

NOTICE OF RACE

2019 29er Midwinters East

March 16-17, 2019

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

- a) The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- b) All competitors (i.e. both skipper and crew) shall carry a SOLAS approved whistle while aboard their boat. A Discretionary Penalty [DP] shall apply to violations of this rule.
- c) All competitors shall wear, except briefly to change clothes, an inherently buoyant (i.e. not inflatable) Personal Flotation Device (PFD) certified to either US Coast Guard, CE EN393, or ISO 12402-5 (Level 50) standards while aboard their boat. This replaces International 29er Class Association rules. A Discretionary Penalty [DP] shall apply to violations of this rule.
- d) International 29er Class Rule C.10.3(a)(vi), concerning all-women teams carrying a red rhombus shape on their mainsail, shall not apply.

2) ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- a) This event is open to boats of the 29er class.
- b) All competitors that are residents of the United States shall be current members of the US 29er Class Association. All other competitors shall be a member of the their respective country's class association or the International 29er Class Association, proof of such membership shall be provided by the entrant.
- c) Entries will be accepted online via the Regatta Network service (www.regattanetwork.com) starting no later than February 7, 2019 and ending at 1200 hours (noon) Eastern Time (ET) on March 11, 2019.
- d) An entry will be considered complete when:
 - i) Online entry has been completed
 - ii) Minor Waiver Form(s), for competitors not yet eighteen (18) years of age during the regatta, have been submitted.
 - iii) Class association membership 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

Eight (8) races are scheduled.

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

| Saturday, March 16, 2019 | Day #1 |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 0830 - 0930 | Competitor Check-In |
| 0945 | Competitors meeting |
| 1100 | First Warning Signal of the day |
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| Sunday, March 17, 2019 | Day #2 |
| 1000 | First Warning Signal of the day |
| 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) Parking of motor vehicles on USSC grounds is only permitted for short periods while loading and unloading.
- b) USSC charges a boat storage fee; payment of which is the responsibility of each competitor.
- c) Storage of trailers on USSC grounds is not permitted unless specifically approved in advance by USSC.
- d) Contact USSC Executive Director Pat Downey at (305) 854-1058 for details on storage of boats and trailers.
- e) 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.