

**Fall Kite Foil Regatta**  
**November 4 2016, November 5-6 Course Racing**  
**Option 1 Skyway Bridge, East side, Pinellas side or**  
**Option 2 Pass-A-Grille Beach 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 SPYC PAG on November 4th, 2016 by 2000. 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 \$100 (USD) with a \$25 late fee after October 22nd
- 2.4 For competitors 18 and under the entry fee shall be \$75, with a \$25 late fee after October 22nd

**3 COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS**

- 3.1 A Competitors' Meeting will be held on Saturday November 5th & Sunday November 6th. Time/location depends on forecast. Notification will be posted by 1800 on Friday November 4th & Saturday November 5th online on the Facebook event page and by email. There will also be a competitors meeting and dinner Friday evening at the SPYC Pass-A-Grille clubhouse located at 2301 Pass a Grille Way, St Pete Beach, FL 33706. On Saturday there will be a dinner at Elite Watersports located at 4100 34th Street South, St. Petersburg, FL 33711.
- 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 foil demo. Try out different foils, try out different kites, get yourself warmed-up or just use the day to travel.
- 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 the wind is forecasted to have any

west component in it, we will most likely move the venue to Pass-A-Grille Beach at 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 color of the marks will be described at the competitors meeting.

#### 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 a 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 "Did Not Finish" (DNF) 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 shall be a check in, check out procedure. The following will apply:

17.1 Check-out: Each competitor shall check-out each time they leave the shore with the Race Committee on-shore official. They shall do this by placing their supplied lanyard or tag on the check in/check out board.

17.2 Check-in: Each competitor shall check-in each time they return ashore by removing their supplied lanyard or

tag from the check in/check out board. 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. "4 DECISION TO RACE The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone." 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

