



# NOTICE OF RACE 2008 USODA TEAM TRIALS

May 1-4, 2008

**Annapolis, MD, USA**

Organizing Authority (OA)

Annapolis Yacht Club in conjunction with the USODA

## **1 RULES**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 The following racing rule(s) will be changed (the changes will appear in full in the sailing instructions):
  - a) RRS 63.7 will be replaced with: "If there is any conflict between the sailing instructions and this notice of race, the sailing instructions shall apply."
  - b) RRS 61.1 (2) will be changed to require a boat to display a red flag if she intends to protest concerning an incident in the racing area.
  - c) RRS 61 will be changed to require a boat to inform the race committee finish boat immediately after finishing of its intention to protest another boat and provide the sail number of the protested boat.
  - d) Appendix P, Immediate Penalties for Breaking Rule 42, will apply as modified by the sailing instructions.

## **2 ADVERTISING**

Advertising will be restricted to Category A.

## **3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 3.1 Competitors are required to be current members of the USODA and have been born on or after January 1, 1993.
- 3.2 All competitors must be "Team Trial Eligible" as defined by the USODA and be listed on the Team Trials Qualified (TTQ) lists at [www.usoda.org](http://www.usoda.org) or be invited by the President of USODA.
- 3.3 Competitors must complete all parts of the online entry form (<http://www.race.annapolisyc.org>) and pay all fees, by April 11 (or with late fee of \$50 by April 18, 2008). The Waiver and Medical Treatment Authorization form must be completed and mailed to the OA by April 18, 2008. Mail to: Annapolis Yacht Club, USODA Team Trials, PO box 908, Annapolis, MD 21404.

## **4 FEES**

- 4.1 The early entry fee will be US \$150.00 if payment is received on or before April 11, 2008. Thereafter the entry shall be US \$200.00 and must be received by April 18, 2008.

## 5 SCHEDULE

### 5.1 Program:

Wednesday, April 30	1300 - 2000	Measurement and Registration
Thursday, May 1	0830	Coaches meeting
	0900	Skippers meeting
	1000	Harbor start
	1130	First warning signal
		Lunch on the water
Friday, May 2	0815	Coaches meeting
	0845	Harbor start
	1000	First warning signal
		Lunch on the water
Saturday, May 3	0815	Coaches meeting
	0845	Harbor start
	1000	First warning signal
		Lunch on the water
Sunday, May 4	0815	Coaches meeting
	0845	Harbor start
	1000	First warning signal
	1400	Last warning signal for the first race of a 'set'
		Lunch on shore
	a soon as practical after returning ashore	Awards and closing ceremonies

5.2 The regatta will consist of up to 15 sets of races (see SI 11, Scoring).

## 6 MEASUREMENTS

- 6.1 Competitors are allowed to use only one hull, daggerboard, rudder (with tiller and extension), mast, boom, sprit and sail during the regatta. Substitution of such equipment shall occur only with the protest committee's approval.
- 6.2 All boats must pass through a safety check during measurement and prior to launching for the first race of the series. There may be measurement and spot checks on the water following each race.
- 6.3 Equipment and/or sails previously measured and stickered or stamped pursuant to the USODA measurement process that remains unaltered since the measurement may be checked and re-measured during registration. Each competitor will be required to sign a statement attesting that any previously measured or stamped equipment and or sail has not been modified since the date it was measured or stamped.
- 6.4 Equipment and sails not previously measured and approved by the USODA must meet class measurement requirements prior to being available for use in the regatta.
- 6.5 The OA reserves the right to measure any equipment at any time regardless of whether it has been previously measured.

## 7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available at registration and online at <http://www.race.annapolisyc.org>.

## 8 VENUE

- 8.1 Attachment A shows the location of the regatta harbor.
- 8.2 Attachment B shows the location of the racing areas.

## **9 THE COURSES**

The course will be the Optimist Trapezoid with a gate for the leeward mark.

## **10 PROTEST COMMITTEE**

Decisions of the protest committee will be final as provided in rule 70.4(a).

## **11 SCORING**

11.1 The scoring system will be the Low-Point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A.

11.2 The fleet will be split into four divisions (as far as possible with the same number of boats) which will sail with each other (two divisions per start) in a round robin format throughout the regatta. A set is completed when all divisions have completed a scored race.

11.3 The regatta will consist of up to 15 sets of races. One set of races is required to be completed to constitute a regatta.

- 11.4 (a) When fewer than 6 sets of races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- (b) When from 6 to 10 sets of races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- (c) When 11 or more sets of races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

## **12 SAFETY AND SUPPORT BOATS**

12.1 One coach boat for every ten (10) sailors and fraction thereof from a sailing program may be registered. (For example a program with eleven sailors would be allowed to register two support boats.) All support and coach boats shall be registered and shall prominently fly a designated flag from a staff, supplied by the race committee, at all times while in the water. Registered coach boats will be allowed access to the course area in accordance with the sailing instructions.

12.2 Registered safety boats shall fly a flag with a number from a staff, supplied by the race committee, and carry a working VHF radio at all times while on the water. Safety boats shall patrol the perimeter of the course.

12.3 The conduct of registered support boats and all other boats including spectator boats shall be governed by the sailing instructions.

## **13 BERTHING**

Boats shall be kept in their assigned places in the AYC Sailing Center.

## **14 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

## **15 PRIZES**

Awards will be presented to the top 15 finishers. Additional trophies or prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the OA.

## **16 PERSONAL BUOYANCY, BOW LINE**

16.1 Each competitor shall wear a US Coast Guard approved personal flotation device (PFD), properly secured at all times while on the water, except when temporarily adding or removing clothing. Wet suits, dry suits and inflatable PFD's do not constitute adequate personal buoyancy.

16.2 Each boat shall have a secure loop in the end its bow line.

## **17 DESIGNATED ADULT**

- 17.1 Each competitor and a parent (or other legal guardian) shall indicate in writing a parent or other adult representative that shall be the "designated adult" and will be responsible for the competitor throughout the event. The designated adult will accept full responsibility in writing for all actions of the competitor during any activity related to the event. This includes on-shore activities before, during, and after the regatta.
- 17.2 The designated adult is responsible for the safety and conduct of the sailor. It is the responsibility solely of the parents designated adult to decide if the sailor should sail in the weather and sea conditions that might arise during the event.

## **18 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

- 18.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race.
- 18.2 A waiver must be signed by all competitors and their parent (or other legal guardian).
- 18.3 The OA will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

## **20 INTERNATIONAL TEAM QUALIFICATION**

- 20.1 Qualification for international teams will be in accordance with the selection criteria established by USODA and posted on the USODA web page at [www.usoda.org](http://www.usoda.org).
- 20.2 In the event of a tie that cannot be resolved by use of the racing rules governing this event, the finishers who tied shall have the time between the posting of the final results and just prior to the commencement of the award ceremonies to decide the order of finishers between themselves. In the event the tied finishers have not agreed on the order of finish, the matter shall be decided by the single flip of a coin by the Principal Race Officer.
- 20.3 In the event no races are completed at the 2008 USODA Team Trials or if the Executive Committee of the USODA Board of Directors concludes prior to the start of the first race that a substantial percentage of the registered sailors cannot attend or otherwise participate in the regatta for reason beyond the control of the Annapolis Yacht Club, the USODA or the registered sailors, then the order of finishes (with first place to receive the first invitation, etc.) of those sailors from the 2007 USODA National Championship who ,
- (a) are current members of USODA,
  - (b) registered for the 2008 USODA Team Trials, and
  - (c) whose age permits them to sail in USODA events in the same year as the events for which teams that are being selected are to occur,
- shall serve as the basis for selecting the individuals to be invited to join the USODA teams otherwise to be selected on the basis of the results of the 2008 USODA Team Trials.
- 20.4 All sailors should understand that the USODA reserves the right to amend this policy at any time including the time between the end of the 2007 USODA National Championship and the 2008 USODA Team Trials to implement an alternative basis for the selection of international teams should the finishes at the 2008 USODA Team Trials not be deemed suitable for selection. Sailors do not have a vested right with respect to the selection of the international teams based on their finishes at the 2007 USODA Nationals.

## **21 FURTHER INFORMATION**

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