

2015 Miami Midwinter Regatta
January 17 – 19, 2015 – Miami, Florida
Hosted by the Coconut Grove Sailing Club

NOTICE OF RACE

For the following classes:

The 470 North American Championships for Men and Mixed Crews
The Women's 470 North American Championship for Women Crews
The International 420 North American Championship

The 49er Midwinter Championship for Open Crews,
The 49erFX Midwinter Championship for Open Crews
The Nacra 17 Midwinter Championship
The RS:X US Midwinter Championship for Men (9.5 sail)
The RS:X US Midwinter Championship for Women (8.5 sail)
The RS:X US Midwinter Championship for Youth (8.5 sail)

The Organizing Authority is the Coconut Grove Sailing Club (CGSC).

1. Rules

- 1.1 - The regatta will be governed by the Rules as defined in the 2013-2016 Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 - The Equipment Rules of Sailing will apply to the extent they are referenced into the respective Class Rules.
- 1.3 - Special procedures of Appendix P will apply with the following change: Appendix P5 will not apply.
- 1.4 - Only US Sailing Prescriptions rule 61.4, Appendix R, and prescriptions to rules 67, and 76.1 will apply and will be posted on the Official Notice Board at CGSC.
- 1.4 - U Flag Rule. If flag U has been displayed as the preparatory signal, no part of a boat's hull, crew, or equipment shall be in the triangle formed by the ends of the starting line and the first mark during the last minute before her starting signal. If a boat breaks this rule and is identified, she shall be disqualified without a hearing but not if the race is restarted or re-sailed or postponed or abandoned. This changes RRS 26.
- 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 above listed Classes where the competitors comply with 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 - For the 470 Class, participating crews in the regatta shall be designated by their National Class Association or by their National Authority where there is no National Association. Only crews in good standing with the respective International Class Associations may participate, meaning: each crew member shall be member of a National Class Association affiliated to the National Authority or of the International Class Association when there is no National Association in the concerned country.
- 3.3 - For the 49er and 49erFX classes, participating crews shall be members of the International Class Association.
- 3.4 - Crew modifications following the on-line entry deadline (see NOR 3.6, below) must be approved by the

Principal Race Officer of the circle where boats of that Class are racing.

- 3.5 - Boats shall comply with the Class Rules and have a valid measurement form, when applicable. The sail number shall conform to the Class Rules.
- 3.6 - Eligible boats must enter on-line by going to the event website: <http://cgsc-nac.sailspace.net> and completing the on-line Entry Form, including sail number, crew name and the fee section. This must be completed by 1700 Wednesday, January 14th or entry will not be accepted. On-site Check-In as scheduled per NOR 6.1 is also required. On-line entries completed after 1700 Wednesday the 14th will be accepted at the discretion of the Race Committee

4. Fees

The entry fee is as follows:

470, I-420 – \$195.00

49er, FX and Nacra 17 - \$195.00

RS:X - \$125.00

A late fee for all classes of \$25.00 will apply for entries received after January 5th, 2015.

5. Regatta Format

- 5.1 - The regatta will consist of a fleet race series. Nine races are scheduled for classes sailing the 470 & I-420. Eleven races are scheduled for the 49er, FX, Nacra 17 and RS:X classes (See NOR 9 below). There will not be a practice race. There will not be a Medal Race. No more than four races will be sailed per day.
- 5.2 - Depending on the number of entries Men's/Mixed Classes and the corresponding Women's Classes may race together or in separate fleets.

6. Schedule

6.1 - Check-In, Meetings, Racing:

Friday, January 16	1530 – 1800 Check-In at CGSC
	1800 Competitors Meeting at CGSC
	1830 Social Gathering with Appetizers at CGSC
Saturday, January 17	1130 First Warning Signal
Sunday, January 18	1130 First Warning Signal
Monday, January 19	1130 First Warning Signal
	1500 Latest time for an Initial First Warning Signal
	TBD Closing Ceremony with Appetizers at CGSC

6.2 - Closing Ceremony: January 19th as soon as practical after the last 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 Friday, January 16 and provided to competitors at Check-In.

9. Venue

The race course will be located in the waters of Biscayne Bay between Key Biscayne and Coconut Grove.

Shore-bases: 470's shall be shore-based at the USSailing Center.

RS:X Windsurfers and International 420's shall be shore-based at CGSC.

49ers and FX's, Nacra 17 shall be shore-based at the Miami Rowing Club

Race Circles:

- 1) 470's and International 420's will race on the CGSC Circle, SSE of the Club.
- 2) The Catamarans will race in the Northeastern side
- 3) 49ers, & 49er FX on the Northern side and
- 4) RS:X just west of the CGSC circle on Biscayne Bay.

10. The Courses

- 10.1 - Course types will be the Trapezoid (with outer loop or with inner loop) or Windward-Leeward courses.
- 10.2 - Length of courses will be adapted according to wind strength in order to have expected race durations that generally conform to the race target times of the various classes.

11. Penalty System

For the 49er and 49erFX classes, RRS 44.1 and RRS P2.1 are changed so that the Two-Turns penalty is replaced by a One-Turn penalty.

12. Scoring

- 12.1 - The Low Points Scoring System of RRS Appendix A will apply. 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 - Only one race is required to constitute a series.

13. Support Boats

- 13.1 - Support boats, including coach boats, shall register at Check-In 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 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. Prizes

- 15.1 - Trophies will be awarded to the top three finishers in each class. There is a shared perpetual trophy for the 470 Classes while the 49er Class has its own perpetual trophy.

16. Further Information

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

16.2 - Contacts:

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