## Southern California Soling Circuit

The 2004 edition of the United States Championships for the International Soling Class will be contested in San Diego at the Mission Bay Yacht Club. The dates for the regatta are March 31<sup>st</sup> to April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2004.

There is a growing Soling presence in San Diego, Long Beach and the Pacific Northwest, and we generally combine efforts for a series of regattas during the winter. This year those regattas will serve as excellent tune-ups for the US Champs. We also have regattas in November and December, although while still warm and sunny tend to be lighter air than February, March and April. We can and will store boats from now through the US Champs for anyone who would prefer to travel before the snow and ice make driving more interesting. Bring your boat to Southern California now, and fly in for regattas prior to the US Champs.

Formally, the San Diego Soling Fleet invites you to attend the Southern California Soling Circuit, a series of three regattas, to be contested in sunny, warm Southern California in the otherwise dreary months of February and March.

The **Southern California Yachting Association Mid-Winter Championships** will be held in San Diego, CA on **February 14**<sup>th</sup>, **15**<sup>th</sup>, **and 16**<sup>th</sup>, **2004**, which is the Presidents Day holiday. The Midwinter Regatta is hosted by the Mission Bay Yacht Club. The first two days of the regatta consists of traditional buoy racing in the ocean. On the Monday the Solings will match race in Mission Bay. The weather is generally pleasant (60s and 70s with 8-12 knot breeze) although a winter storm is a reasonable probability. Ocean conditions include 2 – 8 foot seas, Mission Bay, the match racing venue, is generally very smooth.

The **San Diego NOOD Regatta** will be held in the ocean south of the City of San Diego. The NOOD is hosted by the San Diego Yacht Club. The NOOD regatta is scheduled for **March 19**<sup>th</sup>, **20**<sup>th</sup>, **and 21**<sup>st</sup>, **2004**. The courses have typically been windward-leeward buoy races. The weather is generally pleasant (60s and 70s with 8-16 knot breeze), the probability of a winter storm will have decreased. Ocean conditions include 2 – 8 foot seas.

The historic **Alamitos Bay Yacht Club Olympic Classes Regatta** (OCR) will be held in the ocean south of Long Beach. The Alamitos Bay Yacht Club was co- host for the sailing events of the 1984 Olympic Games. The OCR will be held on **March 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, and 28<sup>th</sup>, 2004.** The race committee schedules and generally completes 10 races in the three days of the regatta. The courses are traditional Olympic courses, often including gates, offset marks and trapezoidal courses. The weather is generally pleasant (60s and 70s), however the venue generally experiences a 15 – 22 knot seabreeze. Combined with the large ocean waves that are often experienced in Southern California in the winter, the conditions present excellent Soling sailing, including lots of surfing.

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We will manage storage and transportation of boats from one venue to the next. In addition, we will attempt to house out-of-town crews. Come and enjoy the warmth and sun of a Southern California winter.

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