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2018 USSCA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP AT MIDWINTERS

March 21 – 24, 2018

Panama City, FL - USA

Notice of Race

(Release date: August 17, 2017)

Amended: Nov 17, 2017

Organizing Authority: St. Andrews Bay Yacht Club

Endorsed by USSCA

1. RULES

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and by the ISCA Class Rules.

- 1.1. The following are the only prescriptions of US SAILING that will apply: the prescription to RRS 61.4 (no fees for protests), the prescription to RRS67 (results of jury are not liability decisions), and the prescription to RRS 76.1 (non-discrimination).

The prescriptions are contained in their entirety at:

https://www.sunfishclass.org/documents/2017-2020_US_Prescriptions_-_final_10.4.2016.pdf

- 1.2. If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.
- 1.3. This event will qualify the top 3 nations (non-previously qualified) to compete at the Pan American Games – Lima 2019, in the Single-handed Open Sailing Event. Requirements of the Qualification System as defined by the Pan American Sailing Federation (PASAF) are applicable.
- 1.4. A competitor may qualify a country for the 2019 Pan American Games only when eligible to represent that country under IOC rules, and that the IOC Nationality rules shall apply to all members of the crew.
- 1.5. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes of the first boat to finish will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes Rules 35, A4 and A5.
- 1.6. Rules A4 and A5 will be changed to state that a boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start.
- 1.7. All competitor's attention is drawn to the US Federal Law Title 33, Subpart B Personal Floatation Devices that may be enforced by local or federal law enforcement agencies, which requires that while practicing for or racing in competition, each boat must carry for each competitor aboard, either a US Coast Guard-approved flotation device, or a flotation device that conforms to regulations of their own country. Failure by a competitor to heed this advice is not a protestable item.

2. ADVERTISING

The Organizing Authority may require all participating boats to display the event sponsor's advertising in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 Each competitor shall be a 2018 member of his/her respective country's Class Association affiliated with ISCA.

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- 3.2 Sailors not reaching the age of 19 by the end of 2018 shall be classified as a Youth.
- 3.3 Sailors reaching the age of 40 by the first day of the regatta shall be classified as a Master.
- 3.4 Eligible boats may enter by paying the entry fee and completing and submitting the Official Registration and Entry Forms by March 21, 2018. The Official Registration and Entry Forms are available at www.panamacityregatta.com. Online registration is strongly encouraged for this event, but in the case where that is not possible, a copy of the Registration Form is attached hereto as Addendum 1. Payment of the entry fee may be submitted online or can be mailed to St. Andrews Bay Yacht Club, Attn: 2018 USSCA National Championship at Midwinters, 218 Bunkers Cove Road, Panama City, Florida 32401. Competitors are not considered registered until all completed Official Registration and Entry Forms and entry fees are submitted to the Organizing Authority. Late entries may be (but are not required to be) accepted under the following conditions: Only when submitted in person and accepted in the sole and unfettered discretion of the Organizing Authority after explanation by the competitor of any extenuating circumstances to be considered.
- 3.5 The following Entry Form documents shall be provided at the time of on-site Check-In or electronically prior thereto emailed to panamacityregatta@gmail.com:
 - 3.5.1 Completed Liability Release signed by the competitor, and in the case of any competitor under the age of 18 years of age, additionally signed by the competitor's parent or legal guardian (see Official Registration and Entry Forms at www.panamacityregatta.com, and also available at on site Check-In).
 - 3.5.2 Completed Depiction Release signed by the competitor, and in the case of any competitor under the age of 18 years of age, additionally signed by the competitor's parent or legal guardian (see Official Registration and Entry Forms at www.panamacityregatta.com, and also available at on site Check-In).
 - 3.5.3 In the case of a competitor under the age of 18 years of age, a completed and notarized Medical Authorization (see Official Registration and Entry Forms at www.panamacityregatta.com) signed by the competitor's parent or legal guardian.

4. ENTRY FEES

- 4.1 **Entry Fee:** \$160 if paid on or before March 6, 2018, and \$180 if paid on or after March 7, 2018.
- 4.2 Registration fee includes as a minimum: Regatta T-shirt, hors d'oeuvres at Wednesday's Welcome Party, Complimentary PB&J Bar (a make your own PB&J sandwich station with supplies) for each race day, After Racing Refreshments on Thursday and on Saturday, and Friday's Regatta Banquet dinner.
- 4.3 Registration fees are in US Dollars and shall be free of any transfer and/or banking costs and/or commissions. Any charge shall be reimbursed by competitors to complete their entries.
- 4.4 If an entry is cancelled by the competitor, a percentage of the entry fee less \$15 (retained to cover administrative fees and costs) will be refunded as follows:
 - 4.4.1 If cancelled on or before March 6, 2018: 100%
 - 4.4.2 If cancelled after March 6, 2018: 0%
 - 4.4.3 To be effective, a cancellation must be in writing and received and acknowledged in writing by the Organizing Authority.

5. SCHEDULE

The Final Racing Schedule and Social Calendar will be available at on site Check-In. The Tentative Racing and Social Calendar for the regatta is:

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**Wednesday March 21**

- 10:00 Hrs. – 13:00 Hrs.: Registration Check-In (Sailing Center Building)
- 14:00 Hrs.: Practice Starts/Practice Race
- 17:00 Hrs. Opening Ceremony/Welcome Party* hors d'oeuvres (Back Deck and Lounge)
- *Check-In also available during the Welcome Party from 17:00 Hrs. to 19:00 Hrs.

Thursday March 22

- 09:30 Hrs: Complimentary PB&J Bar Opens (beside Back Deck)
- 09:30 Hrs.: Skipper's Meeting (Back Deck)
- 11:25 Hrs.: First Warning
- After Racing Refreshments (on the Lawn)

Friday March 23

- 09:00 Hrs.: Complimentary PB&J Bar Opens (beside Back Deck)
- 10:55 Hrs.: First Warning
- 18:00 Hrs: Regatta Banquet (Upstairs Ballroom)

Saturday March 24

- 09:00 Hrs.: Complimentary PB&J Bar Opens (beside Back Deck)
- 10:55 Hrs.: First Warning
- After Racing Refreshments (on the Lawn)
- Awards Presentations as soon as possible following conclusion of racing (on the Lawn)

Multiple back to back races will be sailed each day with lunch on the water.
On Saturday, March 24, no warning signal will be made after 14:00 hours.

6. MEASUREMENT

Boats and equipment must be compliant with current ISCA rules. Boats may be selected for re-measurement at any time during the regatta by the ISCA Chief Measurer, or an appointed representative.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available at check-in for the regatta.

8. VENUE

The regatta venue will be St. Andrews Bay Yacht Club, Panama City, FL. Racing will be in the waters of St. Andrews Bay.

9. THE COURSES

The courses will be windward – leeward, triangles, or combinations thereof.

10. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 10.1 Appendix P will apply.
- 10.2 If a judge witnesses an incident in which a boat protests another boat (hails "protest" at the first reasonable opportunity) as a result of the incident, and no boat takes a penalty, the judge may signal to impose a penalty by displaying a red flag with one long sound signal and hailing the sail number(s) of the boat(s) penalized. A boat so penalized by a judge shall take a penalty

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per RRS 44.2. If she fails to take it, she shall be disqualified without a hearing.

10.3 A boat involved in an incident where a judge signals under NOR 10.2 is not entitled to a hearing. This changes RRS 60, 61, 62, 63, 64.1, 65 and 66.

10.4 Decisions of the International Jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.

11. SCORING

11.1 The Low Point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A2, shall apply.

11.2 One (1) race is required to constitute a series.

11.3 A maximum of eleven (11) races will be sailed.

11.4 When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

11.5 When six (6) to eleven (11) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst race.

12. SUPPORT BOATS

12.1 The organizing authority will not provide support boats.

12.2 Support boats include those carrying team leaders, coaches and other personnel that interact with competitors.

12.3 Coach/support boats must register prior to the first competitor's meeting on the first day of racing with the Organizing Authority and fly a yellow flag with a number provided by the Organizing Authority at all times while on the water. Coach/support boats shall carry a working VHF radio and monitor the race.

12.4 Support boats shall stay outside the racing area from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment. The racing area is defined as no less than 100 meters from any boats that are racing and outside the laylines from the marks defining the course.

12.5 Support boats shall remain 50 meters below the starting line between the preparatory and starting signals. After the starting signal, they may only proceed to the windward mark up the left side of the course and must return to the leeward mark via the same side. At the finish line, they must remain 100 meters to windward of the extensions of the finish line.

12.6 If a support boat does not comply with applicable rules, restrictions and/or instructions, a discretionary penalty may be applied by the International Jury to some or all associated competitors and may include restrictions on the movement of their support boat.

12.7 Support boats may be required to act as safety boats upon instruction from a race official.

13. PRESS / PHOTOGRAPHY BOATS

13.1 Press or photography boats may be supplied or authorized by the organizing authority.

13.2 Press or photography boats shall be marked with a flag with a letter "P".

13.3 Press/photography boats shall stay outside the laylines to the marks defining the course while boats are racing and shall not maneuver so as to interfere with or influence boats racing.

13.4 Press/photography boats shall obey instructions related to boat positioning or operations from on-the-water race officials.

14. BERTHING

Boats shall be kept at the regatta site and in spots assigned by the organizing authority.

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15. PRIZES

Prizes will be given as follows:

- a) Top ten finishers
- b) Highest placed Female finisher (if the top finisher is male) or the highest placed Male finisher (if the top finisher is Female)
- c) Highest placed Youth
- d) Highest placed Master (40+)

16. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

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.

17. INSURANCE

The organizing authority recommends that each competitor shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance.

18. LODGING / TRANSPORTATION

Information regarding lodging, transportation, weather conditions and charter boats is available at www.panamacityregatta.com.

19. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact:

Event Co-Chair: Chris Reiss Ph: 850-774-6671 Email: reisshome@gmail.com	Event Co-Chair: William Zehner Ph: 850-628-4047 Email: expressgator@knology.net	StABYC Waterfront Director: Ph: 850-769-2453 Email: waterfront@stabyc.com
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Addendum 1

2018 USSCA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP AT MIDWINTERS

ENTRY FORM

NAME _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____

SEX _____ YACHT CLUB _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

COUNTRY _____

PHONE _____

E-MAIL (to confirm receipt of entry) _____

SHIRT SIZE _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT NAME _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT PHONE _____

ENTRY FEE

\$ 160

\$ 180 LATE FEE (After March 6, 2018)

Make check payable to: St. Andrews Bay Yacht Club

Mail check and Entry Form to: Atn. 2018 USSCA National Championship at Midwinters. 218 Bunkers Cove Rd, Panama City, FL 32401

****If entrant is Under 18 years old at the time of this entry, a parent or guardian must also agree to the Liability Release**

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

COUNTRY _____

PHONE _____ E-MAIL _____

SIGNATURE _____

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