

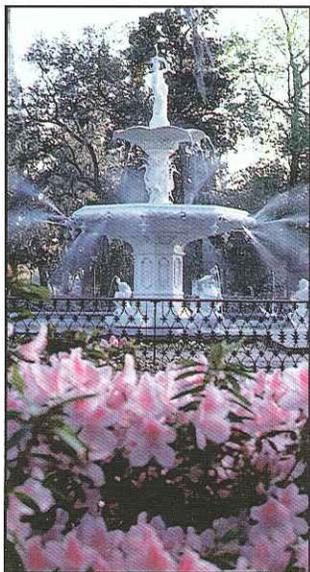
SAVANNAH  
1996



A GUIDE TO THE  
1996 OLYMPIC  
YACHTING VENUE

*For information call 1-800-444-CHARM (2427)*

# Experience the Excitement of Olympic Yachting in Savannah, GA!



The United States has won 49 medals in Olympic Yachting competition and expectations are high for the U.S. Sailing Team in the 1996 Summer Games. A great Olympic experience combines a visit to the port city of Savannah – featuring a host of historical sites and beautiful beaches – with the excitement of the yachting competi-

tion to be held in the waters of Wassaw Sound off the Georgia coast. Olympic Yachting is extremely demanding, testing the crews' athleticism, endurance and sailing intelligence as they skillfully guide their boats through buoyed courses.



More than 400 men and women compete separately in six events, including *Europe*, *Finn*, and the *Sailboard* - popularly known as "windsurfing" - and together in the open classes: *Laser*, *Star*, *Soling*, and *Tornado*.

Photo by Paula Williamson  
Savannah News/Press

## A DAY ON THE WATER!

An Olympic Yachting ticket will enable you to experience sailing excitement from the comforts of large excursion boats. This is the only way to see the Olympic Yachting competition, as no personal spectator boats will be permitted inside the security perimeter enforced by the USCG. Each boat will transport approximately 150 spectators right to the heart of the action. The boats will depart from downtown Savannah's historic River Street and from the world famous Harbour Town Yacht Basin on Hilton Head Island, South Carolina.

While traveling to and from the race courses, you will experience the beautiful coastal low country full of wonderful wildlife and scenic views. Your host and commentator will give you the latest standings and highlights of the competition, as well as describe the many historical sights along the way. Your ticket also includes a delicious buffet-style lunch served aboard the boat. *Once your boat arrives at the races you will be in exciting proximity to the action of Olympic Yachting.*

## TICKETS

### TICKET PRICES (PER TICKET PER DAY):

<b>Savannah Departure:</b>	
\$96	July 21–July 27
\$138	July 28–August 2 (finals)
<b>Hilton Head Departure:</b>	
\$122	July 21–July 28,
\$154	July 29–August 2 (finals)

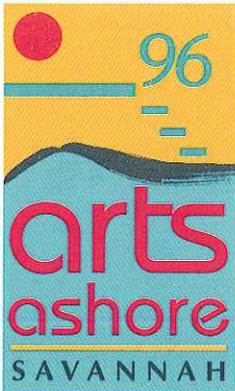
### For More Information Call:

Olympic Yachting Tickets  
ACOG Ticket Sales/Attn: Michael Scherzel  
P.O. Box 1996 • Savannah, GA 31402

PHONE: 571-6514 • FAX: 234-2895

## OLYMPIC CALENDAR

- July 3 • Fireworks on Tybee Beach
- July 4 • Independence Day Fireworks Spectacular on River Street
- July 6 • Waterfront Festival on River Street
- July 6 • Olympic Village opens & Venue opens
- July 9 • Olympic Torch Arrives in Savannah
- July 19 • Olympic Opening Ceremony Atlanta – Viewed on Big Screen TV at River Street
- July 19-21 • Sailfest River Street
- July 20 • Savannah Opening Ceremony with Trisha Yearwood concert
- July 21 • Official Practice Races All Classes
- July 22 • Sailing Competition Begins
- July 23 • Sounds of Savannah Tribute to "King" Oliver Concert Johnny Mercer Theatre
- July 27 • "Where the Wild Things Are," Ballet Lucas Theatre
- July 28 • Savannah Jazz Festival with Ray Charles in concert – Forsyth Park *free to public*
- July 29 • Savannah Yachting Victory Medal Ceremony; Savannah Symphony, The Spinners, and Mark O'Conner
- July 31 • Sounds of Savannah: Johnny Mercer Theatre
- August 2 • Savannah Closing Ceremony & the Beach Music Review
- August 3 • River Street Festival
- August 8 • Closing Ceremony for ARTS ASHORE: River Street



## ARTS ASHORE 1996

*ARTS ASHORE '96 is a 100 day, ethnically diverse cultural and educational festival which will take place from May 1 until August 8, 1996 to celebrate the Centennial Olympiad in Savannah, Georgia, the site of the 1996 Olympic Yachting events. Savannah is the only other city outside of Atlanta to host it's own Olympic opening/closing and*

*medal ceremonies. This comprehensive festival will include over 100 events, reaching almost two million people, throughout the coastal empire as well as national and international visitors. For a complete brochure listing, ceremony descriptions, ticket information & package options, Sounds of Savannah, and Savannah Connections concert dates and times, call ARTS ASHORE 651-5681.*

*Nearly 70 organizations and artists will be hosting visual, literary, and performing arts programs as well as educational historical, and heritage events.*

### OFFICIAL OLYMPIC CEREMONIES '96

Opening Ceremony July 20th

*Featuring Trisha Yearwood.*

Victory Award Ceremony July 29th

*Featuring Mark O'Conner; as well as the Spinners.*

Closing Ceremony August 2nd

*Featuring a beach music review with the Sberelles, Platters, and Embers.*

All ceremonies will be held on historic River Street and will have all the pomp, protocol, and pageantry of Olympic ceremonies as well as major national entertainment.

*(Tickets required)*

**SOUNDS OF SAVANNAH** A series of evening concerts and performances during the yachting events featuring a different genre of music in each concert such as Gospel, Jazz, Johnny Mercer Music, Symphonic, Ragtime, and more. Each event will include the best national stars while also featuring our quality local and regional artists. Tickets required for most events, 651-6556.

**KIDS ASHORE** Programs and activities for, by and with children of all ages in both public, private, and parochial schools, including their own Olympic Opening Ceremony.

**SAVANNAH CONNECTIONS** A series of events hosted and produced by local and regional artists.

## TOURISTS TIPS

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Be sure to make your first stop one of the city's three visitors centers. The main center is located at 301 Martin Luther King, Jr., Blvd., the Regional Visitors Center in the Savannah Airport or the Tybee Island Visitors Center Hwy 80 east.

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The three visitors centers will provide tourists with visitor guides, translated visitor guides in French, German, Japanese and Spanish, city/county maps, tours, restaurants, shopping, accommodation information, and a wealth of additional visitor tips.

Savannah Olympic Housing Rental Information — 571-6533 or obtain a voice-mail listing from INFO-Link via the Savannah News Press 233-2500.

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Foreign Currency Exchange is currently available at the main visitors center, at the airport visitors center, and NationsBank locations.

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Parking — tourists are welcome to park in any of the city's parking garages located on Montgomery Street, City Market, State Street and the new Bryan Street Garage which is scheduled to open in early July. All day parking is available for \$2.00 at the downtown visitors center. Metered parking is also available and strictly enforced throughout the Historic District and Tybee Island.

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A two-day parking pass can be purchased at the Savannah Visitors Center downtown for \$5.00. This pass will enable tourists to park in the city's garages or at meters for a 48-hour period without being issued a citation. We encourage visitors to purchase a parking permit.

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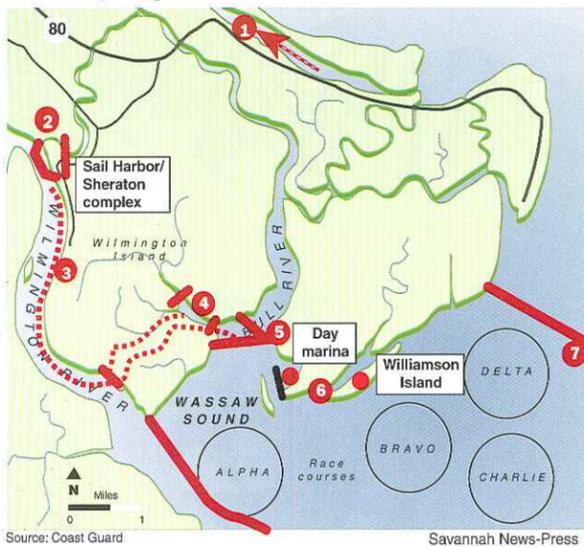
Public transportation is available on Chatham Area Transit and the CAT Shuttle. Call 233-5767.

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For information regarding an interpreter, please contact the Georgia Southern Cultural Arts Dept. at 651-2808.

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For a FREE Visitors Guide, or reservations, call the Savannah Area Convention & Visitors Bureau at 800/444-CHARM (2427).



Source: Coast Guard Savannah News-Press

# U.S. COAST GUARD

## PUBLIC INFORMATION

# BULLETIN

### Olympic Anchorage Areas:

The United States Coast Guard (USCG) has established temporary special anchorage areas during the 1996 Centennial Olympic Games. The USCG expects a significant number of spectator vessels to participate in the festivities surrounding the 1996 Olympic Yachting events held in Savannah, GA. The USCG expects that these anchorages, administered by Georgia and South Carolina, will minimize the problems associated with a large congestion of boaters in the area. These anchorages will allow vessels no more than 65 feet in length to be exempt from the requirement to carry or exhibit the white anchor lights required by the Navigation Rules.

- 1 The Herb River;** from the mouth of the Herb River to Country Club Creek facilities.
- 2 The Bull River;** south from the Bull River Bridge to the mouth of Lazaretto Creek facilities.
- 3 The South Channel of the Savannah River;** extending east of the Fort Pulaski Bridge to the entrance of Lazaretto Creek and west of Elba Island Cut.
- 4 Calibogue Sound;** south of the entrance of Harbour Town to Braddock Point facilities.
- 5 The May River;** west of buoy four in the vicinity of Bass Creek to buoy five prior to the mouth of Bull Creek.

**Note:** Commercial moorings and associated services may be available for a fee in some of these areas.

These six anchorage areas will be established at 7:00 a.m. July 4, 1996 and continue until discontinued at 11:00 p.m. Aug. 5, 1996.



Meet the Panda the USCG safety Mascot, remember Safety First!

For exact coordinates of the anchorage areas or further information on Safety Security Zones refer to Federal Register Vol. 61, No. 84, pg 18944; April 30, 1996.

Additional information can be obtained by contacting MSO Savannah 652-4353.

The USCG can be contacted on VHF channel 16 or at the Marine Safety office 912-652-4353

### Safety/Security Zones:

The USCG has established seven safety/security zones and two safety zones to protect life, property, and the environment in the Savannah River, Wilmington River and Wassaw Sound in preparation for, and during the 1996 Olympic Yachting events. The anticipated concentration of spectator and participant vessels associated with these races pose safety and security concerns for the well-being of the Olympic participants and spectators. The regulations are intended to provide security for the Olympic participants and to promote safe navigation on the waters in the vicinity of the Olympic activities by controlling the traffic entering, exiting, and traveling within these waters, and are necessary to minimize the problems associated with crowded conditions in the area during the Olympic event.

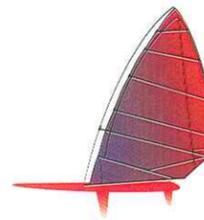
The seven Safety/Security Zones have civil and criminal penalty provisions for violation of them and are established in the following areas:

- 1 Boat escort past the Savannah Marriott Riverfront – the Olympic village;** July 8–August 4, 24-hours a day.
- 2 Turners Creek check-in with the Coast Guard;** July 8 – August 2, 24-hours a day. Sometimes boats will be escorted. No vessels will be allowed to stop or loiter in the vicinity of Sail Harbor or the Sheraton Savannah Resort complex.
- 3 A daily moving security zone** on the Wilmington River to Tybee Cut the Half Moon River and Wassaw Sound, 75-yard moving zone around all athlete shuttles.
- 4 All waters of Tybee Cut and Half Moon River to the northern entrance of Wassaw Sound;** CLOSED: July 6–18 from 8 a.m. – 7 p.m.  
Exceptions:
  - During this time, Wassaw Sound west of the Wassaw breaker is severely draft restricted.
  - Vessels may move through Half Moon River and Tybee Cut daily from 1–2 p.m.
  - From 7 p.m. – 8 a.m. there is unrestricted access to Tybee Cut, the Half Moon River, the Bull River and Wassaw Sound. If boats are moving east of the Wassaw breaker, pilots must check in with the Coast Guard and not get closer than 50 yards of the day marina.
- 5 Tybee Cut, Half Moon River, and Bull River** are restricted July 19 – August 2 from 8 a.m. – 7 p.m. daily and covers the entire area described above. Also includes a boundary across the Bull River at the northern entrance of Wassaw Sound.  
Exceptions:
  - There is a 1–2 p.m. window for boats to move through Tybee Cut from Bull River. Racing may extend or delay the window.
  - From July 19–August 2 Wassaw Sound is not accessible from the Bull River from 8 a.m. – 7 p.m.
- 6 200 yard security zone around the day marina** July 6 – August 2. From 7 p.m. – 8 a.m. can come within 50 yards of the marina.
- 7 Wassaw Sound is off-limits** July 19 – August 2  
From 7 p.m. – 8 a.m. boaters must check in with the Coast Guard for passage.

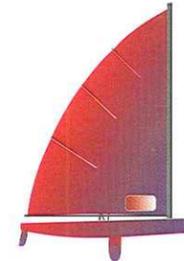
The two Safety Zones are established in the following areas:

- 1 All waters** within a 75-yard radius around the vessel that will carry the Olympic Torch to the Savannah waterfront on the evening of July 9, 1996. This is a moving safety zone.
- 2 All waters** within a 50-yard radius around a fireworks barge in the vicinity of Rousakis Plaza, Savannah River effective during the downtown fireworks ceremony on July 4, 1996.
  - There will be USCG and State Law Enforcement patrol vessels on scene to enforce the zones and monitor traffic. Non-paying spectators will be restricted in viewing the races from approximately 1000 yards (.5 nautical mile) from the racing action. Check the weather conditions and the marine broadcast before departing, always be equipped with the proper safety equipment regardless and obey the navigation rules of the road.

# CLASS DESCRIPTION FOR THE YACHTING EVENTS...



**MISTRAL ONE DESIGN**  
Boards  
Men & Women  
Naish/Iggy/Naish (1989)  
11000 built  
LOA: 12'2"  
Windsurfing was introduced as an Olympic event in 1984 (women in 1992). The US has taken two silvers and one bronze. The Mistral brand replaces the Lechner for 1996.



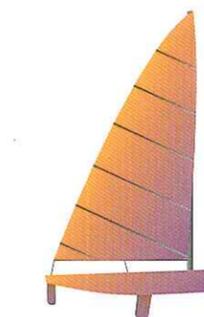
**EUROPE**  
Single-handed dinghy  
Women  
Alois Roland (1960)  
20,000 built  
LOA: 11'0"  
The smallest Olympic class boat at 11ft. long. It is often referred to as the small Finn because of their similar design and the demanding physical stamina needed to sail competitively. The Europe attracts the top women sailors.



**FINN**  
Single-handed dinghy  
Men  
Richard Sarby (1949)  
5,000 built  
LOA: 14'9" LWL: 14'0"  
Sailing the Finn is perhaps the purest athletic experience in world class sailing today, equaled perhaps only by the windsurfer. First introduced in 1952, the Finn remains the oldest continuous class in Olympic Sailing.



**INTERNATIONAL 470**  
Double-handed dinghy  
Men and Women  
Andre Comu (1963)  
80,000 built  
LOA: 15'5" LWL: 14'7"  
An Olympic Class boat since 1976, 470's are sailed for both family recreation and serious competition by more than 30,000 sailors in 42 countries. In 1988, women officially entered Olympic Sailing with the first ever Women's 470 class.



**INTERNATIONAL LASER**  
Centerboard dinghy  
Open  
Bruce Kirby (1969)  
150,000 built  
LOA: 13'11"  
The laser has been called the world's premier one-person sailboat with 150,000 Lasers sailing in 85 countries, this boat has motivated more sailors to excel in the sport than any design in sailing history.



**TORNADO**  
Two-person multihull  
Open  
March/Pearce/White (1966)  
3,9000 built  
LOA: 22'8" LWL: 18'0"  
Speed! The Tornado Catamaran is the fastest Olympic Class boat. Although typically racing at speeds of 15 to 20 knots, Tornados can reach speeds up to 30 knots. An Olympic Class since 1972.



**STAR**  
Two-person keelboat  
Open  
Francis Sweisguth ('1911)  
2,000 built  
LOA: 22'8" LWL: 18'0"  
Stars have been used in Olympic Sailing since 1932, except in 1976. The 1910 designed Star is the oldest one-design craft. Star greats include America's Cup skipper Dennis Conner, and Barcelona Gold Medalists Mark Reynolds and Hal Hanel.



**SOLING**  
Three-person keelboat  
Open  
Jan Linge (1966)  
3,000 built  
LOA: 26'11" LWL: 20'3"  
The longest and heaviest of the classes. Considered the senior Olympic Class, the Soling attracts many internationally known sailors including Kevin Mahaney (Silver 1992).

### Quick Reference Phone Numbers

**EMERGENCY**  
Police Fire Ambulance 911

Memorial Medical Center 350-8000  
St. Joseph's Hospital 925-4100

Historic Savannah Foundation 233-7787  
Savannah Convention & Visitors Bureau  
944-0456/800-444-2427  
Savannah Visitors Center MLK 944-0455  
Savannah Olympic Sports Council (SOSCO)  
231-1996  
Savannah Waterfront Assn. 234-0295

Tybee Island Visitors Center 786-5444 or  
800-868-2322  
US Coast Guard Marine Safety Office  
652-4353  
WRHQ Weather Phone 964-1700  
Civic Center Box Office 651-6556  
Lost/Missing vessels, Station Tybee 786-5440

**MEDICAL SERVICES**  
Candler Hospital 692-6000  
Effingham Hospital 754-6451  
Immediate Med-Southside 927-6832

**VISITOR INFORMATION**  
ACOG - ticket information 571-6514  
Arts Ashore 651-5681  
Artsline 233-2787