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Dear Competitors,

It has been decades since a Wayfarer International Regatta was held in the United States and a century since the last Global Pandemic ravaged the world. The 2022 Wayfarer International Regatta in Lake Eustis was on the calendar long before the present pandemic seared continents sending citizens of every country into retreat. It's an unfortunate coincidence.

In the two years since the pandemic emerged, we have learned to live with it: Soap and water, sanitizer, social distancing, masks, vaccination; hygiene and high tech, they work. The data suggests that we are much better off than we were two years ago, and if we are smart and careful, we can not only get back to work, but back to sailing.

By the end of the year, my wife (physician) and I will have attended 8 regattas. Races are scheduled, boats are rolling, and it feels fairly normal. If there is any awkwardness it is that no one is quite sure how strict or casual the COVID protocols will be at a particular event. It is a little like going to a formal dinner, spying the third fork, and watching to see how everyone else uses it, only to discover they don't know either. Social cues are not the standard.

The 2022 Wayfarer International Regatta in Lake Eustis will happen in accordance with what we have learned in the past two years, not in spite of it. Out or respect, courtesy, and an abundance of caution for all competitors who will have traveled hundreds to thousands of miles to compete, masks must be worn on the docks and in buildings, and it is requested that they be worn while on site. Vaccination status does not matter; Vaccination does not prevent infection. It is intended to mitigate symptoms. But masks can help prevent you from potentially spreading virus to competitors, friends, and loved ones.

Please see the attached Notice of Race (NOR) for the 2022 Wayfarer International Regatta at Lake Eustis. We are proud to hold the event and intend to make it an excellent regatta in all aspects. Our primary concern is to make competitors feel comfortable in attending the regatta understanding the commitment they have to make to get there. Please read section 4 carefully. We are posting the NOR now but the final decision to Go/No Go will be made on November 20th 2021, and will be based on number of boats registered. Please read section 14 in reference to COVID.

I look forward to meeting everyone in Florida, while enjoying the warmth of early Spring and the challenge of International Competition.

Kindest Regards to all,

Richard Johnson, Commodore, United States Wayfarer Association

Attachment: Notice of Race



October 5, 2021

Wayfarer International Championship 2022

Lake Eustis Sailing Club, Florida, USA

March 6–11, 2022

Notice of Race

The Organizing Authority is the Lake Eustis Sailing Club (LESC) in association with the US Wayfarer Association (USWA) and the Wayfarer International Committee (WIC).

1. RULES

This event is governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) and the Wayfarer International Class Rules

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be posted on the USWA website, uswayfarer.org, and on RegattaRegistration.com by February 1, 2022.

3. COMMUNICATION

3.1 The Official Notice Board is located near the entrance to the LESC clubhouse.

3.2 Each boat is encouraged to have a VHF radio on board.

3.3 On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio channel 72.

Note: OCS boats will not be notified by VHF radio.

3.4 [DP] Except in an emergency, a competitor shall neither make radio or mobile telephone transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. Only the Designated Class Representative is allowed to communicate with the Principal Race Officer.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the Wayfarer Class entered by paid up members of a Wayfarer National Class Association.

4.2 Boats shall enter in either the Spinnaker Fleet (Gold) or the Main and Jib Fleet (Silver). Both Fleets will start together.

4.3 Eligible boats must enter by completing the online entry form at RegattaRegistration.com which will be open on October 7, 2021. Once registered, the LESC Treasurer will e-mail an invoice to entrants with payment instructions. Early entry invoices will be sent out November 20, 2021.

4.4 Due to some uncertainty of the future effects of COVID 19, a Go-no-Go decision will be made November 20th prior to any entry fee invoices being sent out.

5. FEES

5.1 The entry fee, to be paid by the end of the day of February 15, 2022 will be \$275 USD. An additional \$50 USD will be added to the invoice for North American participant registrations received after that time. Online registration will close at 5:00 PM on March 1, 2022.

The registration fee includes tickets for skipper and crew to the Welcome Italian Dinner, A Southern Barbeque Dinner and the Prize Giving/Reception and any after race socials. A continental breakfast and bag lunch will be provided on race days. Guest tickets for any of the dinners can also be purchased online until close of registration.

5.2 Sailors registering prior to November 20, 2021, with entry fee invoice paid by November 27 will be entered into a prize giving raffle with tickets being drawn on November 28, 2021. Top prizes are Hartley boat covers.

6. SCHEDULE

6.1 The clubhouse will be open to receive competitors from 9 AM on Saturday March 5. If you wish to arrive earlier, send an email to Fleet Captain, Dave Hepting at hepting.david@gmail.com.

Date	Races and Events	Time
Saturday, March 5	Club open for arrivals	9 AM - 6 PM
Sunday, March 6	Check In and Measurement	9 AM - 6 PM
Monday, March 7	Competitors' Meeting Practice Race Races 1 and 2 Welcome Italian Supper	9 AM Warning Signal 10:30 AM Warning signal 12 PM 6 PM
Tuesday, March 8	Races 3,4 and 5 CWA After Sail Social	Warning signal 10 AM After boats are in.
Wednesday, March 9	Races 6,7 and 8 Southern Barbeque Night	Warning signal 10 AM 6 PM
Thursday, March 10	Races 9 and 10	Warning signal 10 AM
Friday, March 11	Race 11 Prize Giving / Reception	Warning Signal 10 AM 5 PM

6.2 Except when races are sailed back-to-back, the time of the warning signal for subsequent races will be posted on the RC signal board.

6.3 No warning signal shall be made after 1:30 PM on Friday, March 11.

6.4 Up to eleven races may be held within the available time.

6.5 It is the intent to sail no more than three races in any one day, although the Race Committee has the option to sail a fourth race if weather and forecast conditions warrant such an action.

7. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

7.1 [DP] Equipment inspection, including hull and sail measurements and weighing of boats, may take place during the event.

7.2 [DP] All entries can only have two suits of sails approved for this event.

8. COURSES

The course will be a triangle/windward-leeward with a windward finish.

9. SCORING

9.1 The Low Point System in Appendix A will be used. One completed race will constitute a series. Ties for first place in the Championship will be broken.

9.2 Excluded scores:

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

.....(b) When five to seven races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

.....(c) When eight or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

9.3 The Spinnaker (Gold) Fleet and the Main and Jib (Silver) Fleets will be scored independently with the boat's score being recorded as its finishing position within its own Fleet. The race scores for each race, irrespective of Fleet, will be used to determine the winner of any trophy that is not Fleet specific. The winner of the Gold Fleet will receive the Wayfarer International Championship Trophy.

9.4 RRS Rule A5.3 will apply for this event.

10. RISK STATEMENT

10.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk (see RRS 3, 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.

10.2 Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

(a) He/she is aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, his/her crew and his/her boat to such inherent risk while taking part in the event.

(b) He/she is responsible for the safety of himself/herself, his/her crew, his/her boat and his/her other property whether afloat or ashore.

(c) He/she accepts responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by his/her own actions or omissions.

(d) His/her boat is in good order and equipped to sail in the event and that he/she is fit to participate.

(e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organizer does not relieve him/her of his/her own responsibilities.

(f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can practically be provided in the circumstances.

(g) The safety of crew will at all times take precedence over equipment.

(h) [DP] All boats must carry a tow line of not less than 30 feet and not less than 3mm in diameter and competitors must wear adequate exposure protection and have a PFD with an attached whistle.

11. INSURANCE

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

12. PRIZES

12.1 Prizes will be awarded to the top five boats in both Gold and Silver Fleets. The winner of the Gold Fleet will receive the Wayfarer International Championship Trophy.

12.2 Eight Perpetual trophies will be presented to the winners of each of the first eight series races sailed.

12.3 Additional perpetual trophies to be presented with combined scoring of the Fleets:

- Bacardi Trophy – Top CWA Finisher

- Anamcara Trophy – Top Lady Helm

12.4 Additional keeper trophies

- Classic Wayfarer Trophy – 1st non-Mark IV finisher

- Old Salt – Top Skipper Age 70 or older

- Sailing Master – Top Skipper Aged 60 -69

- Youngest Team

- Most Senior Team

13. FURTHER INFORMATION

See USWA and LESC websites at uswayfarer.org and lakeeustissailingclub.org or contact:

Jim Heffernan, Honorary Commodore

Transatlantic competitors that wish to stay with a local family should send a request to Jim Heffernan stating their requirements at jheffernan@nc.rr.com

14. COVID 19 RESTRICTIONS

14.1 All individuals must wear a mask when in the LESC club house and while on the docks and maintain social distancing at all times.

14.2 It is advised and requested out of courtesy and respect for competitors who have crossed the Atlantic and or the continent to race at Lake Eustis that masks be worn at all times on the property regardless of vaccination status.

14.3 The current CDC / Federal / State guidelines will prevail whilst on LESC property.