

KiteFoil and TwinTip Kite Gulf Coast Championship

Organizing Authority: American Kiteboarding Association

Host: Houston Kiteboarding

September 22-23, 2018

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), including Appendix F – Kiteboard Competition Rules.
- 1.2. The KiteFoil Classes shall be governed by the IKA class rules for Formula Kite, except that IKA Section B will be deleted. [http://sailing.org/tools/documents/FK2018CR20180510-\[24069\].pdf](http://sailing.org/tools/documents/FK2018CR20180510-[24069].pdf)
- 1.3. Kites and foils do not need to be registered equipment, but section C.1 will still be in effect regarding the use of one foil and no more than 4 kites.
- 1.4. The TwinTip classes shall be governed by the IKA TwinTip Racing Class Rules.
- 1.5. RRS F4-44.2 is changed to replace the word 'hull' with 'foil'.
- 1.6. US Sailing Prescriptions 63.2 and 63.4 are deleted.
- 1.7. Any protests will be held at the Host Tent at the designated launch area located at approximately mile marker 4 of the Texas City Dike, Texas City (the "Launch Area"), within 30 minutes following the return of the race committee signal boat to shore.
- 1.8. Any protests must be verbally signaled to the race committee following each race, in a timely and safe manner, or filed with the beach captain on shore.
- 1.9. A competitor shall not fly a kite on land in areas outside the Launch Area. The penalty for this action shall be a disqualification not excludable (DNE) for all of that day's races. This changes RRS 63.1.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1. The regatta is open to KiteFoil and TwinTip classes. As to the KiteFoil class, there will be separate divisions for open, inflatable and FRX provided there are at least 5 entries for each class.
Eligible kiteboards shall enter online at <http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/17544>

3. FEES

- 3.1. The entry fee is \$50.00 before September 15.
- 3.2. A \$25.00 late fee will be assessed to entries received on or after September 15.
- 3.3. All entry fees are non-refundable on or after September 15.

4. IDENTIFICATION ON COMPETITORS

Add second sentence to RRS F9 G1(a): Failure to wear the correct assigned personal competition number will result in a 20% scoring penalty calculated as stated in RRS 44.3(c).

5. SCHEDULE

- 5.1. A maximum of five (5) races per day are scheduled.
- 5.2. All competitors are required to check-in at the Host Tent at 10:00am on Saturday, September 22.
- 5.3. A competitors' meeting will be held at 10:30 at the Host Tent on Saturday, September 22 and at 10:00am on Sunday, September 23.
- 5.4. The first warning signal will be at 11:30 on Saturday and 10:30 on Sunday.
- 5.5. On the last day of racing, no warning signal will be given after 1530.

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be posted online no later than 5:00p.m. September 21 and may also be available at Regatta Network <http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/17544>

6.1 Changes to the sailing instructions will be communicated orally to all competitors at the Host Tent in the Launch Area and posted at the Host Tent.

7. VENUE

Races will be sailed on the open water of Galveston Bay, west of the Houston Ship Channel, approximately 1-2 nautical mile north of the Texas City Dike Beach. Launching and landing of kites will be from the beach within the designated Launch Area located at approximately mile marker 4 of the Texas City Dike. See attached map of designated race area. Shore side events will take place at the Launch Area.

8. COURSES

The course will be a windward – leeward for foiling kites and slalom figure 8 courses for twintip kites. Course diagrams will be provided in the sailing instructions.

9. SCORING

9.1. Ten (10) races are scheduled. One (1) race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

9.2. When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a kiteboard's series score shall be the total of her race scores.

9.3. When from six (6) to ten (10) races have been completed, a kiteboard's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

10. SAFETY

10.1 Competitors who are 18 years or younger are strongly encouraged to wear a PFD at all times while on the water. The 'Y' flag will not be flown. This changes RRS 40 and the preamble to Part 4. [NP]

10.2 The use of helmets is strongly encouraged, but not required.

11. PRIZES

11.1 KiteFoil Prizes: There will be prizes for 1st-3rd place in each division.

11.2 TwinTip Prizes: There will be prizes for 1st-3rd place.

12. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors participate entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers (OA, Ratings Authority, Race Committee, Protest Committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any kite or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this regatta. By participating in this regatta, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

13. RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the organizing authority and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.

14. INFORMATION

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