

## **NORTH AMERICAN INVITATIONAL PREDICTED LOG CHAMPIONSHIP, GUIDELINES FOR PLANNING AND CONDUCT**

The contest shall be scheduled to be held on the Saturday of the first full week in August unless significant considerations dictate otherwise and by approval of the NACA Executive Committee.

### **GENERAL PLANNING SCHEDULE**

1. At least one year in advance identify the general chairman and committee chairmen for the contest and develop general plans for conduct and funding of the activities. The Committees should include people who have participated in previous NAI's to the extent possible.
2. Not later than February 1st, send letters to the Commodores of each association giving general information regarding dates, location, accommodations and plans for the event and requesting the name, address and phone number of the individual the association wishes to be invited to participate in the contest. Response deadline should be no later than April 1st. Copy the NACA director for each association so that he will be informed and will help to assure timely response. Also, copy the NACA Commodore for publicity in the Cruiser Log.
3. Not later than May 1, send letters to the identified representatives inviting them to participate in the NAI and providing all information regarding schedule, hotel reservation requirements and activity plans necessary for the individuals to complete their travel planning and arrangements. Include information regarding when the contest booklet, course information and charts will be mailed. Send similar letters to all NACA Officers, Staff Commodores and Directors. If the NACA Commodore is planning a meeting of the Bridge in advance of the NAI activity, he should send a letter to the Bridge at this time requesting their attendance so they can arrange travel appropriately.
4. When available, provide the names of the NAI contestants to the NACA Commodore for inclusion in an early issue of the Cruiser Log.
5. Not later than five weeks before the contest, send the contest booklet, course instructions and chart(s) to the invited contestants. Also send the contest booklet to the Officers, Staff Commodores and Directors.

### **GUIDELINES FOR NAI CONTESTANT INVITATIONS**

1. There are no specific limits on the number of association members to be invited to send a contestant representative.

2. An association must operate a contest program including at least 5 NACA sanctioned contests submitted for NACA scoring to be eligible to be invited to send a contestant representative to participate in the NAI.
3. A contestant who participated in the previous year's NAI but who failed to complete the contest through no fault of his own shall be invited.
4. The National Champion and the winner of the NAI in the previous year may be invited at the discretion of the host organization.
5. It is intended that the participants be the top skippers from each association generally based on the previous years contest program. However, each association may use any basis of its own choosing for determining its representative.

#### **GUIDELINES FOR THE NAI CONTEST**

1. The contest should be planned in accordance with normal practice and to meet all criteria for NAI sanction. Since this is a contest between North America's top contestants, the course should be challenging and fair. To the extent possible, course features which might result in advantage due to local knowledge should be avoided.
2. Contest should include at least 5 scored legs, preferably more
3. It is recommended that the contest course not include committee directed underway changes (i.e., 'greetings').
4. Particular attention shall be given in the drafting of special contest rules to assure their meaning is clear and to identify penalty provisions if the special rule is to supersede a standard rule for which a penalty is specified.