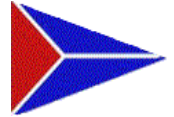




**2009 U.S. Multihull Championship  
for the Hobie Alter Cup  
to be sailed in  
Australian High Performance Catamaran's Viper F-16  
October 17– 22, 2009**



**Hosted by  
Clearwater Yacht Club (CYC)  
And Sailed From  
Clearwater Community Sailing Center (CCSC)  
Notice of Race posted 5/5/09**

## **1. RULES**

1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the U.S. Multihull Championship Conditions and the US SAILING Regulations

1.2. The organizing authority is US SAILING.

1.3 This event is a Grade 3 event as defined in US SAILING's Support Vessel Guidelines at [http://championships.ussailing.org/Adult/Support\\_Vessels.htm](http://championships.ussailing.org/Adult/Support_Vessels.htm)

## **2. ADVERTISING**

Advertising will be restricted to Category A.

## **3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

3.1 Eligible teams are described in the U.S. Multihull Championship Conditions.

3.2 Teams qualified or invited to race in the U.S. Multihull Championship may enter online at <http://championships.ussailing.org/Adult/USMHChampionship.htm>

**Entry deadline is August 18, 2009.**

3.3 There will be no other restrictions on crew weight apart from the requirement that the crew weight must be sufficient to right the boat unaided under all encountered sailing conditions.

3.4 Pre-qualified teams that have not entered by the deadline will lose their berth at the Championship and an alternate team will be invited

## **4. FEES**

4.1. The entry fee is \$400.00.

4.2 The entry fee shall be paid by credit card at the time of entry and is not refundable after August 18, 2009.

4.3 A damage deposit in the amount of \$750 payable by check or cash is due at check in. Should a deposit be forfeited, teams must submit an additional damage deposit before sailing the next race. Unused damage deposits will be returned at the conclusion of the regatta.

## 5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

October 17		
1300 - 1600		Practice racing
1200 to 1700		Check in
1800		Skippers meeting and drawing for first races
October 18	1025	1st warning, More races to follow
October 19	1025	1st Warning, More races to follow
October 20	1025	1st Warning, More Races to Follow
October 21	1025	1st Warning, More Races to Follow
October 22	1025	1st Warning ,More Races to Follow
		No warning signal after 1500 on October 22
		Prize giving ASAP following last race

## 6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Official Sailing Instructions will be available at check in. Preliminary Sailing Instructions may be posted at <http://championships.ussailing.org/Adult/USMHChampionship.htm>

## 7. VENUE

7.1 The Championship will be sailed as a promotion-relegation competition.

7.2 The racing area is the Gulf of Mexico, South of Clearwater Pass, or Clearwater Harbor, Southeast of CCSC if conditions are more favorable there.

## 8. THE COURSES

Standard US Multihull courses with an offset buoy at mark "A".

## 9. PENALTY SYSTEM

RRS 44.1 and 44.2 are amended by substituting "one turn" for "two turns".

## 10. SCORING

10.1 Appendix A is amended so that when fewer than five races have been completed, a team's series score will be the total of all scores. When five or more races have been completed, a team's series score will be the total of its race scores excluding its worst excludable score.

10.2 Twenty races are scheduled of which three races must be completed to constitute a Championship.

## 11. SUPPORT BOATS

11.1. Support boats are not allowed. This event is a Grade 3 event as defined in US SAILING's Support Vessel Guidelines at [http://championships.ussailing.org/Adult/Support\\_Vessels.htm](http://championships.ussailing.org/Adult/Support_Vessels.htm)

## **12. 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.

## **13. PRIZES**

13.1. US SAILING medals will be awarded to the first, second and third place teams. Other specialty awards may be presented.

13.2. The winning team will be named 2009 U.S. Multihull Champions and awarded the Hobie Alter Trophy. The winners shall sign an agreement acknowledging their responsibility for having the trophy appropriately engraved, insured and shipped to the event host club before the 2010 Championship event.

## **14 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority, host club, sponsors and their respective employees, agents or appointees 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.

## **15. INSURANCE**

At check in, each team shall provide evidence that they are insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of US \$200,000 per occurrence.

## **16. SAFETY**

Competitors shall wear a U.S. Coast Guard or Canada Department of Transportation approved personal flotation device while on the water other than for brief periods while adding or removing clothing.

## **17. CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES**

17.1 For adult US Sailing championship events, no competitor shall use, either on or off the water: marijuana or any other controlled substance (as defined in 21 U.S. Code 802) the possession of which is unlawful under 21 U.S. Code 841.

17.2 For junior and youth events or for junior or youth competitors in any US Sailing championship, no participant or competitor shall use, either on or off the water: marijuana or any other controlled substance (as defined in 21 U.S. Code 802) the possession of which is unlawful under 21 U.S. Code 841, or alcoholic beverages (distilled spirits, wine and beer, each as defined in chapter 51 of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code and intended for beverage use).

17.3 An alleged breach of one of these regulations shall not be grounds for a protest. However, when the protest committee believes that a competitor may have breached one of these regulations, it shall follow the process described in racing rule 69.1, and a competitor found to have breached one of these regulations shall be excluded from the remaining races of the series and, where practicable, removed from the regatta venue and sent home.

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