

# Buccaneer North American Championship

August 8-12, 2016

Buccaneer Class Association (BCA)

in conjunction with

Racine Yacht Club (RYC)

1 Barker Street, Racine, WI USA

## NOTICE OF REGATTA

Regatta Chair: Bob Spitz

Principal Race Officer: Bob Sample

### 1 RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

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

1.3 Changes to the racing rules will be outlined in the Sailing Instructions.

### 2 ADVERTISING

2.1 Advertising will be restricted to Category A.

2.2 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority

### 3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

3.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the Buccaneer 18 class entered by a member of the BCA.

3.2 Eligible BCA members may enter by completing the online registration form together with the required fee per instructions on the registration form. Online registration will be via <http://www.yachtscoring.com>.

### 4 FEES

4.1 Required fees are as follows:

- 2016 Buccaneer Class Association membership: \$35 (one year) or \$70 (two years)
- BNAC 2016 Fees (includes both skipper and one crew):

\$350 before July 25th

\$450 July 25 and beyond

- A Social pass may be purchased at the time of check-in for additional crew, family and friends that will include all meals and parties. The cost is \$100 for anyone over 14 years of age, \$50 for those younger.

### 5 SCHEDULE

5.1 Registration & Measurement:

Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup> from 4:00pm to 8:00pm

Monday, August 8th from 8:00am to 4:00pm

A few boats may be arriving from another regatta late Monday evening. We will do our best to provide late registration and measurement opportunities (if needed) early on Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup>.

Please call Bob Spitz 262-948-9068 or email [bob\\_spitz\\_eg@msn.com](mailto:bob_spitz_eg@msn.com) to make arrangements.

5.2 Dates of Racing: August 9 - 12

5.3 Number of Races: The number of races run each day shall be at the discretion of the PRO, there will be no pre-determined limit on any given day or for the series.

5.4 Refer to the sailing instructions for further details regarding race times.

5.5 RYC will be holding the Racine Regatta on August 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> (the weekend prior to BNAC). All Buccaneer 18s are invited to participate in the Invitational regatta. Boats not participating in the Racine Regatta may not store their boat in at RYC until after 4pm on Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup>. BNAC participants wishing to bring their boats to Racine prior to 4pm on Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup> should contact John Weiss at [john@myweiss.com](mailto:john@myweiss.com) or 262-909-5353.

## **6 MEASUREMENTS**

6.1 Each boat shall produce a valid Measurement Certificate prior to the start of racing. A Measurement Certificate must be completed by the owner/registrant prior to BNAC if they do not already have one. Members may complete their own Measurement Certificates, but the measurement must be witnessed by a BCA Member; the witness may not be an Associate Member. Please contact the Class Measurer or Race Organizer if there are questions or assistance is needed.

6.2 The official class scale will be available on-site at BNAC for those that do not have a weighing capability or simply wish to use the official class scale to weigh their boat.

6.3 Class Representatives will be available on site starting Sunday at 4pm to assist with measuring, if required.

6.4 Royalty patches will be available on site at BNAC to be installed and/or numbered and initialed for previously unmeasured sails.

## **7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Sailing instructions will be available after May 1<sup>st</sup> and will be posted on both the BNAC Event Page of the Buccaneer 18 website ([www.Buccaneer18.org](http://www.Buccaneer18.org)) AND Yacht Scoring ([www.yachtscoring.com](http://www.yachtscoring.com)). Changes to the sailing instructions made after July 15th will be posted online at Yacht Scoring as able and posted on the Official Regatta Notice Board located at the RYC Clubhouse.

## **8 VENUE**

8.1 RYC will host the event on Lake Michigan. The specific location for each day's racing will be based on weather and anticipated traffic in the area.

## **9 THE COURSES**

Please refer to the sailing instructions.

## **10 SCORING**

10.1 Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

10.2 Scoring will be in accordance with the low point scoring system (Appendix A) and rule 90.3.

10.3 When fewer than 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When from 6 to 11 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. When 12 or more races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores. A boat shall not be able to exclude a DSQ/DNE/DGM. This modifies RRS A2.

## **11 FLEETS**

11.1 Competitors will select whether to compete in the A or B Fleet.

11.2 No previous winner of a Buccaneer 18 class sanctioned regatta will be permitted to compete in B Fleet.

11.3 A fleet and B fleet may start separately. Consult SIs for final disposition.

11.4 Colored streamers, attached to the trailing edge of the boom, will differentiate boats in each fleet.

## **12 STORAGE/LAUNCHING**

The RYC facility uses both a jib crane/hoist to launch boats and ramp. Additional storage and ramp launch will be available at the adjacent Pugh marina. Boats shall be kept in their assigned spots, which are subject to change by the direction of the regatta committee.

## **13 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS**

Use of hand held VHF radios will be permitted for communication from the Race Committee to competitors on a predetermined channel to be provided in the Sailing Instructions. The Race Committee intends to use VHF radio to identify OCS (On Course Side of the line) boats after starts and otherwise communicate with the fleet on the water. Failure to receive a hail, for a hail to be made, the order of hails made, or receive other communications to the fleet shall not be cause for redress.

## **14 DIGITAL DEVICES**

Devices that provide real time or near real time boat speed, location, distance, wind speed, or water current information and electronic devices that provide wind direction are prohibited. Devices that store boat data for later retrieval ashore (ex: Race Q) will be allowed only when used in accordance with the sailing instructions.

## **15 PRIZES**

15.1 For each fleet (A & B) the number of awards will vary based on the number of boats registered in the Fleet. The number of trophies awarded will be based upon the number of preregistered boats by June 1st.

1-4 Boats Registered	1st Place Trophy
5-8 Boats Registered	1st - 2nd Place Trophies
9-15 Boats Registered	1st - 3rd Place Trophies
16-20 Boats Registered	1st - 4th Place Trophies
> 20 Boats Registered	1st - 5th Place Trophies

15.2 Sportsmanship: A prize will be awarded for sportsmanship.

15.3 Classic Boats: Prizes will be awarded to the top finishing skippers in boats greater than 30 years old (manufactured 1985 and older).

15.4 Centurions: A prize will be awarded to the highest finishing skipper and crew with a combined age over 100 years. Age determined as of midnight on Thursday, October 1, 2015.

15.5 Other participation achievements and contributions may be recognized.

## **16 INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS AND DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Each competitor must show proof of **Liability Insurance** with a minimum coverage in the amount of \$100,000 USD that is valid while competing in the United States. Competitor's proof of Insurance and coverage must be presented at registration (or emailed to [john@myweiss.com](mailto:john@myweiss.com)). A copy of the Declarations Page of your boat policy or your homeowners policy showing liability coverage for the duration of BNAC ([August 8-12](#), 2016) will serve as proof-of-insurance.

**DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY;** Competitors participate in this regatta entirely at their own risk. (See RRS 4, Decision to race). The Organizing Authority and ALL SPONSORS and volunteers 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. The safety of the boat and its crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the Skipper who must ensure that the boat is fully sound, thoroughly seaworthy, and manned by an experienced and physically able crew. Neither the establishment of regulations or inspection of a boat by a committee member in any way limits or reduces the complete and unlimited responsibility of the Skipper. The Skipper shall be responsible for his own conduct and that of his crew. In the event of a serious breach of conduct, the destruction of property or failure to comply with a reasonable request of any Race Officer or Event Committee Member, the Skipper will be responsible for all damages and the boat may be subject to disqualification from the regatta.

#### **17 SAFETY**

All participating boats shall carry a tow line that is minimum 25 ft in length, and is at least 1/4-inch in diameter.

#### **18 ACCOMMODATIONS**

A complete list of hotel and camping accommodations may be found at <http://bnac16.com/location/accomodations/>

#### **19 FURTHER INFORMATION**

For further information please contact Bob Spitz at (262) 948-9068 or [bob\\_spitz\\_eg@msn.com](mailto:bob_spitz_eg@msn.com).