



NOTICE OF RACE
2018 U.S. 29er National Championship Regatta
Hosted by Community Boating Center, Inc. (New Bedford, MA)
July 20-23, 2018



1. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

The Organizing Authority (OA) for this event is Community Boating Center, Inc. (CBC) located at 1641 Padanaram Ave, New Bedford, MA 02740 in conjunction with the US 29er Class Association.

2. RULES

- 2.1. The regatta is governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 2.2. While aboard their boat, except briefly when changing clothes, competitors shall wear a US Coast Guard or International 29er Class Rules compliant personal floatation device (PFD); Flag Y will not be displayed. This changes the preamble to Part 4 of the RRS and RRS 40.
- 2.3. RRS G3 CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS will be in effect.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1. The regatta is open to all members of the International 29er Class sailing the 29er boat.
- 3.2. Entries must be completed at the event website located at www.regattatoolbox.com between March 21, 2018 and the close of entry 1700 EST July 15th, 2018. Requests for entry after this period shall be submitted in writing to the address listed in NOR 16.3
- 3.3. A boat and competitors will be considered entered when:
 - 3.3.1. All entry details are complete
 - 3.3.2. Payment of Entry Fee has been verified
 - 3.3.3. Payment of 2018 International 29er Class Association dues have been verified
 - 3.3.4. Both skipper and crew have presented themselves at the Check-In desk, to be located at CBC Headquarters, during the Check-In period listed in NOR 5.
 - 3.3.5. Both skipper and crew have submitted a completed Waiver Form at the Check-In desk. The form is available at the event website noted above.
 - 3.3.6. Competitor's equipment has been given an "OK to compete" by the event equipment inspection committee.

4. ENTRY FEE

- 4.1. The Entry Fee is US\$250 per boat for entries received on or before 2400 EST June 30, 2018 and US\$300 thereafter.
- 4.2. The Entry Fee provides two (2) shirts and post-race snacks for skipper and crew on racing days.

5. SCHEDULE

- 5.1. Ten (10) races are scheduled
- 5.2. There will be no practice race or qualifying series
- 5.3. The schedule of events is as follows (all times in 24 hour format, EST)

Friday July 20

- 1000 – 1800 Arrival and Check-In
- 1000 – 1800 Equipment Inspection

Saturday July 21

- 0930 Mandatory Support Persons Meeting
- 1000 Competitors Meeting
- 1130 Harbor Start
- 1300 First warning Signal

Sunday July 22

0930 Mandatory Support Persons Meeting
1000 Competitors Meeting
1130 Harbor Start
1300 First warning Signal

Monday July 23

0930 Mandatory Support Persons Meeting
1000 Competitors Meeting
1100 Harbor Start
1200 First warning Signal
1500 No further Warning Signals shall be made
ASAP Prize giving

6. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 6.1. Competitors shall present their 29er boat and sails in relatively dry condition and racing configuration for inspection during the Equipment Inspection period listed in NOR 5.
- 6.2. Boats may be inspected for class rules compliance at any time during the regatta.
- 6.3. Only one set of sails and one forestay shall be used throughout the regatta.
- 6.4. Sail numbers must comply with class rules and ISAF regulations.
- 6.5. For any measurement/inspection questions pre-regatta, please contact John Papadopoulos - jakp@mindspring.com

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available at the Check-In desk during the periods listed in NOR 5 and may be available at the event website.

8. VENUE AND COURSES

- 8.1. All on shore activities will occur at the facilities of Community Boating Center, Inc. which is located at 1641 Padanaram Ave, New Bedford, MA 02740 USA. See Appendix A.
- 8.2. The racing venue is the waters of Buzzards Bay directly off Fort Taber and West of the main shipping channel into New Bedford. See Appendix A.
- 8.3. The courses to be sailed will be windward-leeward in configuration using movable marks
- 8.4. The race target time is thirty (30) minutes.

9. PENALTY SYSTEM

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

10. SCORING

- 10.1. Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 10.2. 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 score.

11. FACILITIES

- 11.1. See Appendix A for a map of the venue
- 11.2. Competitors shall store their boats on the grounds of Community Boating Center, Inc. for the duration of this event.
- 11.3. Competitor boats shall be launched at the beach at the venue. Competitors shall provide their own boat launching dolly.
- 11.4. On-site parking of boat trailers is provided
- 11.5. On-site parking of automobiles is provided
- 11.6. Nearby Coach and Support boat launch ramp. See NOR 12. Contact Community Boating Center if you require a hoist.
- 11.7. On-site Coach and Support boat moorage is available. See NOR 12.

12. COACH BOATS AND SUPPORT BOATS

- 12.1 All coach and spectator boats must register with the OA before racing begins
- 12.2 All coach boats must submit a deposit for a designated flag, to be provided by the OA, which must be flown at all times while in the water.
- 12.3 Failure to return the flag at the end of the regatta will result in a \$20 replacement fee.
- 12.4 Coach boat and spectator boat launching information will be provided on the event website
- 12.5 Additional information regarding launching locations and dockage for coach boats and support boats will be provided on the event website
- 12.6. All coach and spectator boats shall provide their own VHF radio and monitor a VHF channel designated by the Race Committee (RC) in order to receive instructions from the RC while in the vicinity of the racing venue. All such boats shall additionally function as Safety Boats and follow instructions from the RC.
- 12.7. Failure to register, failure to monitor the designated VHF channel, or failure to abide by RC instructions may result in operating restrictions being placed upon the coach, support person(s), or their boat(s) during the regatta.
- 12.8. When races are underway, coach and spectator boats shall remain out of the racing area, unless serving as a safety boat or on instructions from the RC.

13. PRIZES

- 13.1. Prizes will be awarded to the following:
- 13.2. The top five (5) teams
- 13.3. The top USA team (both skipper and crew residents of the USA) – the US 29er National Champions.
- 13.4. The top junior team (both skipper and crew under nineteen (19) years of age on December 31, 2018).
- 13.5. The top all-female team.

14. PHOTOGRAPHY CONSENT

Competitors entered in the regatta accept that they may be photographed and/or videotaped participating in the racing and/or using Community Boating Center, Inc. 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.

15. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 15.1. Competitors compete in this regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4 Decision to Race.
- 15.2. The OA and the US 29er Class Association and the International 29er Class Association does not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.
- 15.3 Each competitor must complete and submit a "Liability, Assumption of the Risk and Photographic Waiver" before they may leave shore and participate in the regatta. The form must be signed by the competitor and also by their parent/legal guardian/Designated Adult if the competitor is a minor. The form is available on the event website.
- 15.4 If a minor competitor is not accompanied by a parent or legal guardian during all activities of the regatta, then the parent or legal guardian shall name in writing a "Designated Adult" person 18 years of age or older, who shall be present at all times in their absence and who will supervise the minor competitor at all times to assure his/her safety. The Designated Adult will accept full responsibility for all actions of the minor competitor during any activity related to the regatta. This includes on-shore activities before, during, and after the event.
- 15.5 It is the parent's, legal guardian's, or Designated Adult's decision for any minor competitor to enter the regatta, to leave shore for the day's racing, to start or finish any race in the sea and weather conditions that arise, or to return to shore without parental escort. The parent, legal guardian or Designated Adult of each minor competitor is responsible for the safety of their minor competitor and accepts full responsibility for the risks involved in participating in the regatta or in any activities related to the event before, during, and after the regatta, including both on-shore and on-the-water activities.
- 15.6 A competitor of age 18 or older retains all of the responsibilities for himself or herself.

16. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 16.1. For information about 29er Class Association related matters including equipment inspection, class rules and class dues, contact US 29er Class Association President John Papadopoulos at jakp@mindspring.com or (949) 466-0888 (PST)
- 16.2. For information about 29er charter boats, visit <http://www.zimsailing.com/charters/> or (401) 237-6117.
- 16.3. For all other information, contact Community Boating Center at regatta@communityboating.org or (508) 992-6219

Appendix A – Venue Maps

