

**2016 CONTENDER OPEN US CHAMPIONSHIP
APRIL 19-22, 2016
NOTICE OF RACE**

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2. The class rules and championship rules of the International Contender Association will apply, see <http://www.contenderclass.org/the-classrules>

2. ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1. The regatta is open to all boats of the International Contender class.
- 3.2. All competitors must be members of their respective National Contender Class Association.
- 3.3. Eligible boats may enter and pay the entry online at <http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/11336> or <http://www.club.scyc.org/racing/>

4. FEES

- 4.1. The entry fee for the Open US Championship is **\$100.00** (USD) for paid, completed entries received by 1200 hours PDT on February 19, 2016.
- 4.2. The fee for entries received after 1200 hours PDT on February 19 will be increased to **\$140.00(USD)**
- 4.3 An entry without payment will not be accepted.
- 4.4 Entries close at 1400 hours PDT on April 22, 2016.
- 4.5. The entry fee includes regatta functions. Additional tickets to social events may be ordered on Regatta Network for an additional fee or purchased in US currency at registration.

5. EVENT SCHEDULE

Five races are scheduled for the regatta. Each race after the first race of the day is scheduled to start approximately ten (10) minutes after the last finisher in the prior race or after expiration of the time limit, whichever is soonest. The Sailing Instructions will limit each day to no more than three (3) races.

Tuesday, April 19, 2016

0900 – 1700 Registration Check Confirmation

Wednesday, April 20, 2016

1200 Warning Signal, first race of day 1

Thursday, April 21, 2016

1200 Warning Signal, first race of day 2

1800 Opening Ceremony Celebration Dinner– Santa Cruz Yacht Club

Friday, April 22, 2016

1200 Warning Signal, first race of day 3

No Warning Signal is planned after 1530 hours

Presentation of Awards following racing

6. MEASUREMENTS

Measurement spot-checking may be performed on and off water during the regatta. A boat found to be non-conforming will be protested. Racing rule 60.1(a) will be changed as follows: Measurement protests will only be accepted either from the Race Committee or Jury. The change will appear in full in the Sailing Instructions.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available at <http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/11336>, <http://www.club.scyc.org/racing/>, and <http://www.ccc.contenderclass.org> by March 18, 2016 and at Registration.

8. BERTHING

Boats will be launched, hauled, and stored when not in use at SCYC. SCYC volunteers will provide assistance.

9. VENUE

The racing area will be located within three (3) miles of Walton Lighthouse located at the entrance of Santa Cruz Harbor in the north Monterey Bay, California USA.

10. COURSES

The courses to be sailed will be described in the Sailing Instructions, including course diagrams.

11. PRIZES

11.1. The boats placing first through third will be awarded prizes.

11.2. The US National Trophy will be awarded to the first USA citizen to finish.

12. SUPPORT BOATS

12.1. All support boats shall register with the organizing authority at Registration.

12.2. All support boats shall stay at least 100 meters away from boats racing and marks of the racecourse.

12.3. All support boats shall monitor the Race Committee VHF channel stated in the Sailing Instructions and agree to render assistance to sailors in distress at the direction of the Race Committee.

13. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

The Sailing Instructions will restrict the use of radio and mobile telephone communications.

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make nor receive radio or mobile transmissions nor receive transmissions not available to all boats.

15. BUOYANCY

- 15.1 The Sailing Instructions will required all competitors to wear personal floatation approved by their national authority.
- 15.2 Racing rule 27.1 will be changed as follows: Wearing personal floatation devices is required. The “Y” flag will not be displayed. The change will appear in full in the Sailing Instructions.

16. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

In accord with Racing rule 4, competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the regatta.

17. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$1,000,000 liability insurance per event or the equivalent. Insurance certificates shall be available for inspection upon request.

18. FURTHER INFORMATION and REGATTA CONTACTS

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