

Spring Kite Foil Regatta
May 13 Clinic/distance race, May 14-15 Course Racing
Option 1 Skyway Bridge, East side, Pinellas side or
Option 2 Pass-A-Grille Beach 22nd Ave
Sailing Instructions

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the Rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing including Appendix F - Kiteboard Racing Rules.
- 1.2 Only the following US SAILING prescriptions will apply: the prescriptions to Rules 67, 76.1, and rule 76.3.
- 1.3 Competitors must wear their bib while racing & life jackets
- 1.4 If there is a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions the SI's take precedence. This changes RRS 63.7.

2 ENTRY

- 2.1 Competitors shall complete online registration and check-in at the determined venue (Skyway or Pass-A-Grille Beach) on May 14, 2016 no later than 90 minutes prior to posted Sailors Meeting time. Registration and check-in after the deadline will be approved at the discretion of the Principal Race Officer.
- 2.2 Online registration can be found here <http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/12210>
- 2.3 The entry fee is \$75 (USD) with a \$20 late fee after May 12th
- 2.4 For competitors 18 and under the entry fee shall be \$50, with a \$20 late fee after May 12th
- 2.5 The Clinic entry fee shall be \$25

3 COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 A Competitors' Meeting will be held on Saturday May 14th & Sunday May 15th. Time/location depends on forecast. Notification will be posted by 1800 on Friday May 13th & Saturday May 14th online on the Facebook group and by email. There will also be a competitors meeting Friday evening at the Hooked at Kiteboarding shop.
- 3.2 Official Notices will be posted on the Official Regatta Notice Board located at the launch site
- 3.3 Questions regarding the Sailing Instructions may be submitted in writing to the Race Committee. Questions and written responses will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

4 CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted by 0800 hours on the day they take effect except any changes to the schedule will be posted by 1800 hours on the day before they take effect.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the beach.
- 5.2 When Flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 20 minutes'. Changes Race Signals.

6 FORMAT

- 6.1 Friday will be a Distance race and short clinic. Distance racecourse will be determined based on forecasted wind direction. It will most likely be 20-25 miles.
- 6.2 Saturday and Sunday will be course racing. All competitors will race in one fleet. We plan to run no more than 3 races in a row and no more than 6 races in a day.

7 CLASS FLAGS

The class flag will be announced at the competitors meeting. It will most likely be an "F" Flag – White with a red diamond

8 VENUE

The intended race area will be Tampa Bay near the Skyway Bridge Option 1. If a west wind is forecasted we might

move the venue to Pass-A-Grille Beach at 22nd Ave.- Option 2. Periodic announcements will be made leading up to the racing. A final announcement will be made at 1800 hours the night before racing.

9 COURSES & MARKS

Courses and marks are described in Attachment A – Official Description of Marks and Courses. The distance race will be described in the sailing instructions but will most likely be a race around navigational aids in Tampa Bay or near Pass a Grille beach.

10 RESTRICTED AREAS

10.1 While at Pass-A-Grille beach, competitors shall only kite in the swim zone when going to or from the racecourse.

10.2 The swim zones are defined as obstructions.

10.3 A competitor that breaks this rule may not correct her error per RRS 28.1 and shall retire. This changes RRS 28.1.

11 THE START

11.1 The Starting Line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Signal Boat and an inflatable mark set to port.

11.2 A competitor shall not start later than four minutes after her starting signal.

12 RECALLS

The Race Committee may hail the sail number or jersey color/number of the competitor(s) identified on the course side of the starting line after the starting signal by loud hailer. The failure of a hail, the failure of a competitor hearing the hail or the order of the hails shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

13 THE FINISH

The Finish Line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Signal Boat and an orange round mark set downwind of the committee boat.

14 TIME LIMIT FOR EACH RACE

The Time Limit for each race for the first boat to sail the course and finish is 30 minutes. A competitor still racing 15 minutes after the first finisher shall be scored "Time Limit Expired" (TLE) by the Race Committee. This changes rules 35, 63.1 and A5.

15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

15.1 Forms for Protests and requests for redress are available at the beach Jury Desk, located near the notice board.

15.2 Protest and requests for redress shall be filed with the Jury within 60 minutes of the docking time of the finish boat. This time limit may be posted on the Official Notice Board.

15.3 Infringements of Sailing Instructions 3, 18, shall not be grounds for protest by a competitor, but may result in action from the Jury and or Race Committee.

16 SCORING

Decisions of the jury will be final as provided in Rule 70.5.

18.1 Scoring will be according to the low point system in Appendix A of the Racing Rules

18.2 There will be only 1 discard race after 6 races. This amends Appendix A

18.3 1 race is required to be completed to constitute a regatta.

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS

There may be a check in, check out procedure. If so the following will apply:

17.1 Check-out: Each competitor shall check-out each time they leave the shore with Race Committee on-shore official.

17.2 Check-in: Each competitor shall check-in each time they return ashore by notifying in person a Race

Committee Beach on-shore official. Check-in must be completed within 30 minutes of the Finish Boat docking time.

17.3 The penalty for infringement of the Safety System shall be 5 points added to the nearest race. The competitor's penalty score may be reduced to a 2-point penalty if" a) the competitor who has not checked-out reports to the Race Committee Signal Boat before the warning signal of the first start for her class b) the competitor who has not checked in reports to the Race Office before the end of the protest time for her class

18 EQUIPMENT AND EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

18.1 Competitors may be required to fill out equipment forms listing what kite and boards they plan to use.

18.2 Unless otherwise directed by the organizing authority, boards and equipment shall be launched and retrieved from the designated area at the event site.

19 DISPOSAL OF WASTE AND TRASH

No competitor shall discharge trash of any kind into the water. The penalty for a breach of this rule, which may include disqualification from a race, is at the discretion of the Protest Committee. This changes rules 60.1(a) and 64.1

20 PRIZES

Prizes may be awarded based on participation.

21 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See 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.

Attachment A – Official Description of Marks and Courses

