

TREASURE COAST OPTI FALL REGATTA SERIES 2015

NOTICE OF RACE

Modified August 4, 2015

1. HOST CLUBS & DATES

Series Regatta #1 TCYSF (Fort Pierce) September 27, 2015 – this is the Parker Whitehead Regatta

Series Regatta #2 USSCMC (Jensen Beach) October 11, 2015

Series Regatta #3 USSCMC (Jensen Beach) November 1, 2015

Series Regatta #4 PBSC (Palm Beach) November 15, 2015

Series Regatta #5 USSCMC (Jensen Beach) November 22, 2015 - Series Trophies Awarded

Fall dates for other Opti regattas around Florida are: River Romp - October 18th; Halloween Howler - October 25th; Naples Cup – TBD; Junior Olympics at USSCC- December 5-6th

2. ELIGIBILITY, ENTRY, ENTRY FEE & AWARDS

2.1. The Series is open to junior sailors age 8 until December 31 of the year they turn 15.

2.2. Competitors must enter both the individual regatta and the Treasure Coast Opti Series. To enter the Series, a competitor must register for the series via www.regattanetwork.com. A competitor must enter the series prior to October 15, 2015 in order to be scored in the series. Competitors must elect at the time of registration whether they want to be scored in gold fleet or in silver fleet and they may not change their election once registered.

2.3. There will be a \$30 series entry fee in addition to any individual regatta fees for Series Regattas #1 and #4. The series entry includes participation in Series Regattas #2, #3 and #5 at the USSCMC.

2.4. Trophies will be awarded to the top places in gold fleet and the top places in silver fleet in the Treasure Coast Opti Series. The Treasure Coast Cup Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the series champion registered in the gold fleet.

3. CLASS MEMBERSHIP

3.1. Competitors are not required to be members in good standing of the USODA to participate in the series; however, all boats must comply with USODA class rules.

4. RULES

4.1. Each regatta will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2013-16, the prescriptions of US SAILING, the Treasure Coast Opti Series Standing Rules as published on the USSCMC website; the USODA Class Rules; this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions issued by each club.

5. SCORING

5.1. Treasure Coast Opti Series scoring shall be based on the official overall results of each race tabulated only against other Treasure Coast Opti Series entrants.

5.2. Treasure Coast Opti Series scoring shall be in accordance with US Sailing Appendix A9 (2013-2016 RRS).

5.3. For the Treasure Coast Opti Series a DNC is defined as not registering for a Treasure Coast Opti Series Regatta and shall be scored the number of entries in the Treasure Coast Opti Series plus one.

5.4. Ties will be broken using US SAILING Appendix A. If a tie still exists, the winner shall be the yacht ahead in the final race that the two participating yachts both started.

5.5. Throw-out races will be incorporated into the series scoring with the following formulas:

- a. If 3 races are completed, there will be 1 throw-out
- b. If 6 races are completed, there will be 2 throw-outs
- c. If 9 races are completed, there will be 3 throw-outs
- d. For each additional 3 races completed, there will be 1 additional throw-out.

This formula should provide ample throw-outs so that if a sailor is unable to attend one of the regattas in the series, the sailor still has a chance to win the series. It is the goal of the series to encourage participation among all intermediate to advanced Treasure Coast Opti sailors, even those who may not be able to attend all 5 regattas in the series. It is anticipated that there will be 20-25 races in the series, which will provide sailors with 7-8 throw-outs, more than the races typically held in a regatta.

5.6. Sail number changes must be reported to the Treasure Coast Opti Series Chair, Julie Zahniser, via email at zahniser@bellsouth.net.

6. SAFETY AND ADULT RESPONSIBILITY

6.1. An adult (parent, guardian or designated adult) is responsible for the safety of their sailor. It is the responsibility solely of this adult to decide if the sailor should sail in the weather and sea conditions that might arise during the event. The adults supervising the competitors are ultimately responsible for the risks.

6.2. Parents not personally attending any part of the event shall ensure that another adult is authorized and designated to make these decisions for their sailor, and each competitor shall indicate in writing the parent or adult representative that will be responsible for the competitor throughout the series.

6.3. The designated adult shall accept full responsibility for all actions of the competitor during any activity related to the event. This includes on-shore activities before, during, and after the regattas.

6.4 Competitors participate in the regatta series entirely at their own risk. See rule 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 regattas. An online waiver shall be signed by the parent/guardian of all competitors.

7. SCHEDULE

The schedules for Series Regattas #1 and #4 will be according to the individual NORs for those regattas. The schedule for Series Regattas #2, #3 and #5 at the USSCMC will be as follows:

1200 Skippers Meeting/Check In/Rig Boats

1300 Preparatory Signal for the First Race

1600 No starts after 1600

8.0 MORE INFORMATION

8.1. For more information contact each host club, or Series Chair Julie Zahniser via email at: zahniser@bellsouth.net.

8.2. Host clubs can be contacted at:

USSCMC (JENSEN BEACH) Joey Mello: joeymello@usscmc.org

TCYSF (FORT PIERCE) Lou Tomosavic: ltomasovic@comcast.net

PALM BEACH SAILING CLUB Diana Holm: dholm@pbsail.org

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