

NOTICE OF RACE

2018 29er Midwinters East

March 16-18, 2018

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.

This event is a selection event for U.S. sailors for the Youth Sailing World Championship and, as such, is a Protected Competition - as it is defined in US Sailing Regulation 12.03. See <http://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/DARoot/Bylaws/Regs2017-05-22.pdf>.

1) RULES

- a) The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- b) The US Sailing prescriptions to RRS 60, 63.2, and 63.4 shall apply except that the words "when practicable" in the first sentence of the prescription to RRS 63.4 are deleted.
- c) Protest committees shall include 20% "sailor-athlete" representation. "Sailor-athlete" has the meaning of "athlete" as set forth in US Olympic Committee Bylaw, Section 8.8.2 (the 10-year rule), or Level A or B Sailor-Athlete as defined by US Sailing Sailor Athlete Council (SAC) Bylaws 3.3.1 and 3.3.2 - except that the US Sailing member class referred to in SAC Bylaw 3.3.2.3 shall be an international class recognized by World Sailing at the time of the sailor-athlete's qualification.
- d) The right of appeal will not be denied under RRS 70.5 (a), (b), or (c), but an expedited appeal process may be used that balances the needs of the competitor for certainty with respect to berths in future competitions and sufficient time to prepare the arguments and evidence for the appeal.
- e) Any boat that is a party to a redress hearing may be represented by up to two individuals. This changes RRS 63.3(a).
- f) If a hearing is scheduled after the event is concluded and after the sailors and officials have left the venue, it will be scheduled as soon as possible, and in a place and manner chosen with deference to the competitor's preferences or circumstances; and parties to the hearing have the right to be present telephonically or via video feed as appropriate, provided all participants can hear and speak to each other.
- g) The Expedited Appeal Process will be used. See Appendix R, Procedures for Appeals and Requests, RRS R8, Expedited Appeals, which is available online at <http://www.ussailing.org/race-officials/rules-and-appeals/expedited-appeals/>
- h) RRS 66 is deleted and replaced by:
RRS 66 REOPENING A HEARING
 - i) The protest committee may reopen a hearing when it decides that it may have made a significant error, or when significant new evidence becomes available within a reasonable time. However, if an appeal of its decision has been sent to the national authority, the hearing shall not be reopened unless the national authority requires reopening under RRS R5.4 or decides the appeal cannot be considered.
 - ii) A party to the hearing may ask for a reopening no later than 24 hours after being informed of the decision. On the last scheduled day of racing the request shall be delivered (a) within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day; and (b) no later than 30 minutes after the party was informed of the decision on that day
 - iii) When a hearing is reopened, a majority of the members of the protest committee shall, if possible, be members of the original protest committee.
- i) RRS 70.2 is deleted.
- j) While aboard their boat, except briefly to change clothes, competitors shall wear a US Coast Guard or International 29er Class Rules compliant personal flotation device (PFD). A Discretionary Penalty [DP] shall apply to violations of this rule.
- k) The US Sailing prescription to RRS 40, Personal Flotation Devices: Life-Saving Equipment, will not apply.

2) ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- a) This event is open to boats whose skipper and crew are both members of the International 29er Class Association.
- b) Entries will be accepted online at www.29ernorthamerican.org starting January 1, 2018 and ending at 1200 hours (noon) Eastern Time (ET) on Sunday, March 11, 2018.
- c) An entry will be considered complete when:
 - i) Online entry has been completed
 - ii) Liability Release and Parental Consent forms, for competitors not yet eighteen (18) years of age during the regatta, have been submitted.
 - iii) Membership in the International 29er Class Association has been verified
 - iv) 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 US\$130 per boat.

4) SCHEDULE

Ten (10) races are scheduled.

The schedule of events is as follows (24 hour format, EDT):

Friday, March 16, 2018	Day #1
0830 - 0930	Competitor Check-In
0945	Competitors meeting
1100	First Warning Signal of the day
Saturday, March 17, 2018	Day #2
1100	First Warning Signal of the day
Sunday, March 18, 2018	Day #3
1000	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 SCHEDULE above.

6) VENUE and COURSES

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

7) FACILITIES

- a) Competitors are required to launch and store their boats at USSC during the regatta.
- b) Parking of motor vehicles on USSC grounds is only permitted for short periods while loading and unloading.
- c) USSC charges a boat storage fee; payment of which is the responsibility of each competitor.
- d) Storage of trailers on USSC grounds is not permitted unless specifically approved in advance by USSC.
- e) Contact USSC Executive Director Pat Downey at (305) 854-1058 for details on storage of boats and trailers.
- f) A boat ramp suitable for hand launching a 29er with a trolley or dolly is available.

8) SCORING

- a) Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- b) 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) SUPPORT PERSONS & SPECTATORS

- a) All support persons 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.
- b) All support persons 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.
- c) 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 support person, 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 and The U.S. Sailing Center Miami (USSC) 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 (EDT) 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.