

NOTICE OF RACE

THE SPERRY TOP-SIDER NATIONAL OFFSHORE ONE-DESIGN REGATTA

Lakewood Yacht Club September 19 - 21, 2008 Seabrook, TX

Sailing World is the Organizing Authority for this regatta and Lakewood Yacht Club is the Host Club and will provide race management.

CONDITIONS

1. RULES

1.1. This regatta will be governed by rules as defined by the 2005-2008 International Sailing Federation (ISAF) Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS.) The regatta is subject to the Advertising restrictions as defined in ISAF Regulation 20(Advertising). Those classes satisfying qualifications for Category C are urged to refrain from displaying advertisements for businesses or products competing with those of the primary and support sponsors of the event.

1.2. For those classes restricting the category of persons able to steer, only Category One competitors shall steer while racing except in an emergency.

2. ELIGIBILITY

2.1. The regatta is open to any boat with a LOA of 20 feet or above that is either: a) an active member of a class association recognized for entry in this regatta's One-Design Class or b) a boat that meets the criteria established for this regatta by the class coordinator for entry in a level class; and provided that each class has a minimum entry of six (6) boats. The Organizing Authority reserves the right to invite additional classes that do not meet all the requirements.

2.2 The 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.)

2.3 Easily removable bow stickers provided in the Skipper's package, 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 carried with the top approximately 6"-10" below deck level and with the leading edge approximately 10"-20" aft of the bow.

3. ENTRIES

To register online, please log onto www.sailingworld.com and follow the NOOD link to the Houston Page. Entries shall be submitted on the official entry form. To pay by check, please complete the entry form, make checks payable to World Publications, and mail to the address listed below. Classes shall meet eligibility requirements no later than September 8, 2008. A late fee of \$50 is applied if registration is received and/or paid for after September 2nd. 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 and must be accepted by the Organizing Authority. Late entries may be accepted solely at the discretion of Sailing World and the Lakewood Yacht Club.

BOAT SIZE	ENTRY FEE*
up to 24'	\$158.00
25' - 30'	168.00
31' - 39'	178.00

*** FEE INCLUDES ONE
SOCIAL TICKET**

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Social tickets - Advance purchase \$40.00 with your entry form

(entry fee includes one social ticket)

Additional tickets will be \$43.00 after your entry has been submitted and at the door.

4. REGISTRATION

Each boat owner or his representative must report to the Lakewood Yacht Club, between 5:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. Thursday, September 18 to complete registration details. A

Skippers' Meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m., Thursday evening at the Lakewood Yacht Club. 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 Race Committee prior to racing for that boat's entry to remain valid. Sailing instructions will be available at Registration. Amendments to the Sailing Instructions will be posted at Lakewood Yacht Club, by 0800 CDT daily. It is the responsibility of each competitor to check the Official Notice Board for any amendments or other notices.

5. COURSES

All courses will be sailed on Galveston Bay.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

It is the intent of the Organizing Authority and the Race Committee to conduct as many races as practical on each day of racing up to a maximum of 10 races for the series. The initial Warning Signal on each day is scheduled at 1100 hrs. No warning signal shall be made after 1400 hrs on the last day of racing, Sunday September 21.

7. 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 Lakewood Yacht Club, shall be responsible for conducting or administering weigh-ins should they be required by individual class rules. Local or national class associations shall be responsible for conducting weigh-ins if needed.

8. ARBITRATION

For protests involving an infringement of Part 2 of the RRS, an arbitration hearing may be held prior to the protest hearing.

9. SCORING

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

10. PRIZES

10.1 Individual race prizes and series prizes will be awarded by class.

10.2 An award will be made to the boat which, in the opinion of the Organizing Authority, had the best overall performance during the 2008 Sperry Top-Sider Houston NOOD Regatta.

11. BERTHING

Boats shall be moored, free of charge, for the regatta, at the Lakewood Yacht Club September 17-22, 2008. Boats wishing to arrive the preceding weekend or depart the succeeding weekend should contact the Lakewood Yacht Club for a slip assignment at 281-471-1255

12. PHOTOGRAPHER & 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.