



NOTICE OF RACE
Area L Qualifier
for the
US SAILING Multihull Championship
Hobie Alter Cup

Sailed on Bellingham Bay, Hosted by Bellingham
Yacht Club
September 19-20, 2009

- 1. RULES:** This race is governed by the 2009-20012 ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of US SAILING, the US SAILING Multihull Championship Rules, each boat's own One-Design Class rules, and the Area L Qualifier Sailing Instructions (SI) available at registration.
- 2. CLASSES:** Racing is open to all single or multi-crewed catamarans under 22.5 feet in length having a current US SAILING Portsmouth number. Boats with provisional Portsmouth handicaps (e.g. those with brackets [] or parenthesis () around their rating are ineligible to compete.
- 3. ADVERTISING:** This regatta is designated Category A in accordance with ISAF Advertising Code, Regulation 20.
- 4. MEASUREMENT:** Each team is responsible for ensuring that the boat they sail in this Qualifier is in compliance with its class rules.
- 5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:**

Saturday	0830-1000	Registration
	0900	Skipper's Meeting
	1030	Warning Signal
Sunday	1000	Warning Signal
	1430	Last time for Warning Signal for last race
- 6. COURSES:** Variations of triangular and/or windward-leeward courses as described in the SIs.
- 7. REGISTRATION:** Pre-registration is highly encouraged. <http://www.byc.org/bbod/> Deadline for pre-registration is September 1st. Registration will also be available on-site Saturday morning. Single - Handed: USD \$35, Double Handed: USD \$50. There will be a \$5 discount on registrations on and before September 14th. Online registration is the preferable method. Race fees include: Moorage for Friday and Saturday, boat launch facilities, trophies for top 3 finishers in each class, LUNCHES FOR ALL RACERS, Awards Pizza Party. The BYC lounge will be open on Saturday and Sunday evening.

8. SCORING: The Low-Point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A, will apply. One race will constitute a series. One throw out will be allowed after the completion of at least 4 races.

9. NOTICES: All notices to competitors will be posted on the Regatta Notice Board on the lower floor of the Bellingham Yacht Club. Courses will be sailed mostly windward/leeward, and possible triangular, around the buoys racing.

10. MEMBERSHIP & INSURANCE: [1] US SAILING membership is required for all competitors. (Membership forms available at registration.) [2] It is the responsibility of each skipper/boat to maintain adequate amounts of insurance.

11. DECISIONS OF THE JURY: Decisions of the Jury will not be subject to appeal in accordance with RRS 70.4(a) and 70.4(b), contingent upon compliance with condition 12.1 of the US Multihull Championship Rules.

12. PRIZES: US SAILING Gold, Silver, & Bronze medals to be awarded to top 3 finishers! Gold Medal winner will be pre-qualified automatically for the 2009 US Sailing Multihull Championship for the Alter Cup in the 2010 (dates tba).

13. CONTACTS: Mike Hensel mikehensel220@msn.com / 206-396-1839