

IMPORTANT ITEMS FOR PCISA SEA OTTER REGATTA 2016

PLEASE read all the way through this email and distribute the information to all coaches, parents and competitors that will be attending the Sea Otter Regatta this weekend.

We have **59 teams** entered in the **2016 Sea Otter Regatta**. Currently 31 Gold and 28 Silver. If there is a team that would volunteer to move to Silver please contact me.

For those new teams/sailors attending and as a reminder to those returning here are a few things to keep in mind:

When well over 400 High School Sailors, coaches and parents descend on a regatta site it has a huge impact and needs to be well managed, and, the participants need to be extremely well mannered and cooperative as any visitors and guests should be. The organizing team at **Monterey Peninsula Yacht Club has been doing an awesome job** with this event for years. They have been working for weeks and months coordinating with the City of Monterey, businesses on and around the Pier, the Yacht Club, Harbor authorities and many others. Please read the **Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions** (Found only online –no printed copies - both at www.pcisa.org and in Techscore) carefully and heed all of its requests paying particular attention to the following:

Boats and Sails - Please check your boats carefully **BEFORE YOU LEAVE** and **DO NOT bring inferior or substandard equipment. Before you leave town check the rudders, tillers (& extensions), masts, centerboards and all line, wires and hardware. Boats will be inspected and teams with substandard boats will be denied entry.** Make sure you have all plugs and spares. We will launch off the beach so please have a good dolly! It looks to be a mild weekend for weather (warm and not too much wind). All sails will be provided and should be kept clean and treated with the utmost care at all times.

TechScore – **Record of Participation "Forms"** – Pursuant to ISSA Procedural Rule 4.3 each team (Coach) must record which sailors sail in which races and in what positions (skipper or crew). This is now done electronically online through our proprietary scoring program Techscore. **Parents and other interested parties can access Regatta Results and Rotations on Techscore without an account at: scores.hssailing.org.** However each team must have a Login Account to access Techscore to edit information for your team. If you have an account you can Login at: <https://ts.hssailing.org/> You can also apply for an account at this URL. **PLEASE confirm that you (the person acting as coach for your team this weekend) have access to your Team's Techscore Account by the end of business on Thursday.** It can take over 24 hours to set up a new account and the support people work during the business week 9am – 5pm M-F ONLY. Note: **COMPETING SAILORS MUST BE ON A TEAM'S ONLINE ROSTER IN THE ISSA/PCISA REGISTRATION DATABASE IN ORDER TO SHOW UP IN TECHSCORE AND TO BE ELIGIBLE TO COMPETE. IT CAN TAKE 24 HOURS FOR A SAILOR TO SHOW UP IN TECHSCORE AFTER BEING ADDED TO THE ROSTER.** Check your team's roster here: <http://registration.hssailing.org/schools/directory-by-district/c/13/>

Proper US Coast Guard Approved PFD's ONLY – it's the Law & the rules!

Parking and Boat Trailers – All boat trailers should park in the paved public parking lot on your left as you turn onto the Wharf. All cars and trailers parked in this lot and on the pier will need to pay for parking. There will be people there on Saturday morning to help direct you. The dirt storage yard is already pretty full this year so don't plan to put trailer there. All cars should park in the marina parking lot (located west of the trailer storage lot). Please do not park on the pier as it is a major tourist attraction and the businesses depend on the pier parking for customers on the weekend.

Spectating and Team Camps – We will launch and rotate from the beach just north of the Pier. Often the best place to watch the racing is at the end of the pier. Tents, awnings, chairs, banners, etc. are not allowed on the pier. Spectators only! Please keep walkways and roads clear and navigable at all times for all guests to the pier. Team Camps, tents, banners, etc. can be set up on the beach but PLEASE do not block access for the boats from the storage area to the water.

Monterey Peninsula Yacht Club – This is a very small (but really cool) clubhouse and basically we cannot all be inside at the same time. Each school should designate not more than a couple people to handle registration inside the club on Saturday morning. There are buckets just outside the entrance and everyone is asked to wash the sand off your feet before entering the club. The skippers meeting will occur just outside the club entrance in the open area. Of age adults are welcome in the Club Bar. Everyone is encouraged to enjoy the continental breakfast provided for sailors and coaches but please clean up your area and make seating available to others when you are finished.

This regatta is really what sailing should be all about. Great competition on the water, great team building during the travel and while enjoying an awesome location, and a great opportunity to meet new people, see old friends and enjoy one of the world's most storied destinations. Please enjoy, respect and remember! **THANKS!**

Important Links: www.pcisa.org

Public Access to Scores and Rotations: scores.hssailing.org

Coach Access to Team Sailor Record of Participation: <https://ts.hssailing.org/>

ISSA (High School Sailing) Procedural Rules:
http://www.hssailing.org/documents/procedural_rules.pdf

NEW PCISA District Rules:
<http://pcisa.hssailing.org/documents/2016-17-PCISA-District-Rules.pdf>

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