



REGATTA INVITATION

The Flip Flop Regatta committee invites all sailors to participate in this seventh annual open ocean regatta. The race will take place at 12 pm on August 15, 2009 and will be a pursuit race starting outside Boston Harbor, with each boat starting on her own time. The race will be open to all mono-hull racing/cruising boats holding a current 2009 PHRF certificate.

The Flip Flop Regatta is also proud to be included as a Qualifier for the new 2009 Mass Bay Pursuit Race Championship. Please see our website for more information.

A skipper's meeting will be held at the Courageous Sailing Center at 7pm on Friday, August 14, 2009. Festivities will take place under the Mount Gay Rum Tent on Pier 4 at the Courageous Sailing Center at 6 pm Friday and Saturday evening, and will be open to racers and guests who have purchased identification bracelets. Refreshments and live entertainment will be on hand.

The Race Committee is proud to announce that Peter Reggio will be returning as our Honorary Chairman, and Tom Duggan will be returning as our Principle Race Officer (PRO).

Among Peter's many accomplishments he was the Principle Race Officer (PRO) for the 2007 America's Cup. "One of the highlights of my schedule was the Flip Flop Regatta in Boston," said Peter Reggio. "The dedication of the organizers and the hordes of volunteers spoke volumes about their commitment to The ALLY Foundation. It was the spirit of the regatta that made it so special, and I'm looking forward to being involved again this year."

In addition to his race management experience with FIGAWI for the past 15 years, Tom has functioned as an International Race Officer, Umpire, and Judge for events like the 2003 IOD North American's, the 2002 and 2003 Heineken Regatta, and the 2004 and 2007 Olympic trials. Together these individuals bring years of world-class race management and experience to the Regatta.

For more information regarding online registration and obtaining an application for a PHRF certificate, please visit our website: www.flipflopregatta.com.



The ALLY Foundation

www.theallyfoundation.org

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Overview:

This regatta is held in memory of Alexandra Nicole Zapp to benefit The ALLY Foundation.

Foundation Mission:

The mission of The ALLY Foundation is to prevent opportunities for violent sex offences, to educate the public and advocate necessary changes in culture, attitude and policy.

The ALLY Foundation was established in memory of Alexandra Nicole Zapp, our friend, sister and daughter who was tragically stolen from us by an act of preventable violence. The Foundation strives to celebrate Alexandra's memory with the same charitable and compassionate spirit, which guided her throughout her short life.

More information regarding The ALLY Foundation can be found by visiting; www.theallyfoundation.org



NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

The rules governing the Race Weekend will be:

- A. Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS 2009-2012).
- B. Rule 52 is deleted.
- C. If there is a conflict, the Sailing Instructions shall take precedence.
- D. Sailing Instructions will be available at the Skipper's Meeting. Amendments to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the notice board at Courageous Sailing Center no later than 9am on the day of the race.

2. ELIGIBILITY

The Flip Flop Regatta is open to mono hull cruising/racing boats which;

- A. have a 2009 PHRF NE handicap assigned by PHRF NE;
- B. conform to the ISAF Special Regulations Governing Minimum Standards for a Category 4 race; and
- C. are captained by a skipper who is a member of US Sailing (to join US Sailing call 1-800-877-2451).*

The Organizing Authority reserves the right to accept entries that do not comply with all of the criteria specified above.

* WE CANNOT ACCEPT YOUR APPLICATION UNLESS YOU ARE A CURRENT MEMBER OF US SAILING.

If you are already a member, you are aware of the benefits and if you are not you will soon have the opportunity to support the outstanding efforts of this single, national sailing organization.

3. ENTRY PROCEDURES

Online registration will be available on the www.flipflopregatta.com website

- An email will be sent to all participants to verify receipt of application.
- Online registration must include: regatta fee, a copy of a valid 2009 PHRF certificate and your US Sailing membership number. If you are participating in this event as part of the Mass Bay Pursuit Race Championship, you must also provide your Mass Bay Membership number.
- No entries will be accepted after 6pm on Wednesday, August 12, 2009.

4. FEES – SAILBOAT ENTRIES ONLY

Entry Fees must be received by 6pm August 12, 2009. (Entry fee includes \$50 race fee, and 2 bracelets at \$75 each for admission to tent activities.) Skippers are permitted to purchase additional crew bracelets with their entry fees.

- ★ Additional means of registering are available through Skipper Sponsorship packages described at www.flipflopregatta.com.
- ★ Additional bracelets for the tent will be available at race registration for \$100.00.

5. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid, third-party Hull and adequate liability insurance.

6. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the race entirely at their own risk and must sign a Waiver of Liability form. See RRS 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 (including on-shore regatta events).

7. EQUIPMENT

The PHRF Fleet must comply with all of the ISAF Special Regulations for a Category 4 race. Please pay special attention to Regulation 1.02 regarding Owner's Responsibility, as well as the following provisions of the regulations:

- A. All boats must have lifelines in accordance with Sections 3.14;
- B. All boats must carry a marine radio in accordance with Section 3.29;
- C. All boats must have sail numbers (not manufacturers numbers or logos) in accordance with Section 4.01; and
- D. All boats must carry personal lifesaving equipment (lifejackets, etc.) in accordance with Section 5.0.**

**NOTE US SAILING PRESCRIPTION TO SECTION 5.01

"All personnel on deck shall wear personnel floatation while starting and finishing without exception, and at all other times except when the Captain of the boat directs that it may be set aside."





8. RATING

All boats racing the Flip Flop Regatta must have a valid 2009 PHRF NE Handicap rating.

9. MANAGEMENT

The Race Committee shall have the authority to interpret the rules governing the race, and to decide protests. The Race Committee reserves the right to inspect any boat anytime before and after the race.

10. DIVISIONS and STARTING TIMES

The Flip Flop Regatta will be sailed in one or more divisions depending on the number of entries and will be a pursuit race, with each boat starting at a designated time. The initial warning signal is scheduled for 12pm on August 15, 2009. Starting times will be assigned by the Race Committee and published with the Sailing Instructions.

11. CONDUCT

The boat owner or skipper will be responsible for the conduct of the crew offshore and onshore. The Race Committee reserves the right to reject any boat, skipper, or crew from this race and/or future races in the event of a serious breach of conduct.

Reasonable safety measures mandate no water balloons, water fights or firecrackers, or other inappropriate conduct.

12. IDENTIFICATION

A *Race Weekend Identification Bracelet* will be required for admittance into the Mount Gay Rum Tent. Bracelets are available for crewmembers and guests over 21 years of age.†

Picture ID's are mandatory for admittance into the Mount Gay Rum Tent. Children will not be allowed in the tent.

† Skippers are responsible for all crew and guests for whom they purchase bracelets. All Skippers and crew participating in the Flip Flop Regatta must complete the **Waiver of Liability** prior to the Skippers meeting. Waivers will be available through the online registration process.

13. DOCKAGE

Pier 4 at the Courageous Sailing Center will be able to accommodate 30 boats rafted four deep in the "bullpen". Reservations will be taken on a first come, first served basis. Shore power will not be available in the "bullpen". Portable facilities will be available on the premises. Skippers rafted in the "bullpen" are responsible for ensuring they have adequate fender support for docking/rafting. Dockage fees for the "bullpen" are included in your race fee. However, a \$75/night donation to The ALLY Foundation is appreciated.

Alternatively, you may contact the following marinas to reserve transient dockage.

Constitution Marina
28 Constitution Road
Boston, Massachusetts 02129
PHONE: (617) 241-9640
FAX: (617) 242-3013
EMAIL: davidoff@foreshore.com
WEB: <http://www.marinemart.com/constitution.html>

Shipyards Quarters
1 Pier Eight
Charlestown, MA 02129
PHONE: (617) 242-2020
FAX: (617) 242-5296
VHF: 09, 16, and 71
WEB: <http://www.marinemart.com/shipyards.html>

Boston Yacht Haven
87 Commercial Wharf
Boston MA 02210
PHONE: (617) 523-7352
FAX: (617) 523-2270
EMAIL: contact@bostonyachthaven.com
WEB: <http://bostonyachthaven.com/>

Boston Harbor Shipyards & Marina
256 Marginal Street
East Boston, MA 02128
PHONE: (617) 561-1400
FAX: (617) 561-9539
VHF: Channel 9
WEB: <http://www.seachain.com/bostonharbor.shtml>

For more information on the Flip Flop Regatta, including online registration and ticket purchasing, please visit: www.flipflopregatta.com or contact us at: race@flipflopregatta.com.

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