

Sarasota Youth Sailing and Sarasota Sailing Squadron

Organizing Authority

And the

US Formula 16 Class Association

present



2015 United States F16 National Championship Regatta

and the

F18 Invitational Regatta

October 29 - November 1, 2015



Notice of Race

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing
- 1.2. The International Formula 16 and F18 Catamaran Class Rules will apply.
- 1.3. In the event there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.
- 1.4. Competitors will be required to wear a properly fastened non-inflatable PFD acceptable by their country of residence at all times while on the water.

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1. Advertising shall conform to the current ISAF Regulation 20 and the Class Rules.
- 2.2. Boats may be required to display bow numbers and advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1. The regatta is open to boats conforming to the Formula 16 and Formula 18 Class Rules.
- 3.2. Each competitor shall be a member of their respective national or continental Formula 16 and Formula 18 class association and shall have their entry endorsed by their respective national or continental class association.
- 3.3. All competitors shall meet the requirements of ISAF Regulation 19, which requires that all competitors (helm and crew) shall be members of their Member National Authority or one of its affiliated organizations. The Yacht Club or organization name and membership details shall be stated on the entry form.
- 3.4. Eligible boats may enter by completing the online entry form at <http://www.regattanetwork.com> and paying the required fee by October 10, 2015.
- 3.5. Late entries will be accepted if accompanied by the late entry fee until October 26, 2015. Thereafter entries may only be made in person during on-site registration (see NOR 5.2).
- 3.6. The following documents shall be provided at the time of registration:
 - 3.6.1. Copy of the insurance certificate including the terms of insurance.
 - 3.6.2. Proof of class membership is required only for overseas competitors as per NOR 3.2.
 - 3.6.3. Proof of age for Master Competitors (see NOR 15.3).
 - 3.6.4. Proof of age for Junior Competitors (see NOR 15.4).
- 3.7. Only boats having completed all registration requirements will be allowed to compete.

4. FEES

- 4.1. The entry fee shall be US\$300.00 for double-handed boat and \$175 for singlehanded boat
- 4.2. Late entries received after October 10, 2015 will be charged US\$400 and \$225 respectively per boat.
- 4.3. If an entry is cancelled by the competitor, the entry fee will be refunded as follows:

Cancellation date	Entry fee refund
Until September 15th	100% less US\$10
From September 15th to October 25th	50% less US\$10
After October 25th	0%

5. SCHEDULE

5.1. Registration

Registration		
28 October	Wednesday	From 1600 To 2000
29 October	Thursday	From 0800 To 1000

5.2. Social Schedule

Preliminary Social Schedule			
29 October	Thursday	1000	Opening ceremony and competitors' meeting
30 October	Friday	1600	tbd
31 October	Saturday	1800	Halloween Party and Dinner
1 November	Sunday	1400	No races after this time. Closing ceremony to follow

5.3. Dates of Racing

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28 October	Wednesday	1500	Practice Races
29 October	Thursday	1130	Warning signal first race of Day 1
30 October	Friday	1100	Warning signal first race of Day 2
31 October	Saturday	1100	Warning signal first race of Day 3
1 November	Sunday	1030	Warning signal first race of Day 4

- 5.3.1. A maximum of 16 races are scheduled.
- 5.3.2. A maximum of four (4) races per day.
- 5.3.3. Boats can arrive at the Sarasota Sailing Squadron beginning Monday October 26 without any charge.

6. MEASUREMENT

- 6.1. Sails shall have a full sail number and national letter in accordance with the RRS Class Rules and Appendix G.
- 6.2. All boats must comply with class rules. The organizing authority may at its discretion require boats to be measured to confirm compliance before or during the regatta.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 7.1. Final Sailing Instructions will be available at Registration.
- 7.2. Preliminary Sailing Instructions will be available on the event website on or before September 25 2015.

8. VENUE

8.1 Races will be held in the waters of Sarasota Bay and the Gulf of Mexico.

9. THE COURSES

9.1. A windward-leeward course will be used.

10. PENALTY SYSTEM

10.1. RRS Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

10.2. Failure of a boat to present a measurement certificate shall not be protestable by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

11. SCORING

11.1. Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

11.2. When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

11.3. When from 5 to 10 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

11.4. When 11 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

12. SUPPORT/COACH/SPECTATOR BOATS

12.1. Support/coach/spectator boats shall register with the Race Office during the registration period.

12.2. The fee for support boat registration shall be US\$50 which includes mooring/dockage.

12.3. A unique registration number will be assigned to each support boat. The registration number shall be visible at all times while on the water.

12.4. Support boats shall display their national letters on a flag or outboard covers.

12.5. Rules governing the conduct of support/coach/spectator boats will be in the Sailing Instructions.

13. BERTHING

Boats shall be stored overnight on the grounds of the Sarasota Sailing Squadron. Security will be provided during the regatta. No boat may be stored overnight outside of the grounds of Sarasota Sailing Squadron without prior permission of the Regatta Chair.

14. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

15. PRIZES

Prizes will be given as follows:

15.1. The 2015 Formula 16 National Champion will be awarded to the winner.

15.2. The 2015 Formula 16 National Master Champion will be awarded to an entry where the sum of the helm's age plus the crew's age shall be greater than or equal to 85 on the first day of the event.

15.3. The 2015 Formula 16 National Juniors Champion will be awarded to an entry with both helm and crew aged 23 or younger on the first day of the event

15.4. Overall Prizes will be awarded subject to the number of entries; two divisions may be established (at the discretion of the Organizing Authority) if there are 80 or more entries, then prizes will be awarded in each division.

15.5. The 2015 Formula 16 Singlehanded National Championship will be awarded to the winner.

15.6. Other spot prizes may be awarded by the Organizing Authority.

16. RIGHT TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

By participating in the 2015 Formula 16 National Championship Regatta, a competitor automatically grants to the organizers and its sponsors the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time at their discretion, any motion pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of him or her during the period of the competition without compensation.

17. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 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, during, or after the regatta.

18. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with minimum coverage of US\$100,000.00 per event or the equivalent. Each boat shall have proof of insurance coverage and present it at time of Registration.

19. ACCOMODATIONS

RV's are welcome at the Sarasota Sailing Squadron as first come first serve basis for \$20 per night. Camping is also available on premise for a fee of \$10 per night. Both RV's and camping are limited. Please contact the Sarasota Sailing Squadron to reserve a spot at manager@sarasotasailingsquadron.org

Hotels:

Special group rate will be available in the following hotels. Reservations are under Formula 16 National Championship Regatta. The last they to book rooms is 10/07/2015.

Coquina On The Beach

1008 Ben Franklin Drive, Lido Beach, FL 34236

941-388-2141 – Toll Free 1-800-833-2141

Email: reservations@coquinaonthebeach.com

Website: www.coquinaonthebeach.com

All studio rooms offer 2 double beds with a full kitchen and a private patio or balcony. Rate for rooms in Patio Bldg. are \$105.00 and rooms on the Poolside Bldg. are \$125.00 plus 12% tax per night.

Marriott Courtyard

850 University Pkwy, Sarasota, FL 34234

941-355-3337

Double rooms include a mini-fridge, complimentary wireless Internet, coffee service in the room, hair dryers, toiletries, etc. Microwaves are available upon request. Rate per room is \$119.00 plus 12% tax per night.

Springhill Suites by Marriot Sarasota

1020 University Parkway, Sarasota, FL 34234

941-358-3385

King size suite and double bed suite rooms includes complimentary breakfast and wireless internet access. Rate per room is \$109 plus 12 % tax per night.

20. FURTHER INFORMATION

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