

29erXX & 29er

Seiko Winter Challenge

29erXX Class: US Sailing Development Team Qualifier

29er Midwinters East

Miami, FL (Biscayne Bay)

February 10 – 12, 2012



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MELGES
Performance Sailboats

Hosted by Coconut Grove Sailing Club
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NOTICE OF RACE

The Organizing Authority and event host is Coconut Grove Sailing Club (CGSC) located at 2990 S. Bayshore Dr., Coconut Grove, FL 33133. Ph: (305) 444-4571.

Event websites are: www.29erxxregattas.org and www.29ernorthamerican.org

1. RULES

1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

1.2. In accordance with **US SAILING Regulation 10.01 C**, PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES:

1.2.1. No participant or competitor shall use, either on or off the water, marijuana or any other controlled substance (as defined in 21 U.S. Code 802) the possession of which is unlawful under 21 U.S. Code 841, or alcoholic beverages (distilled spirits, wine and beer, each as defined in chapter 51 of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code and intended for beverage use), nor shall any competitor under the age of 21 consume alcoholic beverages.

1.2.2. An alleged breach of this rule shall not be grounds for a protest. However, when the protest committee believes a competitor may have breached one of these regulations, it shall follow the process described in racing rule 69.1, and a competitor found to have breached one of these regulations shall be excluded from remaining races of the series and where practicable, removed from the regatta and sent home. The competitor's boat shall be disqualified from all races of the series.

- 1.3. Changes to RRS 65.2, 66, 70.2, F1.4 and the addition of F9 shall be as stated in NOR 19.2. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.
- 1.5 Where there is a conflict between this NOR and the Sailing Instructions (SI's), the SI's shall prevail. This changes RRS 63.7.

2. ADVERTISING

The Organizing Authority may require all participating boats to display event sponsor's advertising in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20.

3. ELIGIBILITY and ENTRY

- 3.1 The regatta is open to all 29erXX Class boats and 29er Class boats that meet the obligations of their respective class rules.
- 3.2 Eligible boats may enter online at (including paying the required fees) or on-site:
 29erXX - www.29erxxregattas.org
 29er – www.29ernorthamerican.org
- 3.3 Entry and fees must be received by 0945 on Friday, February 10 (on site entries accepted).
- 3.4 On Site Registration: Registration, including presenting any required forms to the registration staff and receiving event materials, must be completed by 0945 on Friday, February 10.
- 3.5 Parent/Guardian Declarations: All helmsman and crews under 18 years of age during the event shall submit signed Parent/Guardian Declarations at registration. Parent/Guardian Declarations will be available online.

4. FEES

The Entry Fee is \$125.

5. SCHEDULE

- 5.1 **Thursday, February 9**
 Registration: 1500 – 1730

- Friday**
 Registration: 0830 – 0945
 Skippers Meeting: 1000
 First Warning Signal 1200 Additional races to follow ASAP

- Saturday**
 First Warning Signal 1200 Additional races to follow ASAP

- Sunday**
 First Warning Signal 1200 Additional races to follow ASAP
 Awards Ceremony ASAP After Racing

Up to ten (10) races are scheduled. The Race Committee may run fewer races at its discretion.

On the final day of the regatta, the Warning Signal for the final race will not be made after 1500 hours.

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available at Registration and posted online.

7. VENUE

The course area will be on Biscayne Bay.

8. COURSES

Courses will be Windward/Leeward.

9. PENALTY SYSTEM

Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One Turn Penalty.

10. SCORING

10.1. The Low Point Scoring System, as provided in *RRS* Appendix "A" shall apply, except as changed in this Section as follows.

10.2. When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

10.3. When five (5) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

10.4. Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

11. COACH AND SUPPORT BOATS

11.1. Coach/support boats are allowed for this regatta.

11.2. Coach/support boats must register with the Organizing Authority.

11.3. All coach/support boats must be equipped with or supply their own VHF radios and monitor the designated race committee VHF channel (channel to be posted on the Notice Board and announced at the Skipper's Meeting). Coach/support boats must render assistance to any boat in need and perform any other function requested of them by the race committee.

11.4. Unless directed by the race committee, no coach/support boat will be allowed within the course nor have any communication with a competitor between the warning signal for a race and the time the race is postponed or abandoned, a general recall has been signaled, or the competitor has finished.

11.5. The penalty for failing to comply with requests for assistance by the race committee or requirements stated above or in the sailing instructions will be applied to the competitor boat(s) associated with the coach/support personnel at the discretion of the protest committee.

12. BERTHING

29erXX class boats may be kept at CGSC. The 29er class boats will be kept at the US Sailing Center Miami (2476 South Bayshore Drive). Coach boats may raft up on the south side of the Dinghy Dock / South Dock in the CGSC Yacht Basin as space allows.

13. COMMUNICATION

Competitors shall not make or receive radio or mobile telephone transmissions while racing.

14. PRIZES

14.1 Prizes will be awarded to the top finishing teams.

14.2 Seiko Watches will be awarded to the top 29erXX team overall and to the top 29erXX women's team.

15. HOSPITALITY

Information for local hotels can be found on the websites.

16. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS **Part 1 – Fundamental Rules, #4, Decision to Race**. The Organizing Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

17. PROCEDURES FOR PROTECTED COMPETITIONS

17.1. US SAILING Regulation 12.03 Protected Competitions, will be in effect for this event, as follows. US SAILING shall ensure that the Organizing Authority includes the following rules and procedures in the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions for a Protected Competition:

- a) The US SAILING prescriptions to rules 60, 63.2, and 63.4 shall apply to a Protected Competition, except that the words "when practicable" in the first sentence of the prescription to rule 63.4 are deleted.
- b) Protest committees shall include 20% "sailor-athlete" representation. "Sailor-athlete" has the meaning of "athlete" set forth in USOC Bylaw, Section 8.8.2 (the 10-year rule) or Level A or B Sailor-Athlete as defined by US SAILING Sailor Athlete Council (SAC) Bylaws 3.3.1 and 3.3.2 (except that the US SAILING member class referred to in SAC Bylaw 3.3.2.3 shall be an international class recognized by ISAF at the time of the sailor-athlete's qualification).
- c) The right of appeal will not be denied under rule 70.5 (a), (b), or (c), but an expedited appeal process may be used that balances the needs of the competitor for certainty with respect to berths in future competitions and sufficient time to prepare the arguments and evidence for the appeal.
- d) Any boat that is a party to a redress hearing may be represented by up to two individuals.
- e) If a hearing is scheduled after the event is concluded and after the sailors and officials have left the venue, it will be scheduled as soon as possible, and in a place and manner chosen with deference to the competitor's preferences or circumstances; and parties to the hearing have the right to be present telephonically or via video feed as appropriate, provided all participants can hear and speak to each other.

17.2. The following rule changes shall be made:

- a) Rule 65.2 is changed as follows: "seven days" is changed to "24 hours"; and "promptly" is changed to ", within 24 hours".
- b) Rule 66 is deleted and replaced by:
Rule 66 REOPENING A HEARING
 - i. The protest committee may reopen a hearing when it decides that it may have made a significant error, or when significant new evidence becomes available within a reasonable time. However, if an appeal of its decision has been sent to the national authority, the hearing shall not be reopened unless the national authority requires reopening under rule F6 or decides the appeal cannot be considered.
 - ii. A party to the hearing may ask for a reopening no later than 24 hours after being informed of the decision.
 - iii. When a hearing is reopened, a majority of the members of the protest committee shall, if possible, be members of the original protest committee.
- c) Rule 70.2 is deleted, as permitted in rule 86.3.

- d) Rule F1.4 is changed, as permitted in rule 86.3 - The director will forward an appeal of a decision of a protest committee acting under rule 69.1, an appeal of a decision of a protest committee of a US SAILING national championship, a request by such a committee for confirmation or correction of its decision, and an appeal of a decision of a protest committee of a US SAILING Protected Competition (as defined in US SAILING Regulation 12.03) to the US SAILING Appeals Committee.
- e) Rule F9, APPEALS OF PROTEST COMMITTEE DECISIONS OR PROCEDURES AT PROTECTED COMPETITIONS will be used, as permitted in rule 86.3.

18. EXPEDITED APPEALS PROCEDURE

18.1. Rule F9 is added as follows:

F9 APPEALS OF PROTEST COMMITTEE DECISIONS OR PROCEDURES AT PROTECTED COMPETITIONS

These provisions may be used as an expedited appeals process for US SAILING Protected Competition, as defined in US SAILING Regulation 12.03 and permitted by Regulation 12.03.02.03.

APPELLANT'S RESPONSIBILITIES

- F9.1 An appeal of a protest committee's decision or its procedures shall be sent by e-mail to the US SAILING Race Administration Director (director) at RaceAdmin@ussailing.org, with a copy to the protest committee chairman.
- F9.2 The appeal shall be sent no later than 24 hours after the protest time limit on the last day of the event, or 24 hours after receiving the written decision being appealed or the protest committee's decision not to reopen a hearing, whichever is latest.
- F9.3 The appeal shall include:
 - a) the grounds for the appeal; i.e., why the appellant believes the protest committee's decision or its procedures were incorrect; and
 - b) the names and e-mail addresses of the parties to the hearing and the chairman of the protest committee.
- F9.4 US SAILING charges a fee of \$25 for an appeal by a member of US SAILING or another national authority, and \$75 for all others. The fee must be paid before the appeal will be considered, and can be paid by credit card by contacting the director.

US SAILING RACE ADMINISTRATION DIRECTOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES

- F9.5 Upon receipt of the appeal, the director will as soon as reasonably possible
 - a) forward the appeal to the US SAILING Appeals Committee,
 - b) send a written acknowledgement of the appeal, and
 - c) send a copy of the appeal to the parties to the hearing and the protest committee chairman unless satisfied that they already have received it.In the acknowledgement letter, the director will inform the parties and protest committee chairman of the name and contact information of the chairman of the appeals committee.

PROTEST COMMITTEE'S RESPONSIBILITIES

- F9.6 The protest committee shall e-mail to the chairman of the appeals committee as soon as reasonably possible the following documents and information:
 - a) a copy of the decision being appealed;
 - b) the written protest(s) or request(s) for redress;
 - c) a diagram if relevant, prepared or endorsed by the protest committee, that conforms to rule F2.2(c);
 - d) the notice of race, sailing instructions, any other documents governing the event, and any changes to them, unless previously sent to the appeals committee chairman; and

e) any other relevant documents.

F9.7 The protest committee shall, within the deadline set by the appeals committee, supply any additional documents, facts or other information when requested to do so by the appeals committee. If directed to do so by the appeals committee, the protest committee shall at the first reasonable opportunity conduct a hearing of the protest or request for redress, or reopen the hearing of the protest or request for redress. The appeals committee may direct the protest committee to conduct a hearing to consider redress for the appellant or other party to the hearing.

COMMENTS

F9.8 The parties to the hearing and the protest committee may make comments on the appeal or on any of the documents listed in rule F9.6 and F9.7. Comments shall be sent by e-mail to the appeals committee, with copies to the parties to the hearing and the protest committee chairman. The comment period for the appeal and each document is 72 hours from the time the appeals committee sends the appeal or document unless the appeals committee sets a different deadline.

APPEALS COMMITTEE'S RESPONSIBILITIES

F9.9 The appeals committee shall send by e-mail to all parties to the hearing, and to the protest committee, copies of all relevant documents and comments it has received, except those supplied by that party or committee.

F9.10 The appeals committee shall accept the protest committee's finding of facts except when it decides they are inadequate. In that case it shall require the protest committee to provide additional facts or other information, or to reopen the hearing and report any new finding of facts, and the protest committee shall do so at the first reasonable opportunity.

19. FURTHER INFORMATION

21.1 For further information, please visit:

29erXX - www.29erxxregattas.org

29er - www.29ernorthamerican.org

or contact: Matt Pistay
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