



Spring 2019 Florida East Coast Series Regatta #1

at the

Melbourne Yacht Club

January 20, 2019

The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Melbourne Yacht Club

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1. This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. For the purposes of the definition of rule, the class rules shall be the rules of the OPTIMIST, 420, and Open BIC classes.
- 1.3. It is possible that the OPTIMISTS will compete on course that is separate from the Open BICs and 420s. A final decision will be made on race day and depend on number of entrants and wind and weather conditions.
- 1.4. Certain rules may be changed and these changes will appear in full in the Sailing Instructions.

2. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 2.1. The Series is open to junior sailors age 8 – 18. Adults may participate in the O'Pen Bics and 420s fleets but will not be eligible to receive series trophies.
- 2.2. All competitors under 18 years of age are required to have a waiver signed by a parent or legal guardian. The waiver form is available for download at [Regatta Networks.com](http://RegattaNetworks.com).
- 2.3. Membership in US Sailing is suggested, but not required for the regatta. Membership in any of the respective class associations is not required.
- 2.4. Competitors are encouraged to bring their own boats. A limited number of BICs, Optimists and 420's may be available to borrow for qualified participants.
- 2.5. Each competitor will be responsible for their boats being in compliance with the class rules.

3. FEES: The entry fee for the event will be \$20 for Optimists and BICs, \$25 for 420s.

4. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

Sunday January 20, 2019
Registration 10:00 to 11:45
Skippers meeting 12:00
First race – promptly following skippers meeting

No starts after 15:30
Awards following races

5. **ADVANCE REGISTRATION:** Competitors are encouraged to register in advance online at: regattanetworks.com.
6. **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:** The Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be available on Regatta Networks and should be downloaded by sailors prior to the regatta. For emergency purposes black and white copies will be available at the registration desk and the skippers' meeting.
7. **SCORING:** Multiple races are scheduled between 12:00 and 15:30. Races will be scored for this regatta per RRS A2. For the Florida East Coast Series scoring and excluded races will be per the Series NOR.
8. **COACHES:** Coaches will be allowed on the water and must stay clear of racers after the start signal. Coaches may coach the back half of each fleet.
9. **SAFETY:** A US Coast Guard approved personal flotation device shall be worn, properly fastened, at all times while launching and when sailing. Failure to comply with this rule may result in disqualification. A boat retiring from a race shall notify a Race Committee vessel before leaving the course, or when that is impossible, immediately after arrival ashore.
10. **MEDIA RIGHTS:** By participating in this regatta, a competitor (or parent/guardian if under age 18) grants to the OA 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.
11. **PRIZES:** Prizes will be awarded in each class.
 - Optimist Silver
 - Optimist Gold
 - Open Bic
 - 420

12. **FURTHER INFORMATION:**

Race Chairmain: Phil Spletter: phil@spacecoastsailing.org or check the web site for further information.

Host Club: Melbourne Yacht Club
1202 River Drive, Melbourne, FL 32901
Call: 321-514-2525

ADDITIONAL NOTE

All support people on the water – race committee, mark and safety boat operators, parents, etc. – are strongly encouraged to set a good example and wear PFDs at all times.