



## **2012 470 North American Championships**

**Including the 470 North American Championships for Men and Mixed Crews,  
and the Women's 470 North American Championships for Women Crews**

**January 12 – 15, 2012 – Miami, Florida  
Coconut Grove Sailing Club (CGSC)**

**The Organizing Authorities are the U.S. and Canadian 470 Class Associations  
The event is hosted by the Coconut Grove Sailing Club**

### **NOTICE OF RACE**

#### **1. Rules**

**1.1** - The regatta will be governed by the Rules as defined in the 2009-2012 ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing.

**1.2** - The Equipment Rules of Sailing will apply to the extent they are referenced into the International 470 Class Rules.

**1.3** - The Medal race of the Gold fleet will be subject to on-the-water umpiring according to Racing Rule Addendum Q.

**1.4** - No Class Rule change will apply.

**1.5** - If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

#### **2. Advertising**

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

#### **3. Eligibility and Entry**

**3.1** – The regatta is open to boats of the 470 Class and to competitors who comply with the ISAF Regulation 19. Each crew member of a competing boat shall be national or ordinarily resident of the nation where the National Authority the crew intends to represent is established.

**3.2** - Participating crews in the regatta shall be designated by their National 470 Class Association or by their National Authority where there is no National Association. Only crews in good standing with the International 470 Class Association may participate, meaning: each crew member shall be member of a National 470 Class Association affiliated to the National Authority, or of the International 470 Class Association when there is no National Association in the concerned country.

**3.3** - According to the International 470 Class Association rules, crew modifications may be accepted up to the start of the regatta.

**3.4** - Boats shall comply with the Class Rules and have a valid measurement form. The sail number shall conform to the Class Rules.

**3.5** – Eligible boats may enter by going to the event website: <http://i470NA.sailspace.net> and completing the on-line Entry Form, including the fee section.



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### 4. Fees

The entry fee for all boats is US\$150. Entries will be accepted until 1700, Thursday, January 12, 2012.

### 5. Regatta Format

**5.1** - The regatta will consist of a fleet race series. Nine races are scheduled, including a Medal Race. There will not be a practice race. No more than four races will be sailed per day.

**5.2** - Depending on the number of entries the 470 Men's/Mixed Class and the 470 Women's Class may race together or in separate fleets.

### 6. - Schedule

#### 6.1 -

Thursday, January 12	1630 – 1800	Registration at CGSC
	1800	Competitors Meeting at CGSC
	~1830	Social Gathering with Appetizers at CGSC
Friday, January 13	1130	First Warning Signal
Saturday, January 14	1130	First Warning Signal
Sunday, January 15	1030	First Warning Signal
	1400	Latest time for an <u>Initial</u> First Warning Signal
	TBD	Closing Ceremony with Appetizers at CGSC

**6.2 – Medal Race – 15 January 2012.** Time to be determined, but as soon as practical after final fleet race(s). Unless later instructions provide otherwise, the top ten boats in each of the two Classes will compete in the Medal Race for that Class.

**6.3 - Closing Ceremony:** 15 January as soon as practical after Medal Race at CGSC

### 7. Measurements

In accordance with Racing Rule 78, competitors are responsible for maintaining their boat in accordance with the Class Rules (for the purpose of Racing Rule 78, competitors are considered to be the owners). Measurement inspections at random during the regatta may be organized.

### 8. Sailing Instructions

The Sailing Instructions will be posted on the event website by 1200 Thursday, January 12, and provided to competitors at Registration.

### 9. Venue

The race course will be located in the waters of Biscayne Bay between Key Biscayne and Coconut Grove. Competitors are cordially invited to launch and store at Coconut Grove Sailing Club, but are not required to do so.

### 10. The Courses

**10.1** - Except for the Medal race of the Gold fleet, course types will be the Olympic courses applicable to 470s, i.e. the Olympic trapezoid (with outer loop or with inner loop).

**10.2** - Length of courses will be adapted according to wind strength in order to have an expected race duration of sixty minutes for the leading boat.

**10.3** - For the Medal race of the Gold fleet, course types will be windward-leeward courses with two or three loops and a leeward reach to finish. Length between marks and number of loops will be chosen according to wind strength in order to have an expected race duration of thirty minutes for the leading boat.



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### 11. Penalty System

11.1 - Racing Rule Appendix P will apply.

11.2 - Decisions of the Jury will be final.

### 12. Scoring

12.1 - When fewer than six races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores.

12.2 - When six or more races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

12.3 - Scores for the Medal race will be double the finishing place of each boat. This changes *RRS A4.1*. Further, *RRS A4.2* is changed so that scores are based on the number of boats assigned to compete in the Medal Race. Medal Race scores cannot be excluded.

### 13. Support Boats

13.1 - Support boats, including coach boats, shall register at Registration and be marked with their national flag or country code.

13.2 - Support boats may be called upon to act as rescue boats.

### 14. Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Racing Rule 4, Decision to race. The Organizing Authority, CGSC and all parties involved in the regatta organization 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.

### 15. Trophies

Trophies will be awarded to the top three finishers in the 470 Men's/Mixed and 470 Women's Classes. There is a shared Perpetual Trophy for the two Classes.

### 16. Further Information

16.1 - For further information, please visit <http://i470NA.sailspace.net>

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