



# NOTICE OF RACE



**US Mariner Class Association National Regatta September 16 & 17, 2017**  
Riverton Yacht Club Bank Avenue and Main Street, Riverton, NJ 08077

THIS REGATTA IS THE 2017 NATIONAL AND PRESIDENT'S CHAMPIONSHIP REGATTA OF THE U.S. MARINER CLASS ASSOCIATION.

**Rules** – The regatta will be governed the 2017-2020 RRS (RRS), the prescriptions of U.S. SAILING, the U.S. 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 2017 U.S. Mariner Class National Regatta is open to all owners of Mariner one-design sailboats who have paid their 2017 U.S. Mariner Class Association dues by September 15, 2017 and who are otherwise qualified by applicable rules.
2. **Entry Procedure** – Entries will only be accepted by the Riverton 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. All boats must register. Official entry will not be considered complete unless accompanied by the appropriate entry fee and a signed skipper/crew waiver.

**The regatta entry fee is \$160.00 per boat.** Entry forms with the appropriate fee must be received by the Regatta Registration Manager by **Thursday, August 31, 2017**. 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.

Entries received after **Thursday August 31<sup>st</sup>** shall incur a late fee of **\$40.00**. No entry will be accepted after 0900 Saturday, September 16, 2017. The entry fee is not refundable.

**Registration Fee Includes:**

**Two (2) Regatta Tee shirts, BBQ Friday evening (2), Sat & Sun continental breakfast (2), Sat bag lunch (2), Saturday Eve dinner for 2 - (RYC Luau) & refreshments with Sunday awards. Additional tickets available: Friday BBQ \$15.00 each, Saturday Luau \$35.00 each in advance, \$40 if ordered after September 9th 2017.**

3. **Regatta Headquarters and Registration Manager** – Regatta headquarters will be the clubhouse of the Riverton Yacht Club, Bank Avenue and Main Street, Riverton, New Jersey. The regatta registration manager is Terry Fennell. Participants may register in advance by mailing a completed Official Entry Form with appropriate fee to:

**Riverton Yacht Club, C/O Terry Fennell, 108 Gillin Road, Ambler PA 19002**  
(Make Checks Payable to Terry Fennell)

4. **Mandatory Check-In** – In order to be eligible to race, the skipper or crewmember(s) of each boat must check-in with the Mariner Nationals registration desk at regatta headquarters. The registration desk will be open for check-in from 12:00 to 4:00 PM Friday, Sept 15<sup>th</sup>. The registration desk will be open on Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 AM to 9:00 AM for late registration and check-in.
5. **Check-In Procedures** – The skipper and crewmember(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/ crewmember waiver, has been received by the registration manager and the appropriate entry fee paid.
  - B. U.S. Mariner Class Association dues for 2017 have been paid.
  - C. Sails to be used in the regatta have been measured at regatta headquarters and stamped as approved by the regatta measurer.
  - D. The registered boat has been inspected by the regatta measurer for compliance with class rules.
  - E. The skipper and crewmember receive tickets for Saturday lunches and Saturday evening social/dinner at the Riverton Yacht Club.
6. **Waiver of Liability** – Each boat shall submit a Waiver of Liability signed by the skipper and all crewmembers. Waivers will be available & collected at check-in at the registration desk. In the event of a crew substitution thereafter, the new crewmember(s) must submit a signed waiver to Terry Fennell at regatta headquarters prior to racing. Failure to comply invalidates the boat's entry.
7. **Racing** – Racing will be held on the Delaware River. 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.
8. **Mandatory and Voluntary Boat Weighing** – Boats placing first, second, and third in the Championship Fleet and the President's Fleet must be weighed by the regatta measurer on the official class association scale promptly after the last race of the regatta, if they were not pre-weighed at check in. Any boat not meeting the class weight minimum will be disqualified in the sole discretion of the regatta measurer. The official scale will be available on Friday, September 15, 2017 between 12:00 & 4:00 PM for competitors desiring to weigh their boats in advance of racing as part of the check in process.



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## 9. Schedule of Events -Date Day Time Function

### 9/15 Friday

- 12:00 -4:00 PM Registration, mandatory check-in, sail measurement, boat inspection, optional weigh-in,
- 4:30 – 7:00 PM BBQ & Refreshments

### 9/16 Saturday

- 8:00- 9:00 AM Late registration and check-in.
- 8:00- 9:30 AM Light breakfast served to competitors at regatta headquarters.
- 10:00 Harbor gun.
- 10:30 First Race of the day.
- Refreshments after the races.
- 6:00 PM Club Social/Dinner at regatta headquarters.

### 9/17 Sunday

- 8:00- 9:00 AM Light breakfast served to competitors at regatta headquarters.
- 9:00 Skippers meeting at regatta headquarters to announce Championship and President's Fleets.
- 9:15 Harbor gun.
- 9:45 First race of the day. (No race to start after 2:00 PM)
- 2:00 – 4:00 Refreshments after racing will be provided.
- Awards Ceremony at regatta headquarters as soon as possible after racing ends

10. **Scoring** – RRS A4 Low Point Scoring System will apply. One race shall constitute a series. A boat's worst finish may 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 – for Sunday's races. The cut point for the Championship Fleet will be determined by the race committee based upon the entire fleet size and will be announced by the race committee at the September 17<sup>th</sup> skipper's meeting. Final scoring for the Championship Fleet will include all races sailed during the regatta. Final scoring for the President's Fleet will include only the races sailed on Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>. Both fleets will sail together.

11. **Protests** – Protests must be filed with the Regatta Chairman within one hour of the completion of the protested race as fixed by the race committee. Official Mariner National protest forms may be obtained at the registration desk at regatta headquarters.

12. **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 and crew traveling the farthest to participate and to the highest finish for a rookie Mariner National skipper. Additional placement prizes will be awarded as necessary according to the Class Rules.

13. **Sailing Instructions** – Sailing Instructions will be available at the registration desk at regatta headquarters

14. **Personal Flotation** – The wearing of PFD's is at the competitor's discretion. The use of PFD's is highly recommended.

15. **Facilities and Dockage** – Riverton Yacht Club has dry-sailing facilities with two (2) hoists to accommodate Mariners and several moorings. 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. Competitors should bring sufficient dock lines and fenders for overnight tie-up.

16. **Notice of Mariner Class Association Annual Meeting** – The annual meeting of the members in good standing of the class association will be held during the regatta at regatta headquarters. The meeting is tentatively scheduled for 7:00 PM, Friday, Sept 13<sup>th</sup>. All Mariner Class Members in the area are encouraged to attend.

17. **Request that Competitors Provide Advance Notice of Intent to Participate** – In order to assist in planning for this regatta, Riverton Yacht Club and the Mariner National Committee request that competitors who reasonably anticipate registering for this regatta advise the registration manager of such intent, at [fpelosi@metrofloor.net](mailto:fpelosi@metrofloor.net). Such advance notice is requested as a courtesy only and creates no obligation for any fee payment.

## Regatta Social Schedule

Friday –BBQ, Refreshments & the Annual Class Meeting  
Saturday & Sunday Continental Breakfast  
Saturday Lunch on the water – Refreshments after the races  
Saturday – Club Social/Dinner RYC Luau  
Sunday refreshments & awards after the races

For further information about this regatta, please contact the registration manager, Terry Fennell –email at [tfennell1@msn.com](mailto:tfennell1@msn.com).



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Skipper Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_ T-shirt size S, M, L, XL, XXL \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

Crew Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_ T-shirt size S, M, L, XL, XXL \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

Yacht Club Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_ Distance Traveled \_\_\_\_\_  
 Boat Name \_\_\_\_\_ Hull Color \_\_\_\_\_ Sail Number \_\_\_\_\_

**Fees Collected:**

Entry Fee (\$160.00) includes all meals and t-shirt for skipper and crew	_____	\$
Late Fee (\$40.00) Postmarked after August 31 <sup>st</sup> 2017	_____	\$
Friday Mariner Nationals Meal additional People (\$15.00/Person)	_____	\$
Saturday Luau additional tickets (\$35.00/Person, \$40 if ordered after September 9th 2017)	_____	\$
Additional Tee Shirts (\$12 ea.)	_____ @ S, M, L, XL, XXL	\$
	_____ @ S, M, L, XL, XXL	\$
Long Sleeve UVP "Wicking" Shirts (\$18 ea.)	_____ @ S, M, L, XL, XXL	\$
	_____ @ S, M, L, XL, XXL	\$
Registration includes (2) cotton tee shirts, Upgrade to long sleeve UVP "Wicking" add \$8 each	_____	\$
Total Collected	_____	\$
First Time Skipper at Mariner Nationals	_____	YES / NO

Official Liability Waiver and Release must be signed at Check-In on the morning of the event. If there is a crew change for day 2, a separate waiver is required.

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

2017 Mariner Nationals Registration Manager  
 Terry Fennell  
 108 Gillin Road  
 Ambler PA 19002

Please make checks Payable to "Terry Fennell" and note Mariner Nationals in the memo line.  
 Note: Paypal is also available