



THE ATLANTIC CUP

MAY 2012

NOTICE OF RACE

May 11th - Charleston, South Carolina

May 19th - New York, New York

May 26th -27th - Newport, Rhode Island

www.atlanticcup.org

1. ORGANIZATION

- 1.1 The Atlantic Cup is open to all Class 40 yachts that, upon being invited to participate, meet the requirements set forth herein by the Organizing Authority (OA).
- 1.2 The Organizing Authority (OA) will be Manuka Sports Event Management, LLC
- 1.3 The Atlantic Cup will consist of a combination of offshore and inshore/coastal races.

2. RULES

- 2.1 The Atlantic Cup will be governed by the rules as defined in the 2009-2012 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) including the US Sailing Prescriptions.
- 2.2 Minimally, yachts shall comply with ISAF Offshore Special Regulations Category 2 for monohulls (OSR Cat 2) for the offshore stages and OSR Cat 5 for the inshore portion of the event.
- 2.3 The yachts are permitted to use an energy source other than manual force for the operation of an automatic pilot. This changes RRS 52.
- 2.4 Where there is a conflict between this Notice of Race (NOR) and the Sailing Instructions (SIs), the SIs shall prevail. This changes RRS 63.7.
- 2.5 The official language is English. In the event of a conflict, this English version shall prevail.
- 2.6 All times stated are stated in Eastern Daylight Time.

3. ADVERTISING

- 3.1 Boats shall display advertising in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20- ISAF Advertising Code.
- 3.2 All yachts shall display advertising as directed by the OA for the duration of the event.
- 3.3 When not racing, boats are highly encouraged to display a sponsorship flag in her fore-triangle.
- 3.4 The OA may request that yachts display further advertising in designated areas of cabin tops and sails.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND REGISTRATION

- 4.1 The event is open to invited yachts that comply with the Class40 measurement. Requests for invitation can be made by contacting the OA.
- 4.2 Entry to the event can be made by filling in the registration form and submitting appropriate payment to the OA.
- 4.3 **ENTRY FEE:** All entries are subject to a non-refundable \$1500 fee. Any entry received after March 20, 2012 will be subject to a non-refundable late fee of \$500.
- 4.4 **AGE REQUIREMENTS:** Participants must be at least 18 years of age as of May 11, 2012.
- 4.5 **CREW LIMITS:**
 - **Offshore Stage:** Two (2) persons
 - **Inshore Stage:** Six (6) persons
- 4.6 Each crewmember sailing the offshore stage must supply the OA with the following documents:

- An ISAF sea survival training certificate dating back to within the past 5 years
 - A current Senior First Aid Certificate or equivalent.
- 4.7 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Race Director.
- 4.8 A fully executed copy of the **ENTRY FORM** must be completed prior to participation in the event.
- 4.9 The OA may, at their discretion, place an observer, guest, or media crewmember onboard a competing yacht.

5. SCHEDULE

- 5.1 Please see Competitor's section of website for more details

May 8-9: Arrival of boats in Charleston, South Carolina

May 10 (1800): Skippers' Meeting- Offshore Leg 1

May 11 (1800): Warning Signal Offshore Leg 1- Charleston to New York

May 14 - 15: Arrival of boats in New York

May 18: Pro-Am race(s) in New York

May 18 (1800): Skippers' Meeting- Offshore Leg 2

May 19 (1100): Warning Signal Offshore Leg 2- New York to Newport

May 20 – 21: Arrival of boats in Newport

May 25 (1800): Skippers' Meeting- Inshore Series

May 26 (1000): First warning signal for inshore/coastal racing day 1

May 27 (1000): First warning signal for inshore/coastal racing day 2

May 27: Closing ceremonies following the conclusion of racing

- 5.2 The Race Committee intends to run as many races as practicable on each of the inshore race days with a maximum of six races for the inshore series.
- 5.3 The above program may be modified according to weather conditions and/or other unforeseen circumstances.

6. MEASUREMENT AND SAFETY INSPECTION

- 6.1 All participating yachts are required to submit a Class40 measurement certificate prior to May 1, 2012.
- 6.2 The Race Committee reserves the right to measure any equipment and/or sail at any time during the event regardless of whether it has been previously measured.
- 6.3 In addition to the requirements of OSR Cat 2, the following safety equipment is required for participation in the offshore stage only:
- A dual frequency, long-life Sarsat-CospasEPIRB (121.5 Mhz and 406 Mhz) lasting a minimum of 48 hours.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 7.1 Sailing Instructions will be made available by May 1, 2012 in the Competitor's Section of the website and upon arrival at each port.

8. COURSE

- 8.1 Offshore Leg 1- Charleston to New York

Start: In the vicinity of the area south G37, Charleston, SC

Mark 1: R4 to port

Finish: In the vicinity of the Manhattan Sailing Club, New York City, NY

Distance: Approximately 645 miles

- 8.2 Offshore Leg 2- New York to Newport

Start: In the vicinity of the Manhattan Sailing Club, New York City, NY

Mark1: Mo(A) RW "BI" off Barnegat Inlet, New Jersey (round to port)

Finish: In the vicinity of Fort Adams, Newport, RI

Distance: Approximately 260 miles

- 8.3 The inshore stage will consist of a maximum of six races which may be windward-leeward buoy courses, coastal courses or a combination of both.
- 8.4 Specific course details will be supplied in the Sailing Instructions.

9. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 9.1 Violations of NOR Section 3, 6, 12, 13,1, and 14 may only be subject to protest initiated by the Race Committee or the OA. This changes RRS 60.1.
- 9.2 The penalty, if any, for an infringement of the rules shall be at the sole discretion of the Protest Committee and may be other than disqualification. This changes RRS 64.1.

10. SCORING

- 10.1 Yachts shall be scored according to The Low Point System of RRS Appendix A.
- 10.2 RRS A4.1 is changed so that boats finishing each place after 6th will be scored 7 points
- 10.3 RRS A4.2 is deleted and replaced with the following: "A boat that did not start shall be scored points equal to the number of entrants. A boat that did not finish, retired after finishing, or was

disqualified shall be scored one more than the number of boats that sail the course and finish in accordance with RRS 28.1, but no more than 8 points.”

- 10.4 Points for the offshore stage will be multiplied by a factor of two (2).
- 10.5 Each yacht's score shall be the sum of all her races. One race constitutes a series. This changes RRS A2.

11. PRIZES

- 11.1 Trophies and cash prizes will be awarded to the first three places overall.

1st place: \$15,000

2nd place: \$10,000

3rd place: \$5,000

12. POSITIONING AND ROUTING

- 12.1 A tracking system will be used for tracking of the boats. Tracking equipment will be supplied and commissioned by the OA. Any equipment provided shall remain the responsibility of the yacht owner and/or skipper for the duration of the race.

13. MATERIAL AND RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

- 13.1 During each offshore leg, competitors shall provide the OA a position and status report every 6 hours by telephone starting 1800 hours on the day of the start.
- 13.2 A boat will not be allowed to start the offshore leg unless the following equipment is installed properly to the satisfaction of the OA:
 - A system of satellite telephone with a fixed external aerial.
 - A minimum of a 25 watt 56 channel VHF in accordance with OSR (3.29.1 b).

14. OBLIGATIONS OF PRESENCE

- 14.1 The skipper and co-skipper shall be present:
 - At official briefings
 - At official hospitality events
 - At all press conferences
 - At official prize ceremony in Newport
- 14.2 Each skipper may be requested to make a sponsor appearance outside of The Atlantic Cup race dates.
- 14.3 Each skipper may be requested to keep a blog. Specific instructions for chosen skippers will be provided upon receipt of entry.
- 14.4 Each boat will be filmed while racing and crews will be requested to participate in interviews asked for by the video production crew.

- 14.5 The event will be run with the intent of adhering to Sailors For The Sea's, guidelines for Clean Regattas. Skipper's cooperation to implement the Clean Regattas guidelines is required.

15. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE ORGANIZER AND COMPETITORS

- 15.1 Competitors participate in this regatta entirely at their own risk and are reminded to pay special attention to RRS 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers including Manuka Sports, its directors, officers, employees, Race Committee, Protest Committee, sponsors, volunteers, or any other affiliated organization or official will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation before and during this event in both on the water and shoreside activities to the fullest extent permitted by law.
- 15.2 Owners and/or Skippers will be responsible to the organizer for taking out all the necessary insurance to cover civil liabilities and damages incurred for the race.
- 15.3 As an essential condition of their participation, skippers must, along with their completed entry form, provide the organizer with the signed and dated declaration absolving the organizer, his partners and insurers of all liability.

16. USE OF RIGHTS

- 16.1 The owner and crew of the boat and any possible sponsor, by the sole fact of their participation, agrees that the organizer can use, for promotional purposes or other, any text, photo, video and/or audio footage relating to their participation in the event to be published or broadcast via the press, television or internet.

17. CONTACTS

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