December 27-30, 2020 Lauderdale Yacht Club

SAFETY NOTICES

COVID-19 - The Organizing Authority is fully committed to the safety of all competitors participating in this event. Depending on local conditions at the time, skippers meetings or awards parties may be held virtually or in new locations and similar adaptations may be made in full communication with the competitors. The Organizing Authority will follow all applicable government regulations and prudent best practices to mitigate any possible health risks, and we ask all competitors and support persons to do the same.

OCEAN & PORT CONDITIONS – Transiting to and sailing in the Atlantic Ocean off Fort Lauderdale can be uniquely challenging and dangerous. Mandatory penalties may apply for competitors and support persons that violate safety instructions issued by the Race Committee. If, in its sole discretion, the race committee declares ocean sailing or port transit conditions are unsuitable for any class or any part of a class, designated competitors may be assigned an alternate race venue in protected waters, or not permitted to sail. See NOR 5, 9, 12, and 13.

1.0 RULES

- 1.1 This regatta is organized under the authority of the Lauderdale Yacht Club and will be governed by *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, and the prescriptions of US Sailing available at www.ussailing.org,
- 1.2 The regatta will conform to the current World Sailing Regulation 20.
- 1.3 RRS Appendix P, Special Procedures for Rule 42, will apply.

2. REGISTRATION/ENTRY

- 2.1 The regatta is open to the following classes: International Optimist Dinghy (all fleets), Laser, Laser Radial, Laser 4.7 who are members of their respective classes. A minimum of five boats per class is required.
- 2.2 Competitors and Coaches shall enter by completing the entry form available on the event website
 https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/21458
 and paying the required fees. On-line entry opens on October 11, 2020. Entry in the event is not final until registration is completed, and fees paid. All competitors must check in on site to complete registration.

3.0 ENTRY FEES

Fees are stated in US Dollars and include Florida State Sales Tax. The entry fee is \$275 for registration by 1200 Noon, December 13, 2020. The Entry Fee for registration after this time is \$300. Coaches shall have a \$50 entry fee.

4.0 SCHEDULE

The Skippers Meeting will be held at 1700 hours on Sunday, December 27 and may be held on Zoom. No warning signal will be made after 1500 hours on Wednesday, December 30.

5.0 MEASUREMENT

Boats may be inspected for compliance with measurement and safety rules at any time during the regatta.

6.0 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

6.1 The Sailing Instructions and any other related documents will be available on the event website and will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

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6.2 There will be separate Sailing Instructions for the Inside Course and Ocean Course. The Sailing Instructions will describe the scoring system to be used, the number of scheduled races, the courses and restrictions and requirements for coach, support and spectator boats.

7.0 SCORING

The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply. When fewer than six (6) races have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When six (6) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

8.0 VENUE

All classes except Opti Green Fleet will race in the ocean south of Port Everglades inlet. Opti Green Fleet will sail immediately east of the Lauderdale Yacht Club, west of the Intracoastal Waterway. If, in its sole discretion, the race committee determines ocean sailing conditions, or port transit conditions, are unsuitable for any class or any part of a class, designated competitors may be assigned an alternate location and courses in protected waters, or not permitted to sail.

9.0 SUPPORT BOATS

Any support boat shall register with the Organizing Committee and may be assigned an identification flag to be made visible on their boat throughout the event. All support boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of receiving and transmitting US VHF channels 72, 69, 68, and 16, and shall be required to monitor and respond to event VHF radio traffic if hailed. Discretionary penalties may be applied to sailors associated with support vessels who do not comply with this requirement.

10.0 COURSES

The courses shall be prescribed in the Sailing Instructions.

11.0 PRIZES

Prizes will include first through fifth places for classes with ten or more boats and first through third for classes with fewer than ten. The Organizing Authority may award additional prizes.

12.0 RISK & DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta at their own risk. See rule 4 (Decision to Race). The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage, illness, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

13 SAFETY

- 13.1 All Ocean classes must carry a tow line that floats of at least 25 feet in length and at least ½ inch in diameter.
- 13.2 The route from the Lauderdale Yacht Club to the Ocean Course transits an active commercial and recreational port subject to a variety of unique maritime regulations and safety conditions. Care must be taken by all sailors, coach boats, and spectator boats to abide by all state and federal laws and to obey the instructions of the Race Committee.

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