



2010 CALIFORNIA INVITATIONAL
BLIND SAILING REGATTA

MAY 14-16, 2010 | ALAMEDA, CA

The Island Yacht Club and the Marin Sailing School are jointly hosting the Bay Area's first-ever regatta for sailors who are blind and visually impaired this coming May in the Oakland/Alameda Estuary. Teams from the United States and abroad have been invited to participate. The event will take place May 14-16 using J/24's, the same class of boats that will be used in the next World Blind Sailing Championships to be held in Yokohama, Japan in 2013 (www.2013worldblindsailingjp.com).

Schedule of Events:

Friday, May 14

10 am Team Registration Begins at the Island Yacht Club

1 –4 pm Practice Races

5:30 pm Welcome Gathering for Participants at the Island Yacht Club

Saturday, May 15

10 am Racing Begins!

Before 4 pm Last Race of the Day

6:30 pm Regatta Dinner Celebration at the Island Yacht Club

Sunday, May 16

10 am First Race

Before 2pm Last Race of the Day

5:30 pm Award Ceremony for Participants and Invited Guests

Spectators Welcome! Click on Spectator Information on the home page for detailed information about how and where to watch the regatta.

Join us Saturday evening at the Regatta Celebration Dinner! Click the Donate button on the home page and pledge \$35 or more to attend the event. For more information about the Regatta Celebration Dinner contact:

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Become an Official Sponsor of the 2010 California Invitational Blind Sailing Regatta! Please contact:

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More about Blind Sailing and Marin Sailing School's Program for the Blind Racing Team, *California One*:

Blind sailing has a worldwide presence. Sailing schools and yacht clubs around the globe have been supporting visually impaired sailors for many years. To date, New Zealand based Blind Sailing International (BSI) has members from 17 countries. Specially organized sailing regattas for the blind have been held since the early 1990's. As a BSI member, the Marin Sailing School's Program for the Blind sent its racing team, *California One*, to the 2008 and 2009 US Blind Sailing National Championships at Newport, Rhode Island (www.clagettregatta.org). This past March, *California One*'s crew also competed as members of Team USA at the 2009 World Blind Sailing Championships at Lake Rotorua, New Zealand.



B2 Fleet at the 2009 World Blind Sailing Championships at Lake Rotorua, New Zealand

Visit www.marinsailingschool.com for more information about Marin Sailing School's Program for the Blind.