



NOTICE OF RACE

2.4 Meter US National Championships
United States 2.4mR Class
Port Charlotte, Florida USA
December 8 - 9, 2012

1. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

The US 2.4mR Class Association, Charlotte Harbor Yacht Club, and the Punta Gorda Sailing Club.

2. RULES

- 2.1 The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 2.2 Sail changes will be permitted between races. However, no sail changes will be permitted between the first warning signal for a race and the start of that race.
- 2.3 Where the Notice of Race conflicts with the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing instructions shall apply.

3. ADVERTISING

- 3.1 Advertising is restricted per ISAF Regulation 20.2.1 and Table 1 to Event Advertising only.
- 3.2 Boats will be required to display the advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the International 2.4mR Class. All participants shall be current members of their National Class Association or a "temporary" member of the U.S. 2.4mR Class Association for this regatta only. All US competitors must be current members of US Sailing. Entrants can also be a member of the ICA if their country has no NCA.
- 4.2 Eligible boats may register on line at <http://www.regattatech.com/events/CHYC/24mRUS12> or by contacting Martin Holland at sailingpg7@gmail.com or 941-286-0722 by Nov. 16, 2012.
- 4.3 Registration is open from 1600 - 1800 hours December 7, 2012. Late entries will be accepted from 0730 until 0830 hours on December 8, 2012 with an additional fee.
- 4.4 A boat is not registered until its regatta fee is paid and proof of insurance is confirmed.
- 4.5 All boats shall have valid measurement certificates available or on file with the US 2.4mR Class before its registration is complete.

5. REQUIRED FEES

5.1 Entry Fees: Entry: \$100.00 USD

Late entry fee \$ 25.00 USD

5.3 Payment of all fees is preferred through

<http://www.regattatech.com/events/CHYC/24mRUS12>

Payment may also be made in U.S. Dollars, in Travelers Checks, or Checks drawn on a U.S. bank. Make checks payable to Charlotte Harbor Yacht Club.

5.3 Other Fees: Temporary US 2.4mR Membership \$25.00 USD, paid to US 2.4mR Class. Required if not a member of competitor's NCA.

6. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

6.1 One Design Measurement – Friday, 12/07/2012. The Class Measurer will be available to measure boats for OD certification.

6.2 Registration (**Onsite registration required**): Friday, 12/7/12, 1600 - 1800 Hours.

6.3 Launching will be allowed Friday at 1400 – 1800 hours and Saturday 0730 - 0900

6.4 Competitors meeting: 0845 hours 12/8/2012

6.5 Scheduled time of warning signal and planned number of races

Date	Time of First Warning	# of Races Planned
Saturday 12/08/2012	1030 hours	4 races
Sunday 12/09/2012	1030 hours	4 races

No warning signal after 1500 hours on Thursday 12/09/2012

6.6 US 2.4mR US Class AGM, Saturday, 12/08/2012, 1800 hrs at Charlotte Harbor Yacht Club/

6.7 Social schedule (Competitors meals & Continual breakfast are included in registration fee)

Saturday: Continual Breakfast 0800, Dinner , Cash Bar, Additional dinners will be available for \$20.00 (includes Continual breakfast) 1700hrs - estimated

Sunday: Awards Ceremony after racing. Cash Bar available

7. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

7.1 Measurement checks and inspections may be made at any time at the discretion and direction of the Race Committee. Valid measurement certificates must be available or on file with the NCA.

7.2 Sails must have valid 2.4 class or sail-maker certification marks, or evidence of recent regatta measurement compliance.

7.3 The following items will be checked for compliance; towline, installed manual pump, bow fitting for rescue towing.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Preliminary sailing instructions will be available at <http://www.regattatech.com/events/CHYC/24mRUS12> and at www.us24meter.org by December 1, 2012. Final sailing instructions will be available at registration.

9. VENUE

The racing area will be Charlotte Harbor, south of Port Charlotte Yacht Club.

10. The Courses

The courses will be windward-leeward windward or a double windward-leeward with a race duration of approximately 45 to 90 minutes.

11. SCORING

11.1 The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A will apply.

11.2 There will be up to 8 races sailed, of which 3 are required to be completed to constitute the series.

11.3 When fewer than 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of all her race scores. When 6 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score

12. COMMUNICATION AND SUPPORT BOATS

12.1 VHF radios are recommended as the Race Committee may broadcast information on courses, premature starters, or safety instructions on Channel 68.

12.2 Support boats are allowed and shall be marked with a white flag on a staff.

13. BERTHING AND HAULOUT RESTRICTIONS

There will be no haul out restrictions.

14. PRIZES

Prizes will be given to the top three overall finishers.

15. 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 or during, or after the regatta.

16. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of US\$300,000 per occurrence or the equivalent.

17. FURTHER INFORMATION

17.1 For regatta information contact Martin Holland at sailingpg7@gmail.com

17.2 Hotel Information:

Days Inn Port Charlotte – 5.8 miles
1941 Tamiami Trail
Port Charlotte FL 33948
(941) 627-8900
<http://www.daysinnportcharlotte.com>

La Quinta Inn – 5.0 miles
812 Kings Highway
Port Charlotte FL 33980
(941) 976-4200
<http://www.lq.com>

PG Waterfront Hotel & Suite - 3.3 miles
300 Retta Esplanade
Punta Gorda, Florida 33950
(941) 639-1165
pgwaterfront.com

Four Points by Sheraton - 2.9 miles
33 Tamiami Trail
Punta Gorda, FL 33950
(941) 637-6700
<http://www.starwoodhotels.com/fourpoints/index.html>

Microtel Inn & Suites – 1.1 miles
4056 Tamiami Trail
Port Charlotte, FL 33952
(941) 624-6339
<http://www.microtelinn.com>

Knights Inn Port Charlotte – 1.1 miles
4100 Tamiami Trail
Port Charlotte, FL 33952
(941) 743-2442
<http://www.knightsinn.com>