



## **Notice Of Race: FSA Florida State Optimist Championship April 14-15, 2007**

### **Coconut Grove Sailing Club**

#### **1 Rules**

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS). The prescriptions of US Sailing Association, the 2006 International Optimist Dinghy Association class rules as amended and this Notice of Race, except as modified by the Sailing Instructions.

1.2 The organizing authority is the Coconut Grove Sailing Club (CGSC). The event will be held at the Coconut Grove Sailing Club, 2990 S. Bayshore Drive, Miami, Florida 33133.

#### **2 Eligibility and Entry**

International Optimist Dinghies may enter by completing registration with the organizing authority. There will be no Green Fleet. There will be a Gold and Silver Fleet.

#### **3 Disclaimer of Liability - Risk**

Parents/guardians are responsible for the safety of each sailor, which means they must make the decision on whether or not their sailor(s) can handle the conditions at the beginning of each day. Once afloat, each competitor will accept responsibility and decide whether he/she is able to continue racing if conditions deteriorate. The competitor and their parents/guardian will accept full responsibility for all their actions related to this event (both on and off the water). 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.

#### **4 Format of Regatta**

- 4.1 Two racing divisions will be offered, a GOLD DIVISION and a SILVER DIVISION. The GOLD Division is for more advanced sailors. It is likely this division will be sailed in tough and windy conditions. The SILVER Division is for less experienced sailors. This Division may not race in some conditions, even though the Gold Division may race.
- 4.2 Competitors must designate either Gold Division or Silver Division on the Registration Entry Form. No division changes after the initial Skippers Meeting.
- 4.3 RRS Appendix P will apply.

## **5 Schedule of Events**

### ***Friday, April 13, 2007***

1700-2000 Check-in and coach/support registration available.

### ***Saturday April 14, 2007***

730-0900: Check-in and coach/support registration. Continental Breakfast.

0900 Skippers Meeting and Safety Meeting

0945: Harbor Start Gold Division

1000: Harbor Start Silver Division

1100 First warning signal, races to follow, lunch on water

BBQ Dinner served after racing. Additional tickets available at Check-in.

### ***Sunday, April 15, 2007***

0730-0845: Continental Breakfast

0845: Harbor Start Gold Division

0900: Harbor Start Silver Division

1000: First warning signal, races to follow, lunch on water

Awards to follow ASAP after last race.

No race shall start after 1400 on Sunday.

## **6 Advance Registration**

Competitors may register in two ways:

(a) Preferred – by completing On-line Registration Entry at

[www.regattaprocessing.com/CGSC/fsaoptichamps07](http://www.regattaprocessing.com/CGSC/fsaoptichamps07)

(b) by completing the Registration Entry Form and sending it with appropriate fees to:

Coconut Grove Sailing Club

Attn: Sailing Director

2990 S. Bayshore Drive

Miami, FL 33133

All Registration Forms must be received by CGSC no later than April 7, 2007 (late registration will be accepted online until Thursday April 12, 2007). On-line registration is deemed at received time of submission.

All competitors must check in at Coconut Grove Sailing Club and submit original medical and release forms. Coach/support boats must register.

## **7 Fees**

7.1 Registration fee is \$85 USD if received by April 7, 2007 (online late registration is available until April 12, 2007 for additional \$15 fee). On-line registration allows credit cards and PayPal. Checks should be made to Coconut Gove Sailing Club.

7.2 The entry fee includes continental breakfast and lunch both days for competitors, one dinner and a regatta souvenir.

## **8 Sailing Instructions**

Sailing Instructions will be available at Check-in and will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

## **9 Courses & Racing Area**

9.1 The race committee will select courses based on conditions.

9.2 There will be separate courses for the Gold and Silver Divisions. The racing area for the Gold Division will be Biscayne Bay approximately 2.5 miles SSE of the Coconut Gove Sailing Club Channel. The Racing area for the Silver Division will be Biscayne Bay approximately 1.5 miles ESE of Coconut Grove Sailing Club channel.

## **10 Scoring**

10.1 Low Point Scoring System, Appendix A2, will be used except as modified below.

10.2 There will be one throw out when six or more races are completed.

## **11 Protests**

11.1 A boat intending to protest must fly a protest flag in accordance with 61.1(a). This changes RRS 61.1(a)(2).

11.2 A boat intending to file a protest for an incident must inform the race committee finish boat immediately after finishing. This amends RRS 61.1.

## **12 Personal Buoyancy**

Each competitor must wear adequate buoyancy, properly secured at all times, from dock to dock.

## **13 Safety - Communications**

13.1 There will be a safety briefing as part of the Mandatory Skippers Meeting on Saturday morning for all competitors and registered coach/support boats.

13.2 Each designated coach/support boat will be limited to seven sailors.

Competitors without a designated coach/support boat will notify the Race Committee at Check In and may be assigned (depending on availability) a support boat.

13.3 No competitors may make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communication not available to all boats. This restriction applies to mobile telephones. All coach/support boats must register, carry a functioning VHF radio, and respond to hails and requests by the Race Committee. Failure of a coach/support boat to comply with these procedures could result in disqualification of designated competitors. Coach/support boats will be launched at nearby Seminole Dock municipal boat ramp (immediately north of CGSC). For information regarding coach/support boats, please contact Nick Mansbach Sailing Director of CGSC, at 305-444-4571.

## **14 Trophies**

Trophies will be awarded to the top 5 finishers in each fleet in both divisions.

## **15 Administrative**

Competitors will be welcome at the Coconut Grove Sailing Club during the afternoon of April 13 beginning no sooner than 1400. Competitors wishing to arrive earlier may be subject to a nominal launching/storage fee and should make the arrangements directly with the Sailing Director at the Coconut Grove Sailing Club

## **16 Further Information**

For Regatta Information contact: Nick Mansbach, CGSC Sailing Director, [sailingdirector@cgsc.org](mailto:sailingdirector@cgsc.org), 305-444-4571 ext 11.

## **17 Trailers, Parking: Hotels**

Please check [www.cgsc.org](http://www.cgsc.org) for information on loading, unloading, trailer and parking information. All cars and trailers will be stored off-site (but within walking distance). Nearby hotels are listed on the website.