



2021 MYC Spring Youth Regatta Florida East Coast Series #3

At the

Melbourne Yacht Club

Sunday, March 21, 2021

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, O'Pen Skiff.

1.3. It is possible that there will be two courses. A final decision will be made on race day and depend on number of entrants and wind and weather conditions.

1.4. Any changes to the Sailing Instructions or modification to certain rules shall be posted on the Official Notice Board located at the entrance to the MYC East dock 15 minutes prior to the Competitors meeting.

2. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

2.1. The Series is open to junior sailors age 8 – 18. Adults may participate in the O'Pen Skiff and 420s fleets but will not be eligible to receive regatta or series trophies. All participants compete entirely at their own risk. See RRS3, Decision to Race. All competitors under the age of 18 must have an adult representative designated and reachable during the event. The adult representative – parent(s) or guardian(s) – is/are solely responsible for the safety of the sailor.

2.2. Membership in US Sailing is suggested, but not required for the regatta. Membership in any of the respective class associations is not required.

2.3. 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 \$25/boat for Optimist and O'Pen Skiff classes, \$30/boat for the 420.

4. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

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Registration: 10:00 to 11:45

Skippers meeting: 12:00

First race: 12:45

No starts after 15:30

Awards and snacks following races

5. **ADVANCE REGISTRATION:** Competitors are encouraged to register in advance online at: regattanetworks.com.
6. **WAIVER:** A waiver form will be available on Regatta Networks and must be downloaded, signed by parents or guardians of sailors under 18 yrs old and brought to registration in order to be eligible to sail.
7. **COVID Guidelines:** COVID Guidelines will be posted on Regatta Networks.
8. **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:** The Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be available on Regatta Networks and should be downloaded by sailors prior to the regatta. Sailing Instructions may be verbally changed on the water by flying the signal flag Lima (L-Flag, Come Within Hail) with one sound signal. For emergency purposes only, a limited number of copies will be available at the registration desk prior to the Competitors meeting.
9. **SCORING:** Multiple races are scheduled between 12:45 and 15:30. Races will be scored for this regatta per RRS A2.1 except that no score will be excluded. For the Florida East Coast Series scoring and excluded races will be per the Series NOR.
10. **COACHES:** Coaches will be allowed on the water and must stay clear of racers after the Warning Signal of their respective race. Coaches may coach the back half of each fleet only. **ALL COACH AND SUPPORT BOAT DRIVERS MUST BE TETHERED TO AN AUTOMATIC ENGINESHUTOFF WHILE OPERATING THE BOAT ON THE WATER.**
11. **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.
12. **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.
13. **PRIZES:** Prizes will be awarded in each class.
Optimist Silver
Optimist Gold
O'Pen Skiff
420
14. **FURTHER INFORMATION:** Race Chairman: Phil Spletter: phil@spacecoastsailing.org

Host Club: Melbourne Yacht Club
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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.