

NOTICE OF RACE

THE SPERRY TOP-SIDER NATIONAL OFFSHORE ONE-DESIGN REGATTA

Seattle Yacht Club/Corinthian Yacht Club May 15-17, 2009 Seattle, WA

Sailing World is the Organizing Authority for this regatta and the Seattle Yacht Club ("SYC"), and Corinthian Yacht Club ("CYC") are the Host Clubs and will provide race management. This is an official US SAILING sanctioned event.

1. RULES

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012 (RRS). Classes permitting Category C Advertising (see RRS 76.1 and 79) are urged to refrain from displaying advertisements for businesses or products competing with those of the primary and support sponsors of the event.

2. PERSONAL FLOTATION

PFDS are required to be worn by individuals while racing aboard boats that do not have fixed keels. Wearing of PFDS by individuals sailing aboard other boats is encouraged.

3. ELIGIBILITY

3.1 The regatta is open to any boat that is either: a) an active member of a recognized class association for entry in this regatta's One-Design classes, or; b) a boat that meets the criteria established by the class coordinator for a level class; and provided that each class has a minimum entry of six boats.

3.2 A minimum of six boats is required for a class to remain eligible. Due to the number of classes anticipated at this event, entrants should be aware that there is a possibility that classes with fewer than 10 boats registered may be started together, but scored separately. The Organizing Authority reserves the right to invite additional classes at its sole discretion.

3.3 The Sperry Top-Sider NOOD Regattas are open to those boats whose Owner and/or Skipper is a current member of their National Governing Body (US SAILING for USA members; to join call 1-800-877-2451).

3.4 Easily removable bow stickers shall be attached to the forward 25% of both sides of the boat's hull at all times while racing. The stickers are to be attached with the top approximately 6"-10" below deck level and with the leading edge approximately 10"-20" aft of the bow. Bow stickers will be provided in the Skipper's package. At the discretion of the Organizing Authority, bow numbers may also be required for some classes. If required, they will be provided and shall be placed on both sides of the boat's hull forward of the bow sticker.

4. ENTRIES

Entries shall be submitted on the official entry form or by entering online at www.SailingWorld.com. Classes shall meet eligibility requirements no later than May 4, 2009. Completed entry forms, with the entry fee, shall be mailed to SPERRY TOP-SIDER NOOD REGATTA, c/o Sailing World, 55 Hammarlund Way, Middletown, RI 02842 or Fax 401-845-5180 and are not valid until accepted by the Organizing Authority. Late entries may be accepted solely at the discretion of Sailing World and the Seattle and Corinthian Yacht Clubs. Late entries will be subject to a late fee of \$40.00 if received after May 4th, 2009 at 5PM EST. Please note this date when sending faxes or mail. To receive a refund or cancel your entry, please call 401-845-5112 by May 11th, no refunds will be issued after this date.

BOAT SIZE

up to 19'
20' - 26'
27' - 30'
31' - 35'
36' and over

ENTRY FEE

\$75
\$115
\$126
\$137
\$148

**NO SOCIAL
TICKET
INCLUDED**

Social tickets – Purchased with entry \$45

Social tickets are good for Friday, Saturday & Sunday's social event.

Tickets will be \$48.00 after entry is received, at registration, and at the door.

5. REGISTRATION AND SKIPPER'S MEETINGS

5.1 For all Classes, registration will be held at the Corinthian Yacht Club

Shilshole between 5:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 14th, or between 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. on Friday May 15th to complete registration details. The Skippers' Meeting for Keelboats will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, May 15th, at the CYC.

5.2 For Classes Racing only on Saturday/Sunday, (Centerboard Boats) registration will also be held at the Corinthian Yacht Club Shilshole between 8:00 am. and 9:00 a.m. on Saturday May 16th to complete registration. The Skippers' Meeting for Centerboard boats will be held at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 16th, at the Corinthian Yacht Club.

5.3 Crew lists and waivers of liability must be submitted at registration. No boat will be registered without a completed waiver form. In the event of a crew member substitution during the regatta, the new crew member must submit a signed waiver of liability to the Organizing Authority prior to racing for that boat's entry to remain valid.

Sailing Instructions will be available at Registration.

6. RACING AREAS

Racing areas will be in Puget Sound, west and north of the Shilshole Marina.

7. SCHEDULE OF RACES

Keelboat classes will have racing scheduled for Friday, Saturday and Sunday, May 15-17th 2009. Centerboard Classes will have racing scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, May 16-17th, 2009. The first warning signal for Keelboat Classes on Friday is scheduled for 11:00. The first warning signal for all classes on Saturday and Sunday is scheduled for 10:00. There will be no warning signal after 1500 on Sunday for Keelboat Classes and no warning signal after 1600 on Sunday for Centerboard Classes. It is the intent of the Organizing Authority and the Race Committee to run as many races as practical on each day of racing.

8. COURSES

Courses will be windward/leeward, triangles, or combinations of these.

9. MEASUREMENT/WEIGH-IN

Measurement is not required, but each boat shall submit proof of holding a valid measurement certificate at registration if required by the class. Neither the Organizing Authority nor the SYC or CYC shall be responsible for conducting or administering weigh-ins. Local or national class associations shall be responsible for conducting weigh-ins if needed.

10. SCORING

Each boat's series score will be the sum of her scores for all races. This changes RRS A2. One race will constitute a series.

11. ARBITRATION

The Sailing Instructions will include a provision for arbitration of protests involving rules of Part 2 of the RRS and not more than two boats, and no allegation of damage. This will change RRS 60.1(b), 63.1, 63.6, and 66.

12. PRIZES

12.1 Series prizes will be awarded by class. The number of series prizes will depend on the number of class entries.

12.2 An award will be made to the boat which, in the opinion of the Organizing Authority and the Race Committee, had the best overall performance during the 2009 Sperry Top-Sider Seattle NOOD Regatta.

13. MOORAGE

Boats may be moored at designated locations at the Port of Seattle's Shilshole Marina on W or X docks, Dry Storage areas, or North Parking lot from May 14-17, 2009. Additional information on moorage and trailer parking will be provided at on-site registration.

14. PHOTOGRAPHERS AND TV RIGHTS

Competitors give absolute right and permission for any photographs or video footage taken of themselves or their competing boat to be published in any media whatsoever; for either editorial or advertising purposes, or to be used in press information.