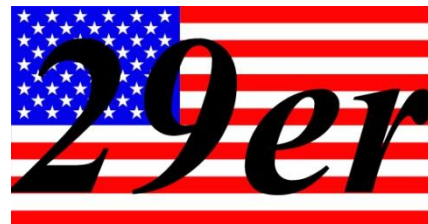


NOTICE OF RACE

2017 *29er* Midwinters East

March 17-19, 2017



U.S. Sailing Center Miami
2476 South Bayshore Drive
Miami, Florida 33133 USA

The Organizing Authority (OA) for this regatta is the U.S. 29er Class Association. The U.S. Sailing Center Miami (USSC) is serving as the site for all onshore regatta activities.

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 to change 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 will be accepted via the online registration service at www.regattanetwork.com.
- 2.4. The online registration service will close at 1200 hours (noon) Eastern Daylight Time (EDT) on Thursday, March 16, 2017.
- 2.4. An entry will be considered complete when:
 - 2.4.1. Online entry has been completed
 - 2.4.2. A Minor Waiver Form, for each competitor not yet eighteen (18) years of age during the regatta, have been submitted.
 - 2.4.3. Competitor membership in the International 29er Class Association is verified
 - 2.4.4. Competitors (skipper and crew) have presented themselves at the Competitor Check-In desk to be located at the lower level of the USSC building.

3. FEES

The entry fee is \$130 per boat, payable via the online registration service at www.regattanetwork.com.

4. SCHEDULE

- 4.1. Ten (10) races are scheduled.
- 4.2. The schedule of events is as follows (24 hour format, EDT):

Friday, March 17, 2017	Day #1
0830 - 0930	Competitor Check-In
0945	Competitors meeting
1100	First Warning Signal of the day
Saturday, March 18, 2017	Day #2
1100	First Warning Signal of the day
Sunday, March 19, 2017	Day #3
1100	First Warning Signal of the day
1430	Time limit for last Warning Signal
After Racing	Prize Giving

5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available at the Competitor Check-In desk during the Competitor Check-In period listed in NOR4.2.

6. VENUE and COURSES

- 6.1. The racing will be on Biscayne Bay, Miami, Florida.
- 6.2. The courses to be sailed will be windward-leeward courses using movable marks

7. FACILITIES

- 7.1. Competitors are required to store their boats on USSC grounds during the regatta.
- 7.2. A boat ramp suitable for hand launching a 29er is available.
- 7.3. Parking of motor vehicles on USSC grounds is only permitted for short periods while loading and unloading.
- 7.4. Storage of trailers on USSC grounds is not permitted unless specifically approved in advance. Contact USSC Executive Director Pat Downey at (305) 854-1058 for details.

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

Prizes will be awarded to the top three (3) teams. Additional awards may be presented.

10. PHOTOGRAPHY CONSENT

Competitors accept that they may be photographed and/or videotaped participating in the regatta and/or using USSC's facilities and 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 SPECTATORS

- 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 to receive instructions from the OA while near 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 about this regatta, please contact Regatta Coordinator Carol Ewing at (305) 785-4777 or by email at lightning@cofs.com.

For information about the U.S. 29er Class Association, please visit www.29ernorthamerican.org or contact Association President John Papadopoulos at (949) 466-0888 (PDT) or by email at jakp@mindspring.com.

For information about the U.S. Sailing Center Miami, please visit <http://www.usscmiami.org> or contact USSC Executive Director Pat Downey at (305) 854-1058 for details.