

December 28, 2011

ICSA Semi-finals 2012 Miami Update

As of this writing all of the logistics in regard to hosting a great event are in place and ready to go, and our volunteer base in Miami is really excited about hosting. Unfortunately, the sponsorship or financial support from the VOR-MIA to purchase or cover transport of the required fleets and sails as originally promised has still not materialized. A minimum of \$20k of additional funds or in-kind gifts above the entry fees is needed to host the event. Due to non-compete rules with sponsors of the international VOR event (VOLVO, PUMA, DHL, ect.) we have found it nearly impossible to execute sponsorship agreements e.g. no cars companies, sports apparel, shipping or logistics. A letter was sent to the VOR-MIA Board of directors on December 9th asking for a written guarantee, by December 25th, to provide financial support for transport of the fleet, landside tent/infrastructure, and required dock space. To date we have received only verbal confirmation of the dock space and told they are still hopeful a sponsor will be found. I will not be present at the winter meeting but can be reached by my cell phone or could call in if there are questions. Kay 305-962-3069.

Confirmed Logistics:

Regatta Chair: Kay Kilpatrick UMiami

PRO: Peter Commette with a large support team of local active racers. Peter will attend Navy Spring Co-ed intersectional for ICSA PRO training.

Head Judge; Pat Healy + 7 others

Scoring Chair: Dylan Paez plus a team of UM students

Boats: A fleet of 18 boats from USF, a partial fleet of 15 boats from Ransom High School, and 4 additional boats that match the Ransom fleet located at Georgetown University. College of Charleston and USF will each respectively provide sets of 18 new sails. Boats will be staged at Miami Yacht club on Watson Island and brought to the venue on Friday night for overnight storage on the rotation docks during the event.

Sites Permits: Coast Guard permits have been approved to sail in the Port of Miami turning basin or the waters off of Pace Park (between the Julia Tuttle and Venitian causeways should the wind be from the west).

Photo and Communications: John Payne

Hotels: Continental Travel has blocked group discounted rooms and will handle team reservations and out of town judge accommodations. Hotels are within walking distance or along the metro rail, teams should not need to rent vehicles. There are several municipal parking garages with in a few blocks of the venue.

RC Boats (8) and all equipment: confirmed and reserved

Tents: 1 for registration, 1 for secure gear storage, 1 for spectators on seawall

Portable trailer with A/C for jury and scoring

Continental breakfast: Saturday and Sunday

Dinner Saturday night: Cuban dinner on site Saturday and tickets for the concert on the village center stage sponsored by Sony Music (Sony Artists TBA).