

Notice of Race

2015 Junior Olympic Sailing Festival

US SAILING Center • Martin County
1955 NE Indian River Drive, Jensen Beach, FL

5-6 December 2015

1. Organizing Authority & Host

- 1.1 US SAILING Center of Martin County (USSCMC)

2. Rules

- 2.1 This regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 2.2 By participating in this regatta, a competitor grants to the Organizing Authority and its sponsors the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time at their discretion, any photographs, motion pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of him or her during the period of the competition without compensation.
- 2.3 RRS A4.1 and A5 are changed such that boats starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored, DNS. RRS 35 is changed to allow the Race Committee to finish boats in place on the race course if they are unreasonably delaying the completion of a race. RRS 63.1 is changed to also require competitors to inform the Race Committee as soon as possible after finishing of their intention to protest. RRS 62.1 is changed by adding failure of equipment chartered from USSCMC.

3. Eligibility & Entry

- 3.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the Optimist, Club 420, Laser, Laser Radial, Laser 4.7 and O'pen Bic classes.
- 3.1.1 O'pen Bic class requires a minimum of 10 paid entries prior to the end of the day November 21, 2015. Since many of the Bic competitors are traveling long distances, it is out of courtesy to the group that we require this early deadline for the minimum entries. If the Class is dropped from the competition, then full refunds will be given to those who paid the entry fee.
- 3.2 Eligible crews may be entered by completing an entry form, registering with the organizing authority and paying the entry fee.
- 3.3 Membership in US SAILING is required for each competitor (helmsman and crew for double-handed classes). Your membership number will be required to complete your online registration. Sailors can join at a discounted rate through the USSCMC / US SAILING Member Value Partner program online at <https://www1.ussailing.org/membership/MPP/Default.aspx?ycid=207442S>

4. Registration & Fees

- 4.1 Registration and entry fees must be received at USSCMC no later than Friday 27 November 2015 to avoid late fee. The entry fee for singlehanded boats is \$90/boat; double-handed boats are \$125/boat. Early registration for this event is highly recommended. Fees include t-shirts, lunch on the water, Raffle and a cook-out of hamburgers and hot dogs after sailing on Saturday.
- 4.2 All registrations received from 28 November - 1 December 2015 will be charged an additional \$25 late fee. Registration will be closed at 2300 on 1 December 2015.
- 4.3 Late registration may cause a competitor to not receive a dolly parking spot for rigging near the rest of their team. The USSCMC will group dolly & sailboat parking spots according to coaches and or clubs. Spots will be assigned to all registrants by 30

November; anyone registering after this date will most likely not be assigned a spot near their coach or club. Parking assignments will be available one day prior to the event at www.usscmc.org on the “Upcoming Regattas” webpage.

- 4.4 An event T-shirt is included with each registration. Shirt sizes and quantities will not be guaranteed with any registration after 22 November.
- 4.5 A lodging questionnaire will be a required document at check-in. This form will be made available online at www.usscmc.org on the “Upcoming Regattas” webpage and at check-in.
- 4.6 Entry forms are available [Click Here](#)
Entry forms may also be submitted online through RegattaNetwork.com and will be linked through the Upcoming Regattas page at www.usscmc.org. Payment may be made online with credit card, checks may be mailed to 1955 NE Indian River Drive, Jensen Beach, FL 34957. *NOTE:* The official date of registration is determined by the date of payment. When mailing a check it must arrive before the late fee date or it will be subject to a late fee, regardless of the date of filling in the application in Regatta Network. Cash may be delivered in person to the USSCMC office, but the amount due is based on the date of payment.
- 4.7 Early Check-in will be held on Friday 4 December from 1600-1800. On site Check-in will also be held on Saturday 5 December 2015 from 0800-1000 hrs.

5. **Format of the Regatta**

- 5.1 The Red, White and Blue Fleet will be divided into divisions depending on the number of entries. There will also be a Green Fleet.
- 5.2 The Red, White and Blue Fleet will race in ‘sets’ of races. A ‘set’ is a group of scored races in which all divisions compete.
- 5.3 Division assignments are for the entire regatta and will be determined by the Race Committee.

6. **Schedule of Events**

6.1	Friday 4 December	1600-1800	Early Check-in
	Saturday 5 December	0800	Continental Breakfast
		0800-1000	Check-in
		1000	Competitors’ Meeting (except Green Fleet)
		1030	Green Fleet Competitor’s Meeting
		1100	First Warning Signal (except Green Fleet)
		1130	First Warning - Green Fleet
		1700	“Hit the Beach” Cook-out
	Sunday 6 December	0800	Continental Breakfast
		0900	Green Fleet Competitor’s Meeting
		0930	First Warning Signal (except Green Fleet)
		1000	First Warning – Green Fleet
		1430	No Warning Signal After 2:30pm
			Awards Ceremony After Racing

7. **Sailing Instructions**

- 7.1 Sailing Instructions will be available at check-in and posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 7.2 There will be separate Sailing Instructions for Green Fleet.

8. **Penalty System**

- 8.1 For the Green Fleet only, RRS 44.1 and 44.2 are changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

9. **Courses**

- 9.1 Courses will be specified in the Sailing Instructions.

10. Scoring

- 10.1 One 'set' of races is required to be completed to constitute a regatta in the Red, White and Blue Fleet.
- 10.2 When six or more 'sets' have been completed in the Red, White and Blue Fleet, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. This changes RRS A2.
- 10.3 RRS 30.2, 44.3(c) and A4.2 are changed so that the scores are based on the combined number of boats in the two largest divisions.

11. Prizes

- 11.1 Awards will be given to the top five finishers in the R/W/B Optimist Divisions; all Green Fleet competitors will receive participation awards. Awards will be given for the top three finishers in each class of C420, Laser, Laser Radial, Laser 4.7 and O'pen Bic.

12. Safety

- 12.1 All competitors shall wear U.S. Coast Guard approved life jackets, or a life jacket approved by the country of their citizenship or residence, at all times while on the water. Failure to do so is protestable only by the Race Committee and may result in disqualification.

13. Coach and Support Boats

- 13.1 All coach and support boats shall register and prominently fly a designated flag from a staff at all times while on the water.
- 13.2 Flags will be available at the south end of the check-in room. A security deposit will be required and returned to you at the end of the event with the return of your flag.

14. Disclaimer of Liability

- 14.1 Competitors participate in the regatta 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 regatta.

15. Local Accommodations

- 15.1 Please consider supporting those who support the USSCMC. The following hotels support our Regatta Season and are offering special Regatta Rates:

Holiday Inn - Port St. Lucie	772-337-2200 or 800-459-5044
Best Western PLUS - Stuart	772-287-6200
Hampton Inn - Stuart	772-692-6922

16. Contact Information

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