

# NOTICE OF RACE

## 2014 29er Midwinters East

March 15-16, 2014

The Organizing Authority (OA) for this regatta is 29er North America with the U.S. Sailing Center acting as a launching and boat storage facility.

### 1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. While aboard their boat, except briefly when changing clothes, competitors shall wear an US Coast Guard or International 29er Class Rules compliant personal floatation device (PFD). This changes the preamble to Part 4 of the RRS and RRS 40.

### 2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1. The regatta is open to all boats of the 29er class.
- 2.2. All competitors (skipper and crew) shall be current members of the International 29er Class Association.
- 2.3. Entries must be made in writing no later than March 14, 2014.
- 2.4. An entry will be considered complete only when:
  - 2.4.1. The Entry is made and is paid in full
  - 2.4.2. Liability Release Form and Parental Consent Form (for competitors not yet eighteen (18) years of age during the regatta) are submitted.
  - 2.4.3. Competitor membership in the International 29er Class Association is verified
  - 2.4.4. Both skipper and crew have presented themselves at the Registration/Check-In desk on the lower level of the U.S. Sailing Center no later than 1800 hours March 14, 2014.
- 2.5. Online Entries will close at 1800 EST on Friday, March 14, 2014

### 3. FEES

- 3.1. The entry fee is US \$75.
- 3.2. The entry fee includes water and power bars provided on-the-water during racing days and some light snacks post racing each day.

### 4. SCHEDULE

- 4.1. Ten races are scheduled. There will be practice race(s) on Friday, March 14, 2014.
- 4.2. The schedule of events is as follows (24 hour time, EST):

<b>Friday, March 14, 2014</b>	
1400 - 1600	Registration/Check-in
1600	Competitors meeting with practice races to follow
<b>Saturday, March 15, 2014</b>	
1100	<b>Race Day #1</b>
	First Warning Signal of the day
<b>Sunday, March 16, 2014</b>	
1100	<b>Race Day #2</b>
	First Warning Signal of the day
	No further Warning Signals shall be made after 1500 hours
After Racing	Prize giving

### 5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available at the Registration/Check-In desk during the Registration/Check-in periods listed in NOR4.2.

### 6. VENUE and COURSES

- 6.1. The races will be conducted on Biscayne Bay, Miami, Florida.
- 6.2. The courses to be sailed will be windward-leeward courses.

## **7. FACILITIES**

- 7.1. Competitors shall store their boats on the grounds of USSC for the duration of this event.
- 7.2. A boat ramp suitable for launching a 29er using a hand dolly will be provided.
- 7.3. On site storage of trailers during the event is not permitted unless specific written approval is provided in advance.
- 7.4. Parking of cars is not permitted inside the entrance gate at USSC except while loading and unloading.

## **8. SCORING**

- 8.1. Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 8.2. When fewer than six (6) races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When six (6) or more races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst finishing score. This changes RRS A2.

## **9. PRIZES**

- 10.1 Prizes will be awarded to the following:
  - 9.1.1. The top three (3) teams.

## **10. PHOTOGRAPHY CONSENT**

Competitors entering the regatta accept that they may be photographed and/or videotaped participating in the race and/or using USSC's facilities and they consent to the taking of such images and to the use/reuse, publication and republication of such images in any media, in conjunction with the competitors name or not without compensation and without the competitors approval of such images or any use thereof.

## **11. COACHES AND NON RACE COMMITTEE BOATS**

- 11.1. All coaches and spectators intending to operate boats near the racing venue must register with the OA, at which time they shall provide boat registration/documentation and proof of insurance information for the boat(s) they intend to use.
- 11.2. All coach and spectator boats shall provide their own VHF radio and monitor a VHF channel designated by the OA in order to receive instructions from the OA while in the vicinity of the racing venue. All such boats shall additionally function as Safety Boats and follow instructions from the OA.
- 11.3. Failure to register, failure to monitor the designated VHF channel, or failure to abide by instruction may result in operating restrictions being placed up on the coach, spectator, or their boat(s) during the regatta.

## **12. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors compete in this regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 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.

## **13. FURTHER INFORMATION**

For further information for regatta please contact: Carol Ewing, Regatta Coordinator, by phone (305) 785-4777 or by email at at [lightning@cofs.com](mailto:lightning@cofs.com).