for the photos. (You know we're kidding, right?)

3. ENTRY AND ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1. Regatta is open to all current members of Sail America. AAA, NRA or AARP memberships will not be honored. If you want to come have fun and you aren't/your company isn't a member, bring \$75 and join for the year. (You'd spend that at the go-cart track for 3 hours of fun anyway!)
- 3.2 Competitors may register as a team of 3-4 OR as individuals eligible for the crew pool (not the lap pool).
- 3.3 Borrowed one-design Ensign keelboats will be used. For more "go fast" techniques visit:
<http://www.onedesign.com/tabid/25116/Default.aspx>
- 3.4 All competitors will be required to wear lifejackets (provided.) Bring your water bottle, sunscreen and your sailing clothes. It's up to you whether you wear them or not. (Water temperature is 50° F.)

4. FEES

- 4.1. Entry fees:
 - a. One person entry fee: \$87.50 – but bring your friends!
 - b. Full team of 4 sailors entry fee: \$350.00
 - c. No early bird discounts, no late fees, just register and come sail!

5. SCHEDULE

- 5.1. Registration, expert lifejacket fitting, and boat assignment May 31, 13:00-13:30
- Skippers Meeting 13:30
- Warning Signal, Race 1 14:15
- Race #2-5 14:15-14:30
- Race #6-10 14:30-17:00



Sponsored by:



6. WEIGH-IN

6.1 Just kidding. Unlike other highly prestigious events, we don't care how much your crew weighs, and we really don't want to see you in your swim suit.

7. COACHING

7.1 The organizing authority recognizes that premiere events such as this tend to create significant crowds, on-water spectators, paid coaches, need for porta potties, parking problems and security concerns. Reasonable accommodations will be made for on-land spectating and each team's cheering squad.

7.2 On-water personal coach boats will not be allowed within 10 miles of the race course.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

8.1. The Sailing Instructions will not be available at the Regatta Office during registration. Actually they won't be available anywhere. Deal with it.

9. VENUE

9.1. The Milwaukee Community Sailing Center is 1.5 miles from the Downtown Milwaukee Marriott, host hotel for the SAIC. This means you have NO excuse for not coming to cheer, jeer, sail, or relax at a beautiful waterfront facility on Wednesday before we put your mind to work on the opening day of the conference.

9.2 Specific Address: The Milwaukee Community Sailing Center, 1450 N. Lincoln Memorial Drive, Milwaukee WI 53202

9.3 The sailing area is located on the spectacular Milwaukee Bay on Lake Michigan.

10. COURSES

10.1. We will be sailing a particular course, but we don't know what that is right now. It might be windward, leeward, with start and finish in the middle. Or it might not.

10.2 The organizers will attempt to communicate the course prior to the warning signal of race one.

10.3 Seriously, we'll talk about this at the Skippers Meeting.

11. PENALTY SYSTEM

11.1 There is no protest committee, and there will be no midnight oil spent adjudicating results. We know you'd rather be familiar with your pillow or the bar instead. As would your regatta organizers. As a result, if you foul another boat, without contact, do one 360 turn to include one tack and one gybe. We know you aren't going to foul another boat with contact, so we won't tell you about the 720 you need to do, or that you will have to buy everyone dinner, and be subject to Section 13.2 provisions below.

11.2 Just as a reminder, if you hit a mark, get clear, and do a 360 including one tack and one gybe. You don't have to reround the mark. That rule went away in the late 1900's.

12. SCORING

12.1. The low Point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A, will apply. 10.2. If 6 or more races are completed, the worst race shall be dropped, including a disqualification.

13. INSURANCE

13.1 Participants will be asked to fill out MCSC's forms, and not be dumb.



13.2 Contact between boats is highly discouraged. Anyone involved in damage to boats may receive one or more of the following penalties:

- a. 0500 10 mile run
- b. 6 hour fiberglass clinic.
- c. Overnight ball bearing pickup crew at Harken.
- d. Anything else deemed appropriate by the RRS and Organizing Authority.

14. RADIO COMMUNICATION

14.1. We really like radio communication and those race committees who use it to talk to the competitors, but don't really think you want to carry one through TSA. As a result, we'll try to communicate the old fashioned way – with a white board/flags and yelling. If you see a change in course happening, do everyone a favor and share it with the other boats.

14.2 If you really want to bring your radio, we might use them, so that the race organizer has a voice to cheer on the Brewers the next day.

15. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

15.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury, death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the regatta.

16. PRIZES

16.1. The overall winner of the event will be awarded the world renowned Sailing Industry Regatta Perpetual Trophy. Assuming there are more than three teams, keeper awards will be presented to the top three finishing teams.

17. MEDIA RIGHTS

17.1. By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to Sail America, your competitors, and basically the world, the right to take and use images, photos, video, etc. to demonstrate the fabulousness of sailing and to show that those in the sailing industry do a) still know the pointy end goes first, and lead side down, and b) actually love what they do for a living.

18. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

18.1 For registration, questions, and more information regarding the SAIC Regatta (May 31, 2017) or the Sail America Industry Conference (June 1, 2) please email [Katie Kelly](mailto:Katie.Kelly@sailamerica.com) at Sail America, call her at 401-289-2540, or go online at www.sailamerica.com

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