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Good Morning Mercury Sailors -

I must apologize for two errors in the recently mailed and emailed 2008 Mercury Class Championship Series Information Package.

Please note the following corrections:

Page 1 - "A Special Invitation" - The Regatta will take place on **Friday, August 22 and Saturday, August 23, 2008.**

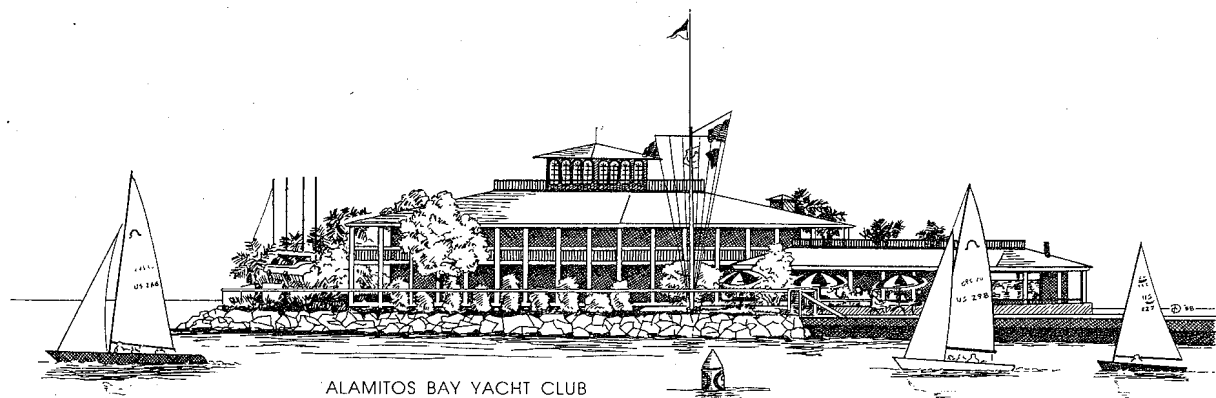
Page 2 - "Notice of Race" (Paragraph 3, Fees) - All entries must be received by **9:30 AM on Friday, August 22, 2008.**

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Thank you,
Eric Conn
Regatta Chairman
Mercury # 542



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A Special Invitation

The Alamitos Bay Yacht Club, Long Beach, CA is honored to host the Mercury Class 2008 National Championship August 22, 23 & 24, 2008. ABYC has a long and successful history of hosting first class world and national championship regattas. Mercury sailors who have sailed at ABYC will attest to the quality of the facility, predictable winds and the great sailing area inside the protected harbor.

You may have noticed that the regatta is scheduled for two days Friday the 22nd (3 races) and Saturday the 23rd (2 races). This allows everyone to arrive, rig and practice as they want. Since the Mercurys are the only class racing there is still plenty of time for an after race social and barbeque Friday and a very relaxed and unrushed reception and trophy dinner Saturday on the club's picturesque Quarter Deck. By saving Sunday for a make up day it is hoped that this schedule will encourage more to attend. It was felt that there might be some reluctance to attend knowing that you might have to face LA's Sunday afternoon traffic trying to get home after a race, packing up and trophies.

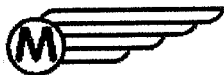
This schedule allows everyone to arrive when they wish, enjoy a great regatta both on and off the water and then be able to drive home at a leisurely pace on Sunday.

ABYC has the staff and equipment to make this a great regatta and help boost class interest in Southern California. Please go to abyc.org for information about the club, its history, nearby attractions and accommodations.

The Alamitos Bay Yacht Club looks forward to your attendance at your class championship regatta. If you have any questions please call (562-439-7952) or email (efconn@yahoo.com).

Looking forward to your attendance.

Eric Conn
Regatta Chairman
Mercury #542



2008 MERCURY CLASS CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES



August 22-24, 2008
Alamitos Bay Yacht Club
Long Beach, California USA

NOTICE OF RACE

The Organizing Authority for the 2008 Mercury Class Championship is Alamitos Bay Yacht Club (ABYC), Long Beach, California USA.

1. RULES

The Championship Series will be governed by the "rules" as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RSS), except that if there is a conflict, Governing the Mercury Championship Series, MCYRA bylaws, will take precedence.

2. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 2.1. The regatta is open to boats of the Mercury Class whose owner/skipper is a member of the class association.
- 2.2. Eligible boats may enter by completing an entry application and sending it to Eric Conn, 291 Glendora Ave., Long Beach, CA 90803, with required fees make check out to MCYRA.

3. FEES

- 3.1. The entry fee is \$75.00 per boat. A late fee of \$20.00 will be charged for entries received after the close of business Saturday, August 17, 2008. All entries must be received by 9:30am (0930) Friday, August 22, 2008. AN ENTRY IS NOT COMPLETE UNTIL ALL FEES HAVE BEEN PAID; any entry received in advance of the late-fee deadline but without fees will be charged the late fee at Registration. The entry fee includes all racing and nightly dinners for skipper and crew, there will be a no host bar each evening. Additional dinners may be ordered on entry form or at registration.

4. SCHEDULE

The regatta schedule is as follows:

Wednesday, August 20	Arrival, rigging and tuning	All day
Thursday, August 21	Registration (closes at 1600)	1000-1600
Friday, August 22	Arrival, rigging and tuning	All day
	Late registration	0930
	Competitor's briefing	1030
	First warning (three races planned)	1150
Saturday, August 23, 2008	No Host Reception and Barbecue	1800
	First warning (two races planned)	1150
	No Host Reception, Dinner and Trophy Presentation	1800
Sunday, August 24, 2008	Make up day if necessary	1150
	Travel prep and departure	All day

5. MEASUREMENT

- 5.1. Skippers may be asked to show compliance with all safety gear as required by US Coast Guard and Class rules.
- 5.2. Entrants are responsible for having a completed measurement certificate on file prior to the Championship Series.
Previously unmeasured sails shall be measured before the series.
- 5.3. Class Bylaws; Article II, Eligible Boats and Skippers, Sections 1 and 2 will be in effect for this regatta.

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing instructions will be available at Registration.

7. VENUE

The regatta will be sailed inside the breakwater off Long Beach, California.

8. SCORING

Five (5) races are scheduled three (3) on Friday and two (2) on Saturday with Sunday reserved for a make up day, with no throw out, of which three (3) must be completed to constitute a series.

9. TROPHIES

Trophies for skipper and crew will be awarded to the top five (5) finishers in the Gold and the top three (3) in the Silver Fleets as well as class perpetuals for daily firsts and overall champion. A participation gift will be given to every skipper and crew.

10. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority 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. This disclaimer will be acknowledged by the skipper's signature on the entry form.

11. FURTHER INFORMATION

Questions concerning this event may be directed to Eric Conn via e-mail at efconn@yahoo.com or via phone at 562-439-7952.

June 14, 2008

MERCURY CLASS CHAMPIONSHIP

August 22 - 24, 2008
Alamitos Bay Yacht Club
Long Beach, CA

ENTRY FORM

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Skipper _____ Crew _____

Sail # _____ Boat Name _____ Club Affiliation _____

Mailing Address _____ Phone _____
E-mail _____

FEES

Entry; \$75 before 8/17/08, \$95 after		\$ _____
Additional dinners (skipper & crew included in entry fee)		
Friday Evening Barbecue	_____ # of dinners @ \$ 10	_____
Saturday Evening Trophy Dinner	_____ # of dinners @ \$15	_____
	Total Due	\$ _____

Please include Total Due with entry, Make check payable to MCYRA

Mail to; Eric Conn
291 Glendora Ave.
Long Beach, CA 90803

Please accept this entry form. I/We agree to comply with the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions as well as the rules and regulations of the U.S. Coast Guard and the Alamitos Bay Yacht Club. I/We am aware that moving, launching, skippering, crewing at Alamitos Bay or San Perdo Bay are hazardous activities. I/We are voluntarily participating in the regatta with the knowledge of the danger involved. I/We agree to accept any and all risks of material damage of personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta. To the full extent permitted by law I/We hereby waive any rights I/We may have to sue the race organizers (race committee, host club, sponsors or any other organization or official) involved with the regatta with respect to material damage or personal injury suffered by me/us as a result of my/our participation in this regatta and hereby release the race organizers from any liability for such injury or damage, and verify this agreement and wavier by my/our signature below.

Skipper's Signature _____ Date _____

Additional Information;

The Alamitos Bay Yacht Club has a very reasonably priced galley which will be open for breakfast and lunch each day.

There is plenty of adjacent parking for cars. Trailers will be stored in the club yard. The club has two hoists and plenty of dock space.

The wind is 95% predictable in August. The wind will build during the day to around 12 to 15 knots by the last race. The temperature will be in the mid 70's to low 80's. Bring sunscreen and a hat.

Please visit the club's website **abyc.org** to acquaint yourself with our club, its history, local attractions and nearby accommodations.

Here are a few recommendations for local accommodations; there are more details on the club's website **abyc.org club info - lodging**. Due to a concurrent convention being held in downtown Long Beach I would encourage you to make reservations now, which you could cancel later if necessary.

Accommodations:

One new hotel which is not listed on the web site is;

Hampton Inn & Suites This facility is brand new and relatively close to the club.
2401 Seal Beach Blvd.
Seal Beach CA 90740
(562) 594-3939

Best Bet;

Seaport Marina Hotel This facility is the closest to the club. It is OK and the price is fair.
6400 E. Pacific Coast Hwy
Long Beach, CA 90803
(562) 493-7501

Cheapest;

Don's
4915 E. Pacific Coast Hwy.
Long Beach, CA 90804
(562)-494-4567

Local housing may be available, please contact Tom Priest regarding availability (first come, first serve!)

Tom Priest
29075 Maple Park Dr.
Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275
(310) 377-7413 home (310) 812-3616 work