

49er and 49erFX

World Championships

Clearwater, Florida, USA

6th to 14th February 2016

The Organising Authority is Tampa Bay Charities, Inc., Hosted by Sail Life, LLC in conjunction with the International 49er Class Association

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.
- 1.2 RRS Appendix P, *Special Procedures for Rule 42*, will apply.
- 1.3 For the Medal Races, ISAF Addendum Q (as posted on the official notice board) takes precedence over any conflicting instructions.
- 1.4 The Class and Championship Rules of the International 49er Class Association will apply except for any that are altered by the Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.5 US Sailing prescriptions to RRS 67, 70.5(a) and 76.1 will apply and are stated fully in Attachment B. They may also be found at www.ussailing.org.
- 1.6 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.
- 1.7 The bottom two panels of the jib area shall be restricted to Class and Event advertising and all competitors shall place class nominated branding on their jibs according to the ISAF approved 49er class jib advertising policy.
- 1.8 This is an ISAF ranking 200 point event.

2. ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 Competitors shall comply with ISAF Eligibility Code (Regulation 19).
- 3.2 Olympic gender requirements will apply for each of the Olympic events

- 3.3 All competitors shall be fully paid-up members of the International 49er Class Association.
- 3.4 Entries should be received by the Organising Authority no later than midnight, EST on 15th January 2016 to qualify for the early entry fee and will not be accepted after midnight, EST 29th January 2016.
- 3.5 Competitors can enter by visiting the event's web <http://49er.org/event/2016-world-championship/>.

4. FEES

Entry Fee: US \$ 450.00 (if received by midnight, EST on 15th January 2016), US \$ 550.00 (from 15th January 2016 to midnight, 29th January, 2016).

Coach/Support Boat Fee: US \$ 100.00 (if received by midnight, EST on 15th January 2016), US \$ 125.00 (from 15th January 2016 to midnight, 29th January, 2016).

5. FORMAT OF RACING.

- 5.1 The Championships will consist of an Opening Series and a Medal Race. The Opening Series will be divided into a Qualifying Series and a Fleet Racing Series.
- 5.2 The Medal Race format will be the Olympic format and detailed further in the Sailing Instructions.

6. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

6.1	Saturday 6 February	0930 – 1200	Registration/Inspection
		1300 - 1700	Registration/Inspection
	Sunday 7 February	0900 - 1200	Registration/Inspection
		1300 - 1700	Registration/Inspection
		1700	Opening Ceremony
	Monday 8 February	0900 - 1200	Registration/Inspection
		1200	Competitors meeting
		1355	First Warning, Practice Racing
	Tuesday 9 February	1155	First Warning, Qualifying
	Races		
	Wednesday 10 February	1155	First Warning, Qualifying
	Races		
	Thursday 11 February	1155	First Warning, Qualifying
	Races		
	Friday 12 February	1155	First Warning, Fleet Races
	Saturday 13 February	1155	First Warning, Fleet Races
	Sunday 14 February	0955	First Warning, Fleet Races
		1455	First Warning, Medal Races
			Prize Giving and Closing Ceremony
			as soon as possible after the Medal Races

- 6.2 On Sunday 14 February there will be no warning signal after 1600 for those taking part in the Final Races and after 1700 for those taking part in the Medal Races.

7. MEASUREMENT

- 7.1 All boats will be inspected for class rules compliance prior to racing, according to the Schedule of Events. Additional spot measurement checks may be carried out during the Championship.
- 7.2 Only one set of sails and one forestay shall be used throughout the duration of the Championship.
- 7.3 Equipment shall only be replaced with permission of the Race Committee.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available at registration.

9. VENUE

The 2016 49er and 49erFX Championships will be held at Clearwater Community Sailing Center, Clearwater, Florida.

The mailing address for the event is:

Clearwater Community Sailing Center

1001 Gulf Blvd, Clearwater, FL 33767, United States

Phone: +1 727 517 7776

10. THE COURSES

Courses will be windward/leeward with a gate at the leeward end of the course.

11. PENALTY SYSTEM

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 Point Scoring System of RRS Appendix A will apply to the Opening Series
- 12.2 At least 5 races are required to be completed to constitute the Championship.

13. SUPPORT BOATS

- 13.1 Support boats shall be registered with the Organising Authority and will be required to comply with local legislation and event support boat regulations. Team leaders/coaches shall register at <http://49er.org/event/2016-world-championship/> and complete on-site registration in the race office at the venue.

13.2 All support boats shall clearly display the 3 letter national code of their ISAF Member National Authority at all times while afloat. The minimum height for the letters shall be 200mm.

13.3 If called upon, support boats will be required to act as rescue boats.

14. INTERNATIONAL JURY

An International Jury will be appointed in accordance with RRS 91(b). Its decisions will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.

15. PRIZES

Prizes for the World Championships will be announced and awarded at the end of the Medal Races for the first three places overall and for the Other Fleet(s) respectively.

16. RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency a boat shall neither make nor receive radio transmissions, text messages or cellular phone calls while racing.

17. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall have valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of at least US \$ 1,500,000 (or equivalent) per incident.

18. RISK STATEMENT

RRS 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omission;
- d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

19. MEDIA RIGHTS, CAMERAS AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

- 19.1 By participating in the Championship competitors automatically grant to the Organising Authority, International 49er Class Association and their sponsors, the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time at their discretion, any motion pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of the athlete during the period of competition without compensation.
- 19.2 Boats may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment or positioning equipment as specified by the Organising Authority.
- 19.3 Competitors may be required for interviews and press conferences at the Championship.

20. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please visit <http://49er.org/event/2016-world-championship/>

For information regarding the venue, contact Darcy Jensen,

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