

2003 USTRA Midwinters sponsored by Atlantis Weathergear

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January 6-8, 2003

Organizing Authority: USTRA and the United States Sailing Center of Martin County

Host: United States Sailing Center of Martin County

Sponsored by: USTRA

Preamble: This Notice of Race is provided by the USTRA to help host clubs run team racing events in a manner supported by the USTRA. It is also intended to make running a team racing event as easy as possible for a host club. Any comments, additions, or deletions should be communicated to the USTRA.

NOTICE OF RACE

1. **RULES** - The regatta will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), Appendix D, and the Sailing Instructions. In the event of a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, then the Sailing Instructions shall govern. The official language of this event is English.
2. **CLASS** – Boats will be BYOB Vanguard 15s.
3. **TEAM** - Each competing team shall consist of 1 skipper and 1 crew per boat with three boats per team. It is recommended, but not required, that a team contain members of both genders. This recommendation is often a requirement of subsequent events and is placed here to prevent future conflicts.
4. **ADVERTISING** - The regatta is classified as a Category A Event in accordance with Appendix 1, Regulation 20 – ISAF Advertising Code.
5. **REGISTRATION** – The registration deadline is January 3. Send completed entry fees to the host club address below. **Entries will not be accepted after 8:00 PM EST, January 3, 2003.**
6. **ENTRY FEES** - Entry Fee \$360/team. A penalty of \$45/team will be levied for all entries received after the deadline. The additional cost is meant to support the addition of umpires to the event.

7. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Monday	0800	Competitors Meeting
Monday	0930	Warning signal with subsequent races to follow
Tuesday	0930	Warning signal with subsequent races to follow
Tuesday	1800	Dinner
Wednesday	0930	Warning signal with subsequent races to follow
Wednesday	1530	No Start After
Wednesday	1600	Awards ASAP After Racing

8. **Host Club:**
United States Sailing Center of Martin County
1955 NE Indian River Drive
Jensen Beach, FL 34957
(772) 334-8085
- Regatta Chairperson:**
Hart Kelley
(Same)
(Same)
(Same)

9. **RACING AREA** – The racing will take place off the beach of the new USSC-MC sailing facility.
10. **HOUSING** – Housing is not provided, but a list of available accommodations is available from <http://www.usscmc.org>. Additionally, there are nearby campgrounds.
11. **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS** – USTRA Standard Sailing Instructions will be used.
12. **FORMAT** - Subject to wind and weather conditions, the intended format is Round Robin(s), followed by a championship round.
13. **COURSES** – USTRA Standard Courses will be used, which are available at <http://www.ustr.org/Runrace>
14. **SCORING** - In accordance with Appendix D, except as modified by the Sailing Instructions.
15. **MINIMUM CREW WEIGHT**
 - 15.1. The combined weight of the entire six person team shall not be less than 870 pounds. The team shall carry penalty weight if the combined weight fails to meet the minimum. Penalty weight will be one pound of corrector for each pound of weight less than 870 pounds. Penalty weights shall be distributed amongst the boats of a team so that boats with combined weight of skipper and crew less than 290 pounds carry the penalty weights. The jury, on request, may approve a more equitable distribution.
 - 15.2. Providing penalty corrector weights shall be the responsibility of the competitors. Only water in sealed jugs or lead shall be acceptable. Competitors shall carry the penalty corrector weights in every race, from yacht to yacht, and shall secure them in the cockpit of each yacht.
 - 15.3. Competitors shall be weighed by the organizing authority at registration on the scale provided to determine combined weight. Competitors will be weighed in a light shirt, shorts and no shoes.
 - 15.4. Regatta officials will make spot checks during the regatta for compliance.
16. **PROTESTS** - Protests not settled between competitors will be settled via Umpiring as outlined at the Competitor's Meeting. In the event that a race is not umpired, any protests in that race will be heard on-shore by the umpires. Competitors are responsible for bringing a red and yellow flag per boat. Each flag must be at least 8 inches by 8 inches.
17. **LIFEJACKETS** - All competitors shall wear U.S. Coast Guard approved PFD's at all times while on the water.
18. **QUALIFICATION FOR SUBSEQUENT EVENTS** – The winner of this event will be awarded a berth in the 2003 US Sailing George R. Hinman Team Racing Championship. In order to be awarded the berth to the 2003 US Sailing George R. Hinman Championship, the winning team shall
 - ? Apply to the 2003 US Sailing George R. Hinman Team Racing Championship with:
 - ? Four of the six members on the winning team
 - ? Two of the three skippers on the winning team
 - ? The only event that need be specified on the team's resume is the 2003 Midwinters

Additionally, the winning team needs to meet all eligibility requirements for the 2003 US Sailing George R. Hinman Championship or risk forfeiting the berth. In the event the winning team cannot attend the 2003 US Sailing George R. Hinman Championship, has already qualified for the 2003 US Sailing George R. Hinman Championship, or forfeits their berth, their berth will not be awarded to the second, third, or subsequent finishers.