NOTICE OF RACE

2013 29er USA National Championship Regatta



Coconut Grove Sailing Club 2990 South Bayshore Drive Miami, FL 33133

January 1-3, 2014

This event is organized as the 2013 29er USA National Championships. However, the event will also be used as a US SAILING (USSA) qualifier for the 2014 ISAF Youth Sailing World Championship Regatta.

The Organizing Authority (OA) for this regatta is Coconut Grove Sailing Club (CGSC) which is located at 2990 S. Bayshore Drive, Miami, FL 33133.

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. While aboard their boat, except briefly when changing clothes, competitors shall wear an US Coast Guard or International 29er Class Rules compliant personal floatation device (PFD). This changes the preamble to Part 4 of the RRS and RRS 40.
- 1.3. Documents governing the "US SAILING (USSA) qualifier for the 2014 ISAF Youth Sailing World Championship Regatta" will be posted on the event website (see below) and on the Regatta Notice Board downstairs at CGSC.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1. The regatta is open to all boats of the 29er class.
- 2.2. All competitors (skipper and crew) shall be current members of the International 29er Class Association.
- 2.3. Entries must be made online at www.regattanetwork.com beginning on October 1, 2013.
- 2.4. An entry will be considered complete only when:
 - 2.4.1. The Entry is made online and is paid in full
 - 2.4.2.Liability Release Form and Parental Consent Form (for competitors not yet eighteen (18) years of age during the regatta) are submitted.
 - 2.4.3. Competitor membership in the International 29er Class Association is verified
 - 2.4.4. Competitor's equipment has been given an "OK to compete" by the Equipment Inspection Committee
 - 2.4.5.Both skipper and crew have presented themselves at the Registration/Check-In desk on the lower level of the CGSC Clubhouse during the periods listed in NOR4.2.
- 2.5. Online Entries will close at 1700 EST on Tuesday, December 31, 2013.
- 2.6. RRS G3 will be in effect.

3. FEES

- 3.1. The entry fee is US\$195 for entries received on or before December 15, 2013, and US\$225 thereafter.
- 3.2. The entry fee includes skipper and crew T-Shirts, attendance at the Annual General Meeting and Dinner, and water and power bars provided on-the-water during racing days.
- 3.3. Additional meals will be available for purchase at Registration/Check-in.

4. SCHEDULE

- 4.1. Twelve races are scheduled. There will be no practice race or qualifying series.
- 4.2. The schedule of events is as follows (24 hour time, EST):

| Tuesday December 31, 2013 | |
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| 1400 to 1700 | Registration/Check-in at CGSC Clubhouse-lower level |
| 1000 to 1700 | Equipment Inspection |
| 1700 | Close of online registration |
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| Wednesday January 1, 2014 | Race Day #1 |
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| 0900 to 1000 | Registration/Check-in and Equipment Inspection |
| 1000 | Competitors meeting |
| 1130 | First Warning Signal of the day |
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| Thursday January 2, 2014 | Race Day #2 |
| 1130 | First Warning Signal of the day |
| 1800 | 29er Class Annual General Meeting/Dinner at CGSC |
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| Friday, January 3, 2014 | Race Day #3 |
| 1100 | First Warning Signal of the day |
| 1500 | No further Warning Signals shall be made |
| After Racing | Prize giving |

5. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

Competitors shall present their 29er boat and sails in relatively dry condition and racing configuration for inspection during one of the Equipment Inspection periods listed in NOR4.2.

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available at the Registration/Check-In desk during the Registration/Check-in periods listed in NOR4.2.

7. VENUE and COURSES

- 7.1. The races will be conducted on Biscayne Bay, Miami, Florida.
- 7.2. The courses to be sailed will be windward-leeward courses.

8. FACILITIES

- 8.1. Competitors shall store their boats on the grounds of CGSC for the duration of this event.
- 8.2. A boat ramp suitable for launching a 29er using a hand dolly will be provided.
- 8.3. On site storage of trailers during the event is not permitted unless specific written approval is provided in advance.
- 8.4. Parking of cars is not permitted inside the entrance gate at CGSC except while loading and unloading, and is not permitted inside the gate on December 31st after 1700 EST for any reason.

9. SCORING

- 9.1. Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 9.2. When fewer than seven (7) races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When seven (7) 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.

10. PRIZES

- 10.1 Prizes will be awarded to the following:
 - 10.1.1. The top three (3) teams composed entirely of residents of the United States of America (USA).
 - 10.1.2. The top junior team (both skipper and crew under 19 years of age on December 31, 2013) composed entirely of residents of USA.
 - 10.1.3. The top all-female team composed entirely of residents of USA.
 - 10.1.4. The top International team (composed of one or more non-USA residents), will be presented with an award.

11. PHOTOGRAPHY CONSENT

Competitors entering the regatta accept that they may be photographed and/or videotaped participating in the race and/or using CGSC's facilities and they 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.

12. COACHES AND NON RACE COMMITTEE BOATS

12.1. All coaches 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.

- 12.2. All coach and spectator boats shall provide their own VHF radio and monitor a VHF channel designated by the OA in order to receive instructions from the OA while in the vicinity of the racing venue. All such boats shall additionally function as Safety Boats and follow instructions from the OA.
- 12.3. 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 coach, spectator, or their boat(s) during the regatta.

13. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors compete in this regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority 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.

14. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information for regatta please contact: Ron Rostorfer, Regatta Chairman, by email at ronsailon@comcast.net. Or Carol Ewing at lightning@cofs.com