Notice of Race

2018 Gasparilla Regatta

March 10th 2018

Tampa Yacht and Country Club 5320 Interbay Blvd Tampa, FL 33611

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2. 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. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

2.1. The regatta will be open to Green Fleet Optimist Sailors.

3. REGISTRATION AND FEES

- 3.1. Regatta fee is \$50.
- 3.2. Registration and entry fees must be received at TYCC no later than Saturday February 24th 2018 to avoid a \$15 late fee.
- 3.3. Fees include a t-shirt, Raffle and a buffet after sailing.
- 3.4. Registration will be closed at 0900 on Saturday March 10th 2018.
- 3.5. Entry forms may be submitted online through Regatta Network.
- 3.6. Early Check-in will be held on Friday March 9th from 1600-1800. On site Check-in will also be held on Saturday March 10th 2018 from 0730-0900 hrs.

4. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday March 9 th	Early Registration	1600-1800
Saturday March 10 th	Registration	0730-0900
	Skippers meeting	0900
	First signal	1030
	Last start	1500
	Buffet open	1630

5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

5.1. SI's will be available February 24th

6. COURSE

6.1. The course will be defined in the Sailing Instructions.

Awards ceremony as soon as possible after racing.

7. PRIZES

- 7.1. Prizes will be awarded to 1st 2nd and 3rd places.
- 7.2. Participation awards will be presented to competitors.

8. SAFETY

- 8.1. Competitors shall wear U.S. Coast Guard approved life jackets at all times (except briefly while adjusting clothing) Failure to do so will result in disqualification.
- 8.2. Persons operating power vessels in the regatta area shall wear U.S. Coast Guard approved life jackets at all times (except briefly while adjusting clothing) and the safety kill switch lanyard (Kill cord) failure to do so will result in ejection from the regatta area.
- 8.3. Competitors shall check onto and off the water at the TYCC launch ramp. Competitors failing to check onto and off the water will be disqualified.

9. COACH AND SUPPORT BOATS

- 9.1. Coach boats are welcome to make use of our transient docks from 1600 Friday March 9th until 1800 Saturday March 10th.
- 9.2. The ramp at ballast point park will be used for drop in/recovery.
- 9.3. Parking for tow-vehicles and trailers will be available.

10. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

10.1.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.

11. CONTACT

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