

Notice of Race

2005 America's Cup Regatta
3/20/05 through 3/25/05
Ivanpah Dry Lake, Primm, NV, USA

LOCATION: Ivanpah Dry Lake. We will have a Tent again this year and will be serving at least one meal on the Playa. We expect 6 days of sun, fun and great sailing on one of the world's premier sailing venues.

WHERE TO STAY: The Primm Valley Casino reservation number is 800-386-7867. **Our discount number is: group code SLC00320.** That will save you about \$2.00 a night. Alternatively, you might want to check www.travelworm.com for even better discounts. Please try to get your reservations in by 3/6/05. If you're RV-ing, you might want to contact Mark Harris at (775) 355-7035 or e-mail: landsail@charter.net for the best place to get water.

GETTING TO THE SITE: Get off I-15 at Primm (about 40 miles southwest of Las Vegas, NV). Go NE toward the Primmadonna, Turn right at the first light and drive along the edge of the resort (SW) past to the Lotto Store
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From the President

NALSA would like to welcome everyone to the 2005 America's Cup. We are encouraging pre-registration this year. This will help us anticipate how many people we will have and provide some working funds for getting things ready.



Class V is making some noise this year. The Mini yachts seem to be going strong. Terry is working with the Kiwi's on (possibly) setting up a separate course at the north end of the playa.

The NALSA Racing Rules and Procedures have not been modified

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where the road turns SE. About 100 yards past the Lotto Store the road bends around to the left and there is a dirt road going through the fence on the right. The dip just past the fence can be a challenge for low clearance vehicles although we usually do not have trouble getting everyone on the playa.

Follow that dirt road about 2 miles along the east edge of the lake to camp. Camp is likely to be close to 35°33.20' N, 115°23.00' W. This is a little north of our usual resting place. **Notes:** Do not take the dirt road that runs SE along the fence. There is often a wash just past the fence that may be difficult for some vehicles. Do not stray far from the road when on the lake. Generally we suggest driving next to, but not in the ruts that define the road to spread the erosion into a wider area that will heal more quickly.

Please use the portapotties or other appropriate facilities. Please pick up

all trash (yours and others). Try to collect drill shavings (on a tarp?), bits of tape, wood, and other small debris as they are difficult to pick up once they are loose on the playa. We will have a dumpster and plenty of garbage bags on site. Please bag all garbage and Please tie the bags closed to prevent garbage from blowing out of the dumpster if we get a big wind.

There are a number of other restrictions associated with the BLM permit. The permit will be posted on the Official Bulletin Board by (or in) the tent. We ask that all visitors read it

If the playa has any water on it: stay out of puddles and off damp areas. If there is a lot of water on the lake the event may be moved or the start delayed. The probability of having enough rain before or during the event to make the playa temporarily impassible is about 20%. The probability of being fully rained out is less than 10%. If rain threatens while we are on the playa, be prepared to leave the playa before it arrives. Once it starts raining the playa can become

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impassible very quickly (a few minutes in a hard rain). It is generally passable in a few hours but a heavy rain can flood the playa making it impassable for days or even weeks.

FEES: There is a link on the main page of the website to a printable Pre-Registration Form (also enclosed with this newsletter) that has fee and other information.

SCHEDULE (TENTATIVE):

- Saturday afternoon (2:00-4:00) and Sunday Morning: Registration (10:00-11:00)
- Sunday at Noon: Opening Pilots Meeting
- Sunday Afternoon: Racing
- Sunday Evening: Opening Cookout
- Monday-Friday: Pilot's Meeting: 9:00; Racing to follow
- Wednesday Evening: Dinner on the Playa.
- Awards: Friday Afternoon (or possibly Saturday)

Racing will commence after the pilot's meeting and will continue until the sun hits the mountains.

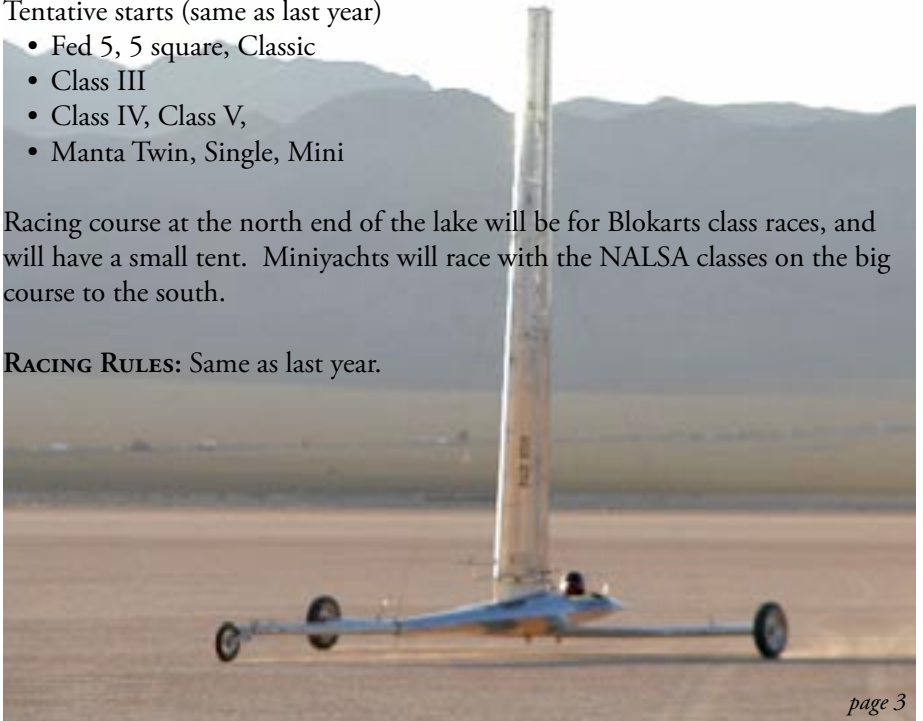
RACING INFORMATION (Racing will be run in a similar format to the past couple years):

Tentative starts (same as last year)

- Fed 5, 5 square, Classic
- Class III
- Class IV, Class V,
- Manta Twin, Single, Mini

Racing course at the north end of the lake will be for Blokarts class races, and will have a small tent. Miniyachts will race with the NALSA classes on the big course to the south.

RACING RULES: Same as last year.



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significantly since the changes put in place for the 2002 World Championship. A high level of understanding of the right of way rules is key to minimizing risk on the racecourse. Please review the rules in the Racing Program (available on the playa at check-in) to be sure you are fully familiar with them. If you have any questions, ask a race official or bring them up at any of the pilot's meetings.

We will be sailing timed races. The length of the races will be chosen to optimize the likelihood that the fastest yachts will be in front while moving the racing along expediently. We will be emphasizing windward-leeward courses as we feel this type of course requires the most skill and minimizes the amount of time spent on overpowered reaches.

Course layouts will try to be set up to minimize the amount we have to sail near obstructions at speed. As I indicated in the last newsletter, Valve 190 should be off the playa. That leaves the nearby monitoring wells, the pipeline markers, and one galvanic corrosion system. We will probably move the water tank to nearer to one of the hard obstructions. Working around the obstructions may result in some significant distances between the start and finish line as we had in some of the final races last year.

Start groupings and other important details will be posted or covered at the

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pilot's meetings. The first one will be on Sunday at Noon.

We will have at least one evening meal on the playa: most likely on Wednesday. If you have a friend who would like to join us at any of these meals please obtain a meal ticket as early as possible to allow us to properly plan the amount of food we will need. We are pricing meals at approximate cost.

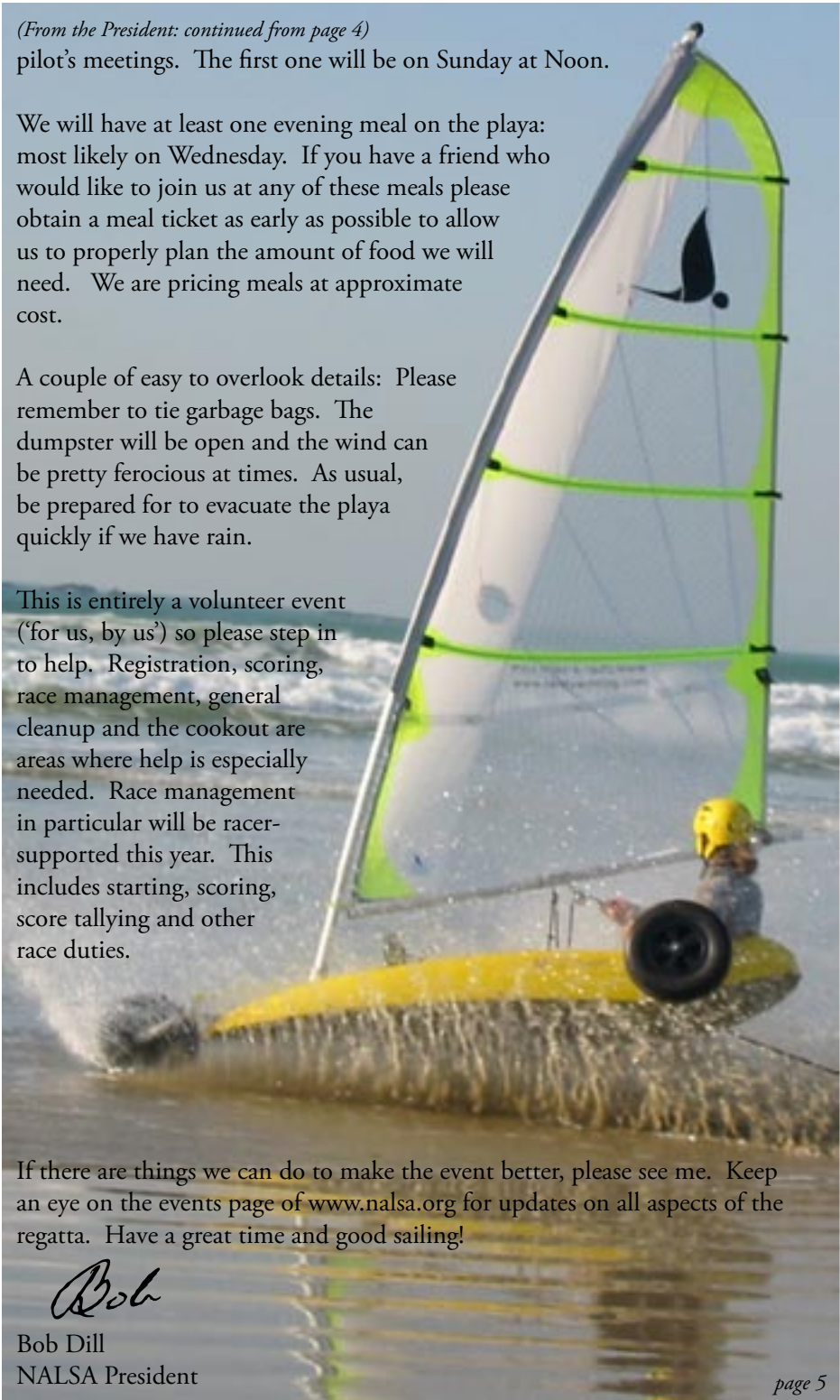
A couple of easy to overlook details: Please remember to tie garbage bags. The dumpster will be open and the wind can be pretty ferocious at times. As usual, be prepared for to evacuate the playa quickly if we have rain.

This is entirely a volunteer event ('for us, by us') so please step in to help. Registration, scoring, race management, general cleanup and the cookout are areas where help is especially needed. Race management in particular will be racer-supported this year. This includes starting, scoring, score tallying and other race duties.

If there are things we can do to make the event better, please see me. Keep an eye on the events page of www.nalsa.org for updates on all aspects of the regatta. Have a great time and good sailing!



Bob Dill
NALSAs President



The World of Sand and Land Sailing Loses a Friend
by Sheila Eberly

On December 10, 2004 we were saddened to hear that a very good friend of ours had passed away. Geoff Ellis, of Keynsham, England, died of a heart attack. We have known Geoff for over twenty-five years. We met him and his wife Viv at the European Championships in Saint Peter Ording, on the North Shores of Germany in 1979. They were there as part of the British Team. I spent my week of racing trying to follow Viv around the race course and running off cliffs into gullies of deep water.

Viv and Geoff were part of a very affable group of sand sailors. They were quick to welcome us to join their merry making and celebration in the meeting tent. We spent many hours sharing our harrowing experiences of racing on the beach and downing vast quantities of beer and Apple Korn, the local version of Schnapps. Viv was the Women's European Champion and Geoff sailed in the men's division. Carl, Jeff Jones, and I had traveled to Germany and arranged to rent yachts from the local club. The yachts were called Dads, about the size of a Friendship. My yacht was the only one of the three to hold together, even with a cracked axle. Carl broke his front end and Jeff broke his mast. It



was quite an experience.

At the end of the race week Viv and Geoff invited us to visit their home in England. We spent three weeks touring Europe and the last week we visited with Viv and Geoff and also Pam and Anthony McIntyre. We felt so welcome in their home, like we had been friends for a lifetime. They were just wonderful. We had made a strong connection. We invited them to come and stay with us and attend the America's Cup at Ivanpah the following year. They took us up on it and came to race with us in America. That was our first international race in America in 1980. They came with a whole contingent of British racers. We also had racers from Germany, France, and Belgium. The Ellis's and the Nichols stayed with us. They had arranged to rent trailers or caravans

as they called them, to camp at the desert. This was before the days of the Primm Casino Hotels. They all survived a week of “roughing it” on the desert and we shared some wonderful times together.

Over the years we have kept in touch with each other and have had the chance to get together for sailing and friendship a few times. We wished we had lived closer so we could get together more often. We have enjoyed Geoff's wonderful sense of humor over the years. He would call us up out of the blue and tell us one of his jokes he just had to share with us. We always had a good laugh. Geoff was the editor of the Saillander Magazine for the British sand sailing group for a number of

years. He also had the largest archives of Sand and Land Sailing of anyone I have ever seen. In his home in Keynsham he had what he call the Sand Sailing Museum, memorabilia from all the sailing events they had attended over the years. It was very impressive. I hope that can all be somehow preserved for future sailors to see. Geoff was also a member of the Team Tourist Band that traveled to all the European Championships and provided fabulous entertainment for the sailors. I can still hear two of Geoff's favorites, “Rock Island Line” and “Route 66”.

Geoff, we will miss you very much, ol' friend. You were the Best! Wishing you smooth beaches and warm winds!





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Pre-Registration form enclosed or
register online at www.ralsa.org

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--March 20-25, 2005--**

Pre-Registration Form

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| Name | email | |
| Street | | |
| City | State, Country, Zip | |
| Club Affiliation | National Federation | |
| Age | Phone | Shirt Size (s, m, l, xl, xxl) |

(note we have not figured out what we will have for swag (give-aways) this year so it may not be a shirt (T or otherwise))

Yacht Entries

Pre-registration Fee: \$60 + \$20 for each additional class. (\$80 + \$20 for each additional class onsite registration)

| Class | \$ | Sail Number | Type or Manufacturer |
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All pre-registrations should be received by Mark Harris on or before March 12, 2005.

Note: Your registration fee breaks down roughly into: Tent \$15, Meals \$15, Swag: \$10, Sanitation: \$11, BLM Fees: \$12 Insurance: \$8, Assorted Other: \$14. NALSA is picking up about \$10 of the cost from funds on hand.

Release and Certification

In consideration for my participation in the Americas Land Sailing Cup Regatta, I hereby release and hold harmless the North American Land Sailing Association (NALSA), its officers and agents from any and all liability for any damage or injury to my person or property sustained in such regatta, whether such damage or injury be due to negligence of said association, its officers or any other cause. It is the sole and exclusive responsibility of each skipper to decide whether or not to start or continue a race.

Pilots Signature _____ Date _____

Parent or Guardian Signature _____ Date _____
(required if Pilot under 19)