

NOTICE OF RACE
50th Annual Mariner National Regatta Championship
and New Jersey Mariner Cruising Rendezvous

August 12-14, 2016

Surf City Yacht Club

9th Street and the Bay, Surf City, N.J. 08008

(609) 494-1532 www.scyc-nj.org

THIS REGATTA IS THE 2016 NATIONAL AND PRESIDENT'S CHAMPIONSHIP
REGATTA GATHERING OF THE MARINER CLASS ASSOCIATION.

Rules – The regatta will be governed by the 2012-2016 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of US SAILING, the current Mariner Class Association Rules Governing National and Regional Championships. (Except as amended by this notice and the Sailing Instructions), this Notice of Race and any amendments thereto, and the Sailing Instructions and any amendments thereto.

1. **Eligibility** – The 2016 Mariner Nationals is open to all owners of Mariner one-design sailboats who have paid their 2016 Mariner Class Association dues by August 13, 2016 and who are otherwise qualified by applicable rules. *The Regatta Committee is encouraging Mariner Sailors to come and enjoy sailing and socializing whether or not you want to actually participate in the racing part of the Regatta.*

2. **Entry Procedure** – Entries will be accepted by the Surf City Yacht Club's Mariner Nationals Regatta Committee. To enter the regatta an Official Entry Form must be completed. The Official Entry Form is attached to this Notice of Race and posted on the SCYC web site and the USMARINER.org online entries and fees can be paid at the scyc-nj.org. All boats must register. Official entry will not be considered complete unless accompanied by the appropriate entry fee.

The regatta entry fee is \$160.00 per boat includes a shirt for captain and one crew, continental breakfasts, (Sat., and Sun.) and lunch (Saturday on the water, Sunday after races), Dinner Friday and Saturday night social with open bar.

If entry is, postmarked or paid on SCYC website, after Friday, July 29, 2016 the entry fee will be \$160.00

3. **NOTE:** *The Association wants to encourage the participation of first time entrants. The first 5 entries received from Skippers attending the Mariner Nationals for the first time will receive a \$60 reduction in the fee, which will be returned to you at the Regatta.*

4. No race entry will be accepted after 9 AM Saturday, August, 13, 2016. The entry fee is not refundable.

5. **Regatta Headquarters and Registration Manager** – Regatta Headquarters will be the clubhouse of the Surf City Yacht Club, 9th Street and the Bay, Surf City, New Jersey, telephone (609) 494-1532. The Regatta Registration Manager is Chris Scales. Participants may **register online** or by mailing a completed Official Entry Form with appropriate fee made out to SCYC Mail to:

Surf City Yacht Club Attn: Chris Scales
2016 Mariner Nationals Registration Manager
P.O. Box 236
Surf City, NJ 08008

ADVANCED ONLINE REGISTRATION IS STRONGLY ENCOURAGED.

6. **Mandatory Check-In** The registration desk will be open on Friday, August 12th 1PM - 5PM and Saturday, August 13, 2016 from 8 AM to 9 AM for late registration and check-in.

7. **Check-In Procedures** – The skipper and crew member(s) from each registered boat must check-in at the Registration desk to verify that:

- A. A properly completed Official Entry Form, including a signed skipper/ crew member waiver, has been received by the Registration Manager and the appropriate entry fee paid.
- B. Mariner Class Association dues for 2016 have been paid by August 13, 2016.
- C. Sails to be used in the regatta have been measured at Regatta Headquarters and stamped and approved by the Regatta Measurer. Measures and inspections will be available Friday 1PM to 5PM
- D. The registered boat has been inspected by the Regatta Measurer for compliance with class rules.
- E. The skipper and crew member(s) receive wrist bands for admission to the Friday and Saturday Evening Social at Surf City Yacht Club and the Sunday Lunch awards event.
- F. Wristbands for guests will be available to purchase at this time as well.

8. **Waiver of Liability** – Each boat shall submit a Waiver of Liability, signed by the skipper and all crew members, not later than 9 AM, Saturday, August 13th. In the event of a crew substitution thereafter, the new crew(s) must submit a signed waiver to Regatta Headquarters prior to racing.

9. **Racing** – Racing will be held in Manahawkin Bay. The number of races each day will be determined by the Race Committee based upon weather conditions. It is the intent of the Race Committee to conduct six (6) races over the two days of the regatta.

10. **Mandatory and Voluntary Boat Weighing** – All boats should be weighed before the race. The Measurer has the discretion to weigh top finishing boats at on the official Mariner Class Association scale at the lift in the SCYC marina promptly after the last race of the regatta is concluded. Any boat not meeting the class weight minimum of 1375 pounds may be disqualified at the sole discretion of the Regatta Measurer. The official scale will be available on Friday, August 12 between 1 PM and 5 PM for competitors to weigh their boats in advance of racing.

11. **Schedule of Events** - All racers are encouraged to participate in cruising events on Friday.

8/11/2016 Thursday Evening

Thursday Cruisers Early Arrival. Light refreshment available. Dinner on your own.

8/12/2016 Friday

8 am	Cruisers informal breakfast at Subogies restaurant in Surf City 1/2 mile away: 512 Long Beach Blvd, Surf City
9 am	Gather at SCYC davits for rigging and cruisers racing workshop
noon	lunch available
1 pm	depart for destination sail
1-5 pm	Registration, competitors only
	mandatory check-in, “
	mandatory sail measurement, “
	mandatory boat measurement “
	mandatory boat inspection, “
	optional weigh-in, “
630 pm	Mariner Class Cocktail Party and Light Fare

8/13/2016 Saturday

- 8-9 am Late registration and check-in. Light breakfast served to competitors at SCYC
- 9:30 am Skippers meeting at Regatta Headquarters - SCYC.
- 10 am Harbor gun.
- 10:45 am First race of the day, 4 races scheduled. Lunch "On the Water"
- about 5 pm Refreshments available after the races.
- 6:30-8:30pm Clam Bake at Surf City Yacht Club - Open Bar

8/14/16 Sunday

- 8-9 am Light breakfast served to competitors at Regatta Headquarters.
- 9 am Skippers meeting at SCYC to announce Championship and President's Fleets.
- 9:30 am Harbor gun.
- 10:15 AM First race of the day. (No race to start after 2 PM)
- about 3 pm. Lunch and refreshments after racing. Awards Ceremony at Regatta Headquarters

12. **Scoring** – RRS A4 Low Point Scoring System will apply. One race shall constitute a series. A boat's worst finish will be discarded after six (6) races have been completed. After Saturday's races have been scored, the Race Committee will divide the entire fleet into two fleets – a Championship Fleet and a President's Fleet. Both Fleets will sail together.

13. **Protests** – Protests must be filed with the Race Committee within one hour of the completion of the last race of the day as fixed by the Race Committee. Official protest forms may be obtained at the radio desk at Regatta Headquarters.

14. **Prizes** – Prizes will be awarded to at least the skipper and crew of the first, second and third place boats in the Championship and President's Fleets. Prizes will also be awarded to the skipper traveling the farthest distance to participate, the highest finish for a "Rookie" Mariner Nationals Skipper, and the Most Improved Skipper from the previous years' Nationals. Additional placement prizes will be awarded as available from donated items.

15. **Sailing Instructions** – Sailing Instructions will be available at the registration desk at Regatta Headquarters from 1-5 PM on Friday, August 10, 2012 and 8-9 AM on Saturday, August 11, 2012

16. **Personal Flotation** – The wearing of PFD's by all competitors at all times while on the water is strongly recommended.

17. **Facilities and Dockage** – Surf City Yacht Club has dry-sailing facilities with two (2) hoists to accommodate Mariners and a protected marina. Boats may be pulled out after Saturday's races or left in the water, at the owner's risk, for the duration of the regatta, to the extent that dockage/rafting space is available. Sailors should bring sufficient dock lines and fenders for overnight tie-up. There is a public launching ramp about ½ miles from SCYC that can be used for launching from a trailer for small fee. Mariner Cruisers participating in this weekend will have access to dockage and facilities. **Racers will have priority at the lifts before the races.** Club live aboard rules will be relaxed for this event.

18. **Food for Participants** – The Regatta fee includes meals for Skipper and Crew:

- light snacks during Friday registration 1PM - 5PM
- Friday night Mariner Fleet dinner
- dinner on Saturday evening social at the SCYC.
- a light breakfast on Saturday and Sunday
- lunch Saturday on the water, and Sunday after racing, during awards

19. Lodging For Competitors and cruisers –See websites: LBI.com, Sea Pirate Campground, Southern Ocean County Chamber of Commerce and discoversouthernocean.com. Mariner Cruisers participating in this weekend will have access to dockage and facilities. Club live aboard rules will be relaxed for this event. **Limited guest space in our LBI area residences may be available for Mariner Racers, Cruisers and crew.** A free shuttle is runs continuously the length of Long Beach Island. Text or call Chris Scales at (609) 312-1878 (preferred) or E Mail chris@telecottage.com

20. Mariner Class Association Dinner – An Annual Meeting of the members of the Mariner Class Association will be held during the regatta at Surf City Yacht Club. The meeting is tentatively scheduled for **7 PM Friday, August 12, 2016**. All Mariner Class Members in the area are encouraged to attend.

21. Request that Competitors Provide Advance Notice of Intent to Participate – In order to assist in planning for this regatta, Surf City Yacht Club and the Mariner Nationals Committee request that competitors who reasonably anticipate registering for this regatta advise the Registration Manager of such intent, by telephone or email, as soon as possible prior to August 13, 2016. Such advance notice is requested as a courtesy for regatta planning purposes.

Mariner Nationals Regatta Committee

chair	Chris Scales	(609) 312-1878,	chris@telecottage.com text preferred
cruise	Eric Lesniak	(732) 796-4853	enkl@verizon.net
registration	Brad Friedman,	(917) 545-0348	bnfriedman1@hotmail.com
treasurer	Joyce Bartlett,	(609) 709-6922	bartlettcpa@comcast.net .
measurer	Tom Green	(609) 377-7651	

MARINER NATIONALS CHAMPIONSHIP GATHERING
August 12 - 14, 2016
SURF CITY YACHT CLUB

Skipper Name _____ **Birthdate** _____ **Tshirt size** _____

Address _____

City,State,Zip _____

Telephone _____ **E-Mail** _____

Crew Name _____ **Birthdate** _____ **Tshirt size** _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Telephone No. _____ **Email** _____

Yacht Club Affiliation _____

Sail Number _____ **Hull Color** _____

Boat Name _____

Distance Traveled to SCYC _____

Fees Collected:

Entry Fee (\$160.00) _____

This includes all meals and t-shirt for skipper and crew

T-shirt sizes S, M, L, XL, XXL shirt 1 _____, **Shirt 2** _____

Late Fee (\$40.00) (Paid online/Postmarked after July 29) _____

Friday Mariner Nationals Meal additional People (\$15.00/Person)

Saturday Social additional People (\$25.00/Person) _____

Sunday after race lunch additional People (\$10.00/Person) _____

Total Collected _____

First Time Skipper at Mariner Nationals YES _____ **NO** _____

Official Liability Waiver and Release to be signed at Check-In. _____

Date: _____ **Skipper Signature** _____

Date: _____ **Crew Signature** _____

This official Entry form accompanied by a check made out to SCYC for the appropriate fees should be mailed in advance to:

Surf City Yacht Club

Attn: Chris Scales

2016 Mariner Nationals Registration Manager

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