



Albacore International Championship

October 11-17, 2025

NOTICE OF RACE

Organizing Authority: Hampton Yacht Club
In conjunction with the US Albacore Association

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1.

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the NoR or SI means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. This changes RRS 64.

1. RULES

- a. The event will be governed by the *rules* as defined in “*The Racing Rules of Sailing*” (RRS) for 2025 - 2028, the prescriptions of the US Sailing Association, and the 2015 Albacore Class rules, Please note from the class rules A.5: (b) At events designated as “international,” the Notice of Race/Sailing Instructions may vary these class rules only with the approval of the IAA.
- b. Appendix P shall apply.
- c. The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Hampton Yacht Club (HYC) and the US Albacore Association (USAA), in cooperation with the International Albacore Association (IAA).

2. ADVERTISING

- a. Per class rules, advertising chosen by the owner or person in charge is not permitted. Competitors may be required to display advertising on the side of their hulls.

3. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- a. The event is open to all boats of the Albacore Class that hold a current measurement certificate and meet the obligations of their National Albacore Association and their National Sailing Authority.
- b. The helm of each boat shall be a member of their Albacore Class Association for this event.
- c. Entries shall be made on the official regatta site online prior to Wednesday, October 1, 2025 at midnight:
<https://theclubspot.com/regatta/6pE1mJyNir>



- d. The boat number, crew name and designated helm shall be confirmed at registration. Any subsequent changes during the event shall be submitted to the OA for approval.
- e. A junior entry comprises a helm and crew where both are under 21 on the last day of the event.
- f. Entries are only accepted when the entry form has been fully completed, payment in full has been made, and the online self certification form has been submitted to the OA to satisfy NOR requirements for liability, measurement, and charters if applicable at <https://forms.gle/vTxsjKLM5osRmQWM7>
- g. Entry includes two dinner tickets to attend the Welcome Reception and the Awards Reception.
- h. Summary of Entry Fees

Entry Fee	\$550
Entries Received After June 15, 2025	\$650

4. SCHEDULE

*International Shipping Containers may arrive as necessary, Containers/Boats arriving prior to October 1 will be charged for storage.

Wednesday, October 1	Registration Closes at Midnight
Wednesday, October 8	Facilities Open for Practice and Measurement
Saturday, October 11	Registration Check In and Inspection Practice Race Welcome Reception Dinner Competitors Briefing
Sunday, October 12	First Warning 1100 (Races 1, 2, 3)
Monday, October 13	Racing 1100 (Races 4, 5, 6)
Tuesday, October 14	Racing 1100 (Races 7, 8, 9) IAA Open Forum following racing
Wednesday, October 15	Proposed Lay Day
Thursday, October 16	Racing 1100 (Races 10, 11, 12) IAA Council Meeting following racing
Friday, October 17	Racing 1100, (Races 13, 14) No start signal after 1500 EST



Awards Reception Dinner

Saturday, October 18

Departure

- a. The event will consist of a maximum of 14 races (excluding practice race.) The target duration for each race will be around 60 minutes for the lead boat.
- b. Additional races may be sailed in advance or arrears in order to complete the event program if weather or other reasons dictate. If an additional race(s) are planned Flag F shall be displayed before the finish of the last scheduled Race of the day. The Lay Day may also be used or adjusted to accommodate the races scheduled.
- c. Daily post race refreshments will be available in the dinghy park by the Gazebo or in the Brady Sailing Center at HYC.

5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- a. The Sailing Instructions for the event will be available online at the event site: <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/6pE1mjyNir> at least one week prior to the start of the event.

6. VENUE

- a. The host venue will be HYC, 4707 Victoria Boulevard Hampton, Virginia 23669 USA.
- b. The course area will be "Hampton Flats" roughly one nautical mile southwest of HYC.

7. COURSES

- a. The courses may be Windward/Leeward, Triangle, Trapezoid, or Olympic courses around laid marks and will be detailed in the Sailing Instructions.

8. SCORING

- a. Five races are required to be completed to constitute an international series. In the event of the loss of more than one day's racing this may be revised without prior notification by decision of the OA.
- b. When fewer than nine races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. When nine or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst two scores.



9. COMMUNICATION

- a. The Official Notice Board (ONB) will be online:
<https://theclubspot.com/regatta/6pE1mJyNir>
- b. The online entry server, Clubspot, may be used for unofficial communication between the OA and competitors such as SMS text messages.
- c. Except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. This restriction applies to mobile telephones, VHF radios, and any other similar communication device.
- d. Mobile phones may be used to log and broadcast data specific to racing as long as the data is not available for use while racing.

10. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT RULES

- a. Adjustable Shrouds: Class rule C.9.6(b)(3) will be enforced.
- b. Each boat must carry safety equipment according to US Coast Guard Regulations (1 PFD per person, sound signal, paddle, bailer). In addition, each boat must carry on board during the regatta a line suitable for towing, at least 30 feet in length and 1/4 inch thickness; and a marine VHF.
- c. Video or still cameras may be used during racing, as long as they do not provide data that could be used while racing.

11. PRIZES

- a. Prizes to be awarded for the top 5 finishers. Additional awards may be specified in the Sailing Instructions.

12. [DP] [NP] SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

- a. Support person vessels shall register at the Registration Desk during the check-in period on Saturday, October 11. All support person vessels will be required to comply with local law and event support regulations including she shall support any vessel in the fleet requesting assistance.
- b. [DP] All support vessels shall be equipped with a functioning engine safety cut-out switch (kill switch), which shall remain attached to the support person who is operating the vessel at all times while the engine is running.

13. INSPECTION AND MEASUREMENT

- a. Each boat shall provide a completed pre-event self declaration form online including a valid measurement certificate prior to the close of registration. See NOR 3 (f.) for the link.



b. Sails may be measured in the HYC Brady Sailing Center. Times for measurement will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

c. Boats, equipment and sails may be weighed, measured or inspected for class rules compliance prior to, during or after racing. Inspections may be carried out by the OA or its appointed representatives.

14. [DP] [NP] CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS

a. In accordance with RRS Appendix G3, a chartered or loaned boat may carry national letters or a sail number in contravention of her class rules, provided that the OA, Chief Judge or the Principal Race Officer has approved her sail identification before the first race.

b. Competitors wishing to take advantage of this provision must submit the electronic application form (<https://forms.gle/vTxsjKLM5osRmQWM7>) to the OA prior to the close of registration. Late applications may be accepted at the sole discretion of the OA. The application shall include:

- clear statement of the reason(s) for requesting an exemption
- a copy of the measurement certificate (for the boat to which the sails to be used belong) showing the sails to be used are measured and properly endorsed on this certificate
- the hull number and name of owner of the chartered or loaned hull which will be used with mis-matched sails

15. [DP] [NP] BERTHING, STORAGE, AND PARKING

a. Boats shall be kept in assigned places in the Dinghy Parks. Further details regarding assigned trailer parking, docking, and launching will be posted on the official notice board.

b. Details regarding competitor car parking will be posted on the official notice board.

c. Long-term vessel storage will be available before and after the event. Please contact the Sailing Director at sailingdirector@hamptonyc.com to arrange storage.

16. RISK STATEMENT

a. Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors participate in this Regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The OA and other parties involved in the Regatta or Regatta related activities 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 or during any Regatta related activities. By participating in the Regatta, each competitor agrees to release the organizers from any and all liability to the fullest extent permitted by law.



b. Each competitor is required to submit a signed waiver of liability as a condition of entry. For competitors under the age of 18, the waiver must be signed by their parent or guardian. The waivers should be read and understood in advance of registration and payment. See NOR 3 (f.) for the link.

17. INSURANCE

a. Each participating boat shall be insured with adequate valid third-party liability with a minimum coverage of \$1,000,000.

18. CONSENT TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

a. By entering the Regatta, competitors accept that they may be photographed and/or video recorded participating in the Regatta and/or using club facilities, and they consent to the taking of such images and to the use, reuse, publication, and republication of such images, in perpetuity, in any media, in conjunction with the competitors name or not, without compensation and without the competitor's approval of such images or any use thereof.

19. FURTHER INFORMATION

PRO: Chip Till (NRO - USA), chiptill5351@gmail.com, 843-556-6554

Event Chair: Maxwell Plarr, sailingdirector@hamptonyc.com, 757-969-3973

Chief Judge: Jerry Thompson (NJ - USA), trimsails@gmail.com, 252-560-1546

US Albacore Class Representative: Michael Heinsdorf us.albacore.sailing@gmail.com



APPENDIX A SAILING AREA

- Roughly 1 mile from club,
- Depth: Average 10'-15'
- Current flow follows local estuaries and the Chesapeake Bay can be mild to strong depending on the moon phase.
- Wind Conditions

Prevailing Winds in September/October are typically Northerly or from the Southwest.

Warm days can produce easterly seabreeze.





Appendix B
International Logistics

Airports

1. [Norfolk International Airport \(ORF\)](#)
Roughly a half hour from HYC
2. [Richmond International Airport \(RIC\)](#)
Roughly an hour from HYC
3. Washington [DC Airports](#) are roughly 3.5 hour drive from HYC

Accommodations

Look for additional information on the Official Notice Board regarding Hotel deals.

Shipping Containers

<https://www.portofvirginia.com/> Norfolk International Terminal located at 7737 Hampton Blvd Norfolk, VA 23505 is roughly 20 minutes from HYC. Cargo containers may be shipped to Norfolk and trucked to the club. We ask that delivery be in September or first week of October if at all possible. Containers/boats arriving prior to October 1 will incur storage fees. An Albacore Class representative alongside the OA is organizing a crane to help unload containers. Additional information will follow on the Official Notice Board.