

NOTICE OF RACE
2017 Buccaneer North American Championship
Niantic Bay YC, Niantic, Ct
Sept 28 - Oct 1, 2017

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Presiding Officers

Regatta Chair: Bob DeRoeck
Principal Race Officer: Harlan Fredericksen
Protest committee Chair: **Later**
Measurement Officer: Scott Laundry
Buccaneer Class Measurer: Scott Laundry

1. RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, except as modified by the Sailing Instructions and any amendments thereto.

1.2 The Buccaneer Class Association (BCA) Racing Rules in effect at the time of the regatta shall apply and prevail, if there is a conflict with this Notice, unless modified by the Sailing Instructions.

2. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY. The organizing authority for this regatta is the BCA in conjunction with the Niantic Bay Yacht Club.

3. ELIGIBILITY.

3.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the Buccaneer 18 Class as defined in paragraph III.A of the BCA Racing Rules. Chartered boats are eligible.

3.2 One member of the sailing team must be a BCA member (full, associate, family or lifetime) with membership established no later than 9:00 a.m. on Sept 29, 2017.

4. MEASURING - later

5. REGISTRATION AND FEES

5.1 Registration. No entry will be accepted after 9 a.m. on Sept 29, 2017. The Registration Form is attached to this document. You may print it, complete the form and mail it along with a check to the address shown on the form. Online registration via the BCA website will be available by May 1, 2017 including the option to pay via Paypal.

5.2 The registration fee for entries received by July 31, 2017 is \$220. For entries received between Aug 1 and Aug 31, the fee is \$240. For entries received after Aug 31 the fee is \$275. There is a discount of US \$10 for members of US Sailing or the Canadian Sailing Association. There is a discount of US \$10 for payment made by check. The entry fee includes two tickets for the Welcoming Party, the Friday dinner, and the Saturday night dinner. Additional tickets can be purchased for \$15/person for the Welcoming Party, \$23/person for the Friday night dinner, and

\$27/person for the Saturday night dinner. Regatta T-shirts are not included in the registration fee but will be available for an additional fee.

6. FLEETS

6.1 There will be two fleets, "A" Fleet and "B" Fleet. The national champion is the winner of "A" fleet.

6.2 No previous winner of an A or B Fleet BNAC Championship will be permitted to compete in B Fleet.

6.3 Skippers wishing to compete in B Fleet are encouraged to submit the Registration Form with the fleet designation of "B" fleet. However, skippers can revise their fleet designation up until 9 a.m. on Sept 29, 2017 by notifying the Regatta Chair.

6.4 The decision as to whether both fleets will race together, but with separate scoring, or race as individual fleets will be made prior to the Skipper's Meeting by the Regatta Chair and the PRO. If both fleets race together each boat will display an indication of the fleet it is racing in. These indicators will be described in the Sailing Instructions and handed out to each skipper at regatta check-in or at the Skipper's Meeting.

7. RACING SCHEDULE

Thursday, Sept 28, 2017:

0900 -1300 hrs. Check-in, onsite registration, boat and sail inspection/measurement.

1400 -1600 hrs. Practice races.

1700 - 1900 hrs. Welcome Party at NBYC

Friday, Sept 29:

0900 hrs. Skippers Meeting for Championship Regatta.

1030 hrs. Warning signal for first race. Target is 5 races for the day. No race shall start after 1600 hrs. There will be a break for lunch on the water, a minimum of 15 minutes from the time the last boat finishes a race to the warning signal for the next race. This break will be announced with flag signal from the committee boat as described in the SI's.

1800 -2200 hrs. Dinner at NBYC followed by BCA Annual Meeting

Saturday, Sept 30:

1000 hrs. Warning signal for first race. Target is 5 races for the day. No race shall start after 1530 hrs. There will be a break for lunch on the water as described for Friday.

1800 -2100 hrs. Dinner at NBYC

Sunday, Oct 1:

1000 hrs. Warning signal for first race. Target 3 races. No race shall start after 1300 hrs.

1300-1500 hrs. Pack up boats for the road.

1500 hrs. Awards ceremony on site at NBYC.

Note, "target" races for each day is simply that, a goal, not a requirement. The number of races held each day shall be determined by the PRO in consultation with the Regatta Chair and be based on weather, wind, and sea conditions. If all or a portion of a scheduled days racing is lost due to these conditions, the PRO and Regatta Chair may decide to increase the target number of races for following days to compensate for "lost" races.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS - Sailing Instructions will be available at check-in and will be posted on the BNAC 2017 page of the BCA website.

9. VENUE AND COURSES - The race courses will be located in Niantic Bay and the adjoining waters of Long Island Sound. The courses to be sailed will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

10. PROTESTS AND ARBITRATION - later

11. SCORING

11.1 The regatta will be scored using the RRS Appendix A, Low Point System.

11.2 A minimum of three completed races is required for the regatta to be official.

11.3 Throwouts:

- a. When four or fewer races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- b. When from 5 to 9 races have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- c. When 10 or more races have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

11.4 Boats failing to start within 15 minutes of the start signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes RRS rule A4.

11.5 Boats having started but failing to finish within the longer of 90 minutes or 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored the number of boats that finished within the time limit plus 1. This changes RRS rules 35 and A4.

12. CREW AND EQUIPMENT SUBSTITUTION - later

13. PRIZES - later

14. BERTHING/LAUNCHING - later

15. SOCIAL EVENT SCHEDULE. See the attached Social Event Schedule.

Lunches. The Slipper Shell Galley located at NBYC will be open for lunch Thursday-Sunday of BNAC. The menu is posted on the NBYC website. If there is sufficient interest, bagged lunches can be provided for an additional fee by the Slipper Shell on Friday and Saturday. The Registration Form includes a place for you to indicate interest in ordering bagged lunches.

16. SPECTATOR BOATS. If there is interest, places may be available for spectators on some of the race committee boats or a spectator boat. Please indicate interest on the Registration Form.

17. MEDIA RIGHTS - Competitors give absolute right and permission to the BCA and NBYC for any photography and video footage taken of persons and boats during the event, to be published in any media worldwide whatsoever for any editorial, promotional, and advertising purposes and to be used in press information.

18. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY - Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS rule 4, Decision to Race. Each registered member of each boat's sailing team releases the Organizing Authority and NBYC of all liability for material damage, personal injury, or death, sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta. All competitors will be required to sign a liability release when checking in for the regatta.

19. Dogs - Dogs are not allowed on the NBYC site.

20. FURTHER INFORMATION AND LODGING - Visit the regatta webpage (the BNAC 2017 page of the BCA website) or contact Bob DeRoeck by email at bobboat at Verizon.net or phone 508-888-2607. For housing options go to the regatta webpage.

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Thursday, Sept 28. Welcome Party at NBYC, 5-7 pm. Beer, wine, soft drinks and hors d'oeuvres provided.

Friday, Sept 29. Dinner at NBYC followed by BCA Annual Meeting, 6-10 pm. Bring your own beverage (alcoholic or non-alcoholic). Food is served buffet-style.

Hors d'oeuvres: - Bacon, Caramelized Onion & Bleu Cheese Flatbread
 - Spanakopita
 - Teriyaki Sesame Meatballs

Entrée (choice to be made on Registration Form):

- Chicken Masala
- Sesame Orange Salmon
- Bowtie Pasta w/Broccoli, Tomatoes & Black Olives in a White Wine & Garlic Sauce

Includes mesclun salad w assorted veggies and dressings, seasonal veggies, rice pilaf, dinner rolls, assorted finger-style desert and coffee service.

Saturday, Sept 30. Dinner at NBYC, 6-9 pm. Bring your own beverage (alcoholic or non-alcoholic). Food is served buffet-style.

Hors d'oeuvres: - Corned Beef Reuben in a mini Phyllo cup
 - Herb Stuffed Mushrooms
 - Florentine Balls

Entrée (choice to be made on Registration Form):

- Horseradish & Garlic Roast Prime Rib
- Cilantro Lime Shrimp Kabob (See note below)
- Tri color Tortellini w/Sundried Tomato Pesto Cream Sauce

Includes Caesar salad, seasonal veggie, baked potatoes bar w/sour cream, cheddar, cutter & scallions, garlic bread, dinner rolls, assorted finger-style desert and coffee service.

Sunday, Oct 1. No social events planned.

Note: To some people cilantro tastes like soap. If you want the shrimp kabob entrée, but with another herb instead of cilantro, choose the shrimp kabob on the Registration Form but circle "Yes" after the note "Cilantro tastes like soap".

BNAC 2017 REGISTRATION FORM

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Skipper: _____ Age (9/28/2017): _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____ (H), _____ (W), _____ (C)
E-mail: _____
Hull Color: _____ Sail#: _____ Boat Name: _____
US Sailing or Canadian Sailing Association membership #: _____
Crew 1: _____ Age (9/28/2017): _____
Crew 2: _____ Age (9/28/2017): _____

Fees

Regatta Entry received by July 31	\$220	_____
Received Aug 1-31	\$240	_____
Received after Aug 31	\$275	_____
US or Canadian Sailing Assoc. Discount	-\$10	_____
BCA Membership Dues	\$35	_____

T-shirts

Women's Tee Shirts Number: S ____, M ____, L ____ @ \$20 ea _____
Men's Tee Shirts Number: S ____, M ____, L ____, XL ____, XXL ____ @ \$20 ea _____

Social Events

Registration fee includes two tickets to each of the following:
Welcoming Party: Number of additional people _____ @ \$15 each _____
Friday Night Dinner: Number of additional people _____ @ \$23 each _____
Saturday Night Dinner: Number of additional people _____ @ \$27 each _____
Discount for Payment by check _____ -\$10 _____
Total (Make check payable to "Process Consultants") _____

Dinner Entrée Choice Reservations

Friday Night: Number of Chicken Masala _____
Number of Sesame Orange Salmon _____
Number of Pasta w Veggies in Garlic/Wine Sauce _____
Sat. Night: Number of Prime Rib _____
Number of Tortellini w pesto cream sauce _____
Number of Cilantro Shrimp Kabob ** _____

** Cilantro tastes like soap to me. Please use another herb (circle "Yes") Yes

Bagged Lunches

Bagged lunches can be provided by the caterer for Friday and Saturday for an additional fee, if there is sufficient interest. Indicate how many bagged lunches you want below:

Friday _____ Saturday _____

Spectator Boat Seating

Indicate number of people interested in going on a spectator boat each day below:

Friday _____ Saturday _____ Sunday _____

Mail Registration Form and check to Bob DeRoeck, 2 Sunrise Lane, Sandwich, MA 02563