



NOTICE OF RACE

Firecracker & Melges 15 Regatta

Savannah Yacht Club

June 29-30, 2024

(VERSION 5/7/2024)

Organizing Authority (OA)
Savannah Yacht Club (SYC)
730 Bradley Point Rd. Savannah, GA 31410

1. Rules

1.1 All races will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) except as modified by the Sailing Instructions.

1.2 Appendix P shall apply with “Two Turns” replaced by “One Turn”.

1.3 The following Prescriptions of US Sailing are the only prescriptions that will apply: RRS 32, 60.3, 61.4, 67, 70/5, 76.1, Appendix R and Appendix V.

1.4 All coach and support vessels shall be equipped with a functioning engine safety cut switch (kill switch) which shall remain attached to the driver at all times while the engine is running.

1.5 The use of non class sails shall not be subject to a protest or request for redress by a boat (competitor) or the race committee.

2. Sailing Instructions

The Sailing Instructions will be available by June 24 on the website.

3. Communication

All coach vessels shall carry a working VHF capable of communicating on standard channels.

4. Eligibility and Entry

4.1 The event is open to all boats of the Optimist, Melges 15, and Sunfish Classes.

4.2 Eligible boats may enter the event by registering online at the event website.

4.3 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay fees.

4.4 All competitors must check in onsite to complete registration.

4.5 Event website and registration:



5. Fees

5.1 The registration fee is \$120 for M15.

5.2 The registration fee is \$60 for Optimist/Sunfish.

5.3 The late registration fee is \$15 effective June 24 at 23:00 CST.

5.4 The entry fee for all competitors include coffee and juice on Saturday morning, box lunch Saturday, dinner Saturday evening, coffee and juice Sunday morning, and chicken wings with trophies on Sunday after the races.

5.5 Extra dinners can be purchased during registration.

6. Schedule

Saturday, June 29, 2024

10:00 Coffee, juice

10:30-11:30 Check in

11:30 Competitors Meeting

12:00 Harbor Start

1:00 First Warning Signal

6:00 Dinner SYC Sail Loft

Sunday, June 30, 2024

8:00 Coffee, juice
9:00 Harbor Start
10:00 First Warning Signal
2:00 No warning signal will be made after this time
After racing Awards and Wings at SYC Sail Loft

7. Harbor Start

Harbor start will begin as specified in the schedule.

8. Venue

8.1 The Savannah Yacht Club is a full service club, we welcome all sailors and their supporters to enjoy the club and facilities.

8.2 Competitors can obtain guest cards to order food/beverages during your stay. The guest cards can be arranged during check in or pre arranged by contacting the club office.

8.3 Please make sure you adhere to the designated boat parking areas.

8.4 Camping is allowed in designated areas. Please contact Charlie Usher chusher76@gmail.com to reserve a spot.

8.5 The racing area will be the Wilmington River and/or Skidaway River near the Savannah Yacht Club.

9. Courses

9.1 The courses to be sailed will be windward-leeward or windward-leeward with a dogleg finish. Courses will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

9.2 Separate course for the M15 fleet.

10. Penalty System

RRS Appendix V1 shall apply.

11. Scoring

11.1 When fewer than six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When six or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

10.2 One race in a class is required to be completed to constitute a series for that class.

12.Support Person Vessels

Coach vessels shall remain a minimum of 100 yards for the course area except when asked to assist by a race official. All coach and support vessels are required to monitor the course channel on a VHF radio and be ready to assist with safety when requested.

13.Risk Statement

RRS 3 states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone." By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia, or other causes.

14.Prizes

Prizes will be given to the top finishers.

15.Further Information

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