

**2018 Miami Skiff Midwinter Regatta  
January 13 – 15, 2018 – Miami, Florida  
NOTICE OF RACE  
For the following classes:**

**The 49er Midwinter Championship for Open Crews,  
The 49erFX Midwinter Championship for Open Crews  
The Nacra 17 Midwinter Championship**

**The Organizing Authorities are the 49er, FX and Nacra Class Associations**

**1. Rules**

- 1.1 - The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 - The Equipment Rules of Sailing will apply to the extent they are referenced in the respective Class Rules.
- 1.3 - 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 US Sailing Center ( USSC ).
- 1.4 - 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. There must be a minimum of eight boats registered no later than January 5<sup>th</sup> to enable a start for that class in the regatta.
- 3.2 - For the 49er and 49erFX classes, participating crews shall be members of the International Class Association.
- 3.3 - Crew modifications following the on-line entry deadline (see NOR 3.5, below) must be approved by the Principal Race Officer of the circle where boats of that class are racing.
- 3.4 - Boats shall comply with the Class Rules and have a valid measurement form, when applicable. The sail number shall conform to the Class Rules.
- 3.5 - Eligible boats must enter on-line by going to the event website: and completing the on-line entry form, including sail number, crew names and the fee section. On-line entries completed after 1700 Wednesday the 11<sup>th</sup> will be accepted only at the discretion of the Race Committee. On-site check-in as scheduled per NOR 6.1 is also required.

**4. Fees**

The entry fee is \$175.00

A late fee for all classes of \$25.00 will apply for entries received after January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

**5. Regatta Format**

- 5.1 - The regatta will consist of a fleet race series. Eleven races are scheduled for the 49er, FX, and Nacra 17 classes. 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 1 2 1530 – 1800 Check-In at Regatta Park  
1800 Competitors Meeting at Regatta Park

Saturday, January 1 3 1130 First Warning Signal

Sunday, January 1 4 1130 First Warning Signal

Monday, January 15 1130 First Warning Signal  
1500 Latest time for an Initial First Warning Signal

**6.2** - Closing Ceremony: January 15th as soon as practical after the last race, at Regatta Park.

## **7. Measurements**

In accordance with rule 78, competitors are responsible for maintaining their boat in accordance with the Class Rules (for the purpose of 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 12 and provided to competitors at check-in.

## **9. Venue**

9.1 The race course will be located in the waters of Biscayne Bay between Key Biscayne and Coconut Grove. 49ers and FX's, Nacra 17 shall be shore-based at the Regatta Park in Coconut Grove, FL.

## **10. The Courses**

**10.1** - 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. Variations in length will not be grounds for redress.

## **11. Penalty System**

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

## **12. Scoring**

**12.1** - The Low Points Scoring System of rule Appendix A will apply. When fewer than six races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores. This changes Rule A 2.1.

**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 (1) 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 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 .

**16. Further Information**

**16.1** - For further information, please call Carol Ewing 305-785-4777