

# Clearwater Community Sailing Center

## 49er, 49erFX, and Nacra 17 North American Championships Presented by Tampa Bay Charities, Inc. February 5 - 8, 2015

### Notice of Race

The Organizing Authority for the 2015 North American Championship is the Clearwater Community Sailing Center (CCSC), 1001 Gulf Boulevard, Clearwater, FL 33767. <http://www.clearwatercommunitysailing.org>

#### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) including the US Sailing Prescriptions.
- 1.2 RRS Appendix P, Special Procedures for Rule 42 will apply.
- 1.3 If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.

#### 2 ADVERTISING

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

#### 3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 Competitors shall comply with ISAF Eligibility Rules.
- 3.2 All competitors (skippers and crew) shall be paid-up members of the International 49er Class Association or the NACRA 17 Class Association.
- 3.3 The 49erFX class shall be an Open Class (Olympic gender requirements do not apply).
- 3.4 Competitors and coaches shall enter online at <http://www.regattanetwork.com> **No entries will be accepted after January 30, 2015.** Entries are not complete until accepted by the Organizing Authority and the entry fee is paid in full.
- 3.5 Competitors shall present signed and completed Release and Medical Consent forms at registration. The forms are available for download on the event website <http://www.clearwatercommunitysailing.org>

#### 4 FEES

- 4.1 The Entry Fee is \$200 USD if paid by January 20, 2015, or \$250 USD until January 30, 2015.
- 4.2 The Coaches registration fee is \$50 USD. An additional \$35 USD refundable coach flag deposit will be collected at registration. All coaches will display a coach flag.

#### 5 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

##### 5.1

Tuesday 3 February	Registration Medical & Release forms required	1300hrs to 1700hrs
Wednesday 4 February	Registration Medical & Release forms required	1000hrs to 1500hrs
Thursday 5 February	Registration Medical & Release forms required  Skippers & Coaches Meeting  First Warning More Races to follow	0800hrs to 0900hrs  0930hrs  1100hrs
Friday 6 February	First Warning More Races to follow	1030hrs
Saturday 7 February	First Warning More Races to follow	1030hrs
Sunday 8 February	First Warning More Races to follow  Closing Ceremony and Awards at CCSC ASAP after racing	1030hrs

- 5.2 No more than three races per fleet will be sailed each day.
- 5.3 No race shall start after 1400hrs on Sunday.

- 5.4 A total of 11 races are scheduled of which a minimum of three (3) races must be completed to constitute a Championship.
- 6 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION**
- 6.1 Boats are subject to inspection at any time during the regatta.
- 6.2 The equipment limitations as specified in the Class Rules shall apply.
- 7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**
- The Sailing Instructions will be available during the on-site registration.
- 8 VENUE**
- The Racing area will be in the Gulf of Mexico in the vicinity of Clearwater Pass.
- 9 COURSES**
- The courses will be Windward / Leeward as more fully described in the Sailing Instructions.
- 10 PENALTY SYSTEM**
- RRS 44.1 and RRS P2.1 are changed so that the Two-Turns penalty is replaced by a One-Turn penalty.
- 11 SCORING.**
- The Low Point Scoring System of RRS Appendix A, will apply except that one score will be excluded after three races have been completed.
- 12 SUPPORT BOATS**
- 12.1 Race Committee boats will fly a Race Committee "RC" flag or an Official "O" flag, Judges will fly a blue flag with white letters "Judge" or a code flag "J", Coaches will fly a white numbered flag, and Safety Boats will fly an orange numbered flag.
- 12.2 Support boats with team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the start of the sequence until all boats have finished or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.
- 13 BERTHING**
- 13.1 49ers and 49er FX will be stored at CCSC.
- 13.2 Nacra 17s will be stored at Clearwater Beach near Pier 60.
- 13.3 All containers will be stored at CCSC.
- 13.4 Competitors, equipment and containers are welcome to arrive at the Clearwater Community Sailing Center after 0900hrs on Tuesday February 3. Competitors wishing to arrive earlier than February 3 or leave later than Tuesday February 10 must make reservations with the CCSC Office (727) 517-7776 and pay an additional fee to CCSC. Between the hours of 0900 and 1700, drivers with containers should contact CCSC for drop off instructions when approximately one hour away. For containers arriving after 1700, prior arrangements should be made with Rich White, (770) 605-9262.
- 14 RADIO COMMUNICATION**
- Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.
- 15. PRIZES**
- Prizes will be awarded to the top five finishers in each fleet.
- 15 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**
- Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk.  
See **RRS 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.
- 16 FURTHER INFORMATION**
- US Sailing Regatta Network  
[www.regattanetwork.com](http://www.regattanetwork.com)
- Clearwater Community Sailing Center 1001 Gulf Blvd Clearwater, FL 33767  
[www.clearwatercommunitysailing.org](http://www.clearwatercommunitysailing.org) Ph (727) 517-7776
- Directions and a list of area hotels may be obtained from the CCSC web site.