

NOTICE OF RACE

Inaugural Mutineer 15 Midwinter Championship

March 9th- 11th, 2018

Mutineer 15 Class Association

Fleet 18

Tampa Sailing Squadron, 1250 Apollo Beach Blvd., Apollo Beach, FL

“MUTINEER MIDWINTERS”



Tampa Sailing Squadron (TSS) is the organizing authority (OA).

1. RULES

- 1.1 The Mutineer Midwinters will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 Certain rules may be changed and these changes will appear in full in the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.3 Amendments, if any, to this Notice of Race will be posted on RegattaTech and on the official bulletin board at TSS.

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Advertising shall be in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20. Racers may be required to display graphics on the side of their hulls; these graphics will be supplied by the OA.

3. ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the Mutineer 15 Class and racers that meet the requirements of the MCA Rules.
- 3.2 MCA Class membership is required for the helmsperson and dues must be current. To join, please go to the class website, www.mutineer15.org, to fill out a membership application and send it to the class treasurer. Class membership can be obtained or renewed onsite, but members are urged to ensure that membership is current before entry.

4. ENTRY/REGISTRATION

- 4.1 Before March 5, 2018, enter by visiting RegattaTech, following the link to the online registration site, and completing the registration with payment of the entry fee.
- 4.2 Entry by late registration is on-site on March 9th, 2018, from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and on March 10, 2018, from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m., by completing the registration with payment of the entry fee and a \$50 late fee.
- 4.3 The entry/registration deadline is 9 a.m. on March 10, 2018.

5. FEES

- 5.1 The entry fee is \$135. The entry fee includes 2 regatta shirts, 2 meals on Friday evening and 2 meals on Saturday evening, 2 awards party tickets on Sunday, and a swag bag of good stuff. A \$5.00 discount is available to current US Sailing Members who provide a copy of their card or their Member Number at registration.
- 5.2 A late fee of \$50 applies to registration on March 9th and March 10th, 2018.

- 5.2 Fees for other goods:
Regatta Shirts: short sleeve, cotton fabric with Mutineer emblem and year on the front and a regatta logo on the back (\$18 per shirt purchase price).

\$8 per extra ticket for the meal on Friday night.

\$10 per extra ticket for the meal on Saturday night. All are invited to the awards ceremony.

6. BOATS, SAILS AND EQUIPMENT MEASUREMENT

6.1 All boats are encouraged to apply for measuring on Friday, March 9, from 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. or before 9 a.m. on March 10, 2018. If boats apply for measurement after 9 a.m. on March 10, there is no guarantee that members of the measurement team will be available to carry out the measurement. Boats and sails inspected and measured at previous Mutineer National Championships since 2014 are exempted from inspection and measuring. Skippers must ensure that such boats and sails continue to comply with class standards. Any exceptions may result in disqualification from the regatta at the sole discretion of the OA.”

7. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, March 9, 2018

9 a.m. – 7:30 p.m. - On-site check-in, late registration, measure sails, inspect and weigh boats.

3 p.m. – TSS is organizing a “fun” practice sail/race. A separate SI will be issued for this from the main event.

6 p.m. - Dinner and Happy Hour (In keeping with MCA tradition, racers are asked to bring some of their favorite local beer or other refreshments to share with others at the Happy Hour. Keg provided by OA.)

Saturday, March 10, 2018

8 a.m. – 9 a.m - On-site check-in, late registration, measure sails, inspect and weigh boats.

9:30 a.m. – Skippers meeting.

11 a.m. – Warning signal for first race. Additional races follow. No race will start after 4 p.m.

4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. - Happy Hour (BYOB. Keg provided by OA.)

6 p.m. - Dinner.

Sunday, March, 11, 2018

9 a.m. - Warning signal for first race. Additional races follow. No race will start after 1 pm.

3 p.m. - Happy Hour (Dregs of the keg and other libations may be provided by OA.)

4 p.m. - Awards Party and Trophy Presentations.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

8.1 The Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be available at registration.

9. SCORING

9.1 A minimum of three completed races are required, per MCA Rules.

9.2 If five or more races are sailed, a boat’s worst score shall be discarded. If 10 or more races are sailed, a boat’s 2 worst scores shall be discarded. A maximum of 2 discards will be allowed.

9.3 Preliminary results will be announced and available daily. Final results will be posted after any protest hearings.

10. AWARDS

10.1 Awards will be given to skipper and crew for places 1 - 3 in both the Gold Fleet and Silver Fleet. The names of the winning Gold fleet skipper and crew will be engraved on the perpetual trophy and the winning skipper will be

in possession of the perpetual trophy until the 2019 Mutineer Midwinters. We will also have several more "special awards."

11. MISCELLANEOUS

11.1 This regatta is a "Clean Regatta." Racers are encouraged to use non-single use water bottles and recycle all appropriate items. Racers shall not intentionally put trash in the water.

11.2 Boats can be kept on their trailers in the designated parking area, beached on the shore or tied to the floating dock. A hoist and a ramp are available for launching.

11.3 Some free housing is available with OA members and local residents. Some OA members offer free berths aboard their boats to racers. RVs may hook up water and electricity but shall not pump out. Tent space is available. Hotels are within 15 miles. Laundries are within driving distance.

11.4 There is ample parking inside the gate and overflow parking across the street.

11.5 The TSS Clubhouse has showers, bathrooms, 2 futons, a carpeted area for sleeping bags and a kitchen. A charcoal grill is available.

11.6 Restaurants and grocery stores are within short driving distances and food delivery services are available. One "economy" restaurant with bar is across the street and another, higher priced, with bar is next door.

11.7 Beaches, parks and recreational opportunities are within short driving distances.

12. Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Racers in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other official or agent) will not be responsible or liable for any damage to any boat or other property or any personal injury or death of any participant, in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta. Each competitor agrees to participate entirely at his/her own risk and, to the fullest extent permitted by law, waives any rights to sue the race organizers and releases the race organizers from any and all liability, in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta.

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