

NOTICE OF RACE 2012
Florida State Optimist Championship
and USSCMC Spring OptiFest

US SAILING Center • Martin County
1955 NE Indian River Drive - Jensen Beach, FL 34957

10-11 March 2012

1. Organizing Authority & Host

- 1.1 US SAILING Center • Martin County (USSCMC)

2. Rules

- 2.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* and “Conditions for USODA Events” which can be found at www.usoda.org/.
- 2.2 The “class rules” for the purposes of the definition of “rules” are the International Optimist Association Class Rules.
- 2.3 RRS 61.1 (2) will be changed to require a boat to display a red flag if she intends to protest concerning an incident in the racing area.
- 2.4 RRS 61 will be changed to require a boat to inform a race committee finish boat immediately after finishing of its intention to protest another boat and provide the sail number of the protested boat.
- 2.5 By participating in this regatta, a competitor grants to the Organizing Authority and its sponsors the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time at their discretion, any photographs, motion pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of him or her during the period of the competition without compensation.

3. Advertising

- 3.1 Advertising is restricted as regulated by ISAF Regulation 20, Advertising Code
- 3.2 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority.

4. Eligibility & Entry

- 4.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the Optimist class.
- 4.2 Eligible crews may be entered by completing an entry form, registering with the organizing authority and paying the entry fee.
- 4.3 Membership in Florida Sailing Association is required to be eligible for medals and the perpetual trophy.

5. Registration & Fees

- 5.1 Registration and entry fees must be received no later than Friday, 2 March 2012 to avoid a late fee. Entry fee is \$85/boat.
- 5.2 Entries must be completed by filling out the [online registration](#) form through Regatta Network. Link may be found at www.usscmc.org under the drop down list of upcoming regattas.
- 5.3 All registrations received from 3 March 2012 – 8 March 2012 will be charged a \$25 late fee. Registrations originated at our registration and check-in table on Friday, 9 March or Saturday, 10 March 2012 will be charged a \$50 late fee for a total of \$135.00.
- 5.4 On site check-in and late registration will be held on Friday, 9 March from 1600-1800 hrs and Saturday, 10 March 2012 from 0800-0930 hrs.

- 5.5 Late registration may cause a competitor to not receive a dolly parking spot for rigging near the rest of their team. Dolly & sailboat parking spots will be assigned at check in. The USSCMC will group spots according to coaches and or clubs. Spots will be assigned to all registrants as of 5 March; anyone registering after 5 March will most likely not be assigned a spot near their coach or club. Parking assignments will be available one day prior to the event.
- 5.6 An event T-shirt is included with each registration. Shirt sizes and quantities cannot be guaranteed with any registration after 26 February 2012.
- 5.7 Individual memberships to FSA will be available at registration for purchase for \$5.

6. Schedule of Events

- 6.1 Friday, 9 March
 - 1600-1800 Check-In and Late Registration
- Saturday, 10 March
 - 0800-0930 Check-In and Late Registration
 - 0930 Competitors' Briefing
 - 1000 Green Fleet Competitors' Briefing
 - 1030 First Signal
 - 1100 Green Fleet First Signal
 - Lunch on the water
 - 1700 (approx.) Cook Out After Racing
- Sunday, 11 March
 - 0930 First Signal
 - Lunch on the water
 - 1430 No Warning after this time
 - Awards ASAP after racing

- 6.2 Twelve races (except Green Fleet) are scheduled. One race constitutes a regatta.

7. Sailing Instructions

- 7.1 Sailing Instructions will be available at check-in and posted on the Official Notice Board

8. Courses

- 8.1 Courses will be specified in the Sailing Instructions.

9. Scoring

- 9.1 One race constitutes a regatta.
- 9.2 After six or more races, each boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. This changes A2.

10. Prizes

- 10.1 FSA medals will be awarded to the top three finishers in red, white and blue. FSA will not award medals to green fleet sailors. The keeper trophy will be awarded to the overall highest placed FSA member sailor.
- 10.2 Top finishers in each of the Red, White and Blue Fleets will receive gift certificates for registration fees to the USSCMC 2012 Junior Olympic Sailing Festival for registration as an OPTI competitor.
- 10.2 All Opti Green fleet sailors will receive participation awards.

11. Safety

- 11.1 Competitors who are US citizens or US residents shall wear U.S. Coast Guard approved life jackets properly secured at all times, from dock to dock except when temporarily adding or removing clothing. Competitors who are citizens or residents of another country shall wear either a US Coast Guard approved PFD or a PFD approved by the country of their citizenship or residence, properly secured at all times, from dock to dock except when temporarily adding or removing clothing. Failure to do so is protestable only by Race Committee and may result in disqualification.
- 11.2 A whistle must be attached with a lanyard to clothing. Failure to do so is protestable only by the Race Committee. Competitors not complying with this instruction shall be given a penalty of five (5) points for each race in which they have failed to observe this instruction.
- 11.3 Competitors shall be subject to periodic safety checks throughout the event. Any competitor found not in compliance shall not go on the water until the safety deficiency is corrected and approved by the event safety officer.

12. Coach and Support Boats

- 12.1 All coach and support boats shall register and prominently fly a designated flag from a staff, supplied by the Race Committee, at all times while on the water.
- 12.2 A security deposit will be required and returned to you at the end of the event with the return of your flag.

13. Disclaimer of Liability

- 13.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 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.
- 13.2 Each competitor must have a waiver of liability signed by a parent.

14. Lodging

- 14.1 Please consider supporting those who support the USSCMC. The following hotels help support our Regatta Season and are offering special Regatta Rates...

Holiday Inn Port St. Lucie:	772-337-2200 or 800-459-5044
Best Western PLUS:	772-287-6200
Hampton Inn Stuart	772-692-6922

15. Contact Information

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