

Spring Kite Foil Regatta

May 15 Distance Race, May 16-17 Course Racing

Skyway Bridge, East side, Pinellas side

Sailing Instructions

1 RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the Rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016 including Appendix F - Kiteboard Racing Rules.

1.2 Only the following US SAILING prescriptions will apply: the prescriptions to Rules 68, 76.1, and rule 76.3.

1.3 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

1.4 Competitors shall wear their bib while racing.

1.5 If there is a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions the Sailing Instructions shall take precedence. This changes RRS 63.7.

2 ENTRY

2.1 Competitors shall complete online registration and check-in at Archibald Beach Gulf Blvd & Madeira Way, Madeira Beach, Florida 33708, or Skyway prior to 800 hours on May 15, 2015. If competitors are only competing in the course racing than they shall check in prior to 800 hours on May 16th. 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/10244>

2.3 The entry fee is \$100 (USD) with a \$20 late fee after May 10th

2.4 For those 18 and under the entry fee shall be \$75, with a \$20 late fee after May 10th

3 COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS

3.1 A Competitors' Meeting will be held at 800 hours on Friday May 15, 2015, Saturday May 16 and Sunday May 17

3.2 Official Notices will be posted on the Official Regatta Notice Board located at the beach of 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 800 hours on the day they are to take effect except any changes to the schedule will be posted by 2000 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'. This changes Race Signals.

6 FORMAT

6.1 Friday will be a distance race. The course will be announced at the competitors meeting.

6.2 Saturday and Sunday will be course racing. All competitors will race in one fleet. We plan to run no more than 2 races in a row and no more than 6 in a day.

7 SCHEDULE

Date Time Event

Friday May 15

730- 800 Late Registration and Check-In

800 Sailor's Meeting

900 First possible start for distance race

After racing- Post racing food and drink

Saturday May 16

800 Sailor's Meeting

900 First possible start, racing will continue all day

After racing- Post racing food and drink

Sunday May 17th

800 Sailor's Meeting

900 First possible start, racing will continue all day

After Racing- Awards

8 CLASS FLAGS

8.1 The class flag will be announced at the competitors meeting

9 VENUE

9.1 The intended race area will be Tampa Bay near the Skyway Bridge.

10 COURSES & MARKS

10.1 Courses and marks are described in Attachment A – Official Description of Marks and Courses.

11 RESTRICTED AREAS

11.1 Competitors shall only kite in the swim zone when going to or from the racecourse.

11.2 The swim zones are defined as obstructions.

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

12 THE START

12.1 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.

12.2 Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26.

Signal Flag and Sound	Minutes before the Start
Warning Class flag up with one sound	5
Preparatory Code flag P, I, Z, Z with I, or black flag up with one sound	4
One Minute Preparatory flag removed with one sound	1
Start Class flag removed with one sound	0

12.3 A competitor shall not start later than four minutes after her starting signal. A competitor that starts later than four minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS. This changes RRS 35, A4

and A5.

13 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).

14 THE FINISH

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

15 TIME LIMIT FOR EACH RACE

For course racing, the Time Limit for each race is 30 minutes. A competitor failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first finisher shall be scored "Did Not Finish" (DNF) by the Race Committee. There is no time limit on the distance race.

16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

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

16.2 Protest and requests for redress shall be lodged with the Jury within 60 minutes of the finisher in the last race of the day for the respective fleet. This time limit may be posted on the Official Notice Board.

16.3 Infringements of Sailing Instructions 1.6, 1.7, 3, 19, 23, 24 shall not be grounds for protest from one competitor to another, but may result in action from the Jury and or Race Committee.

17 SCORING

Decisions of the jury will be final as provided in Rule 70.5.13 SCORING

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

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

17.3 Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

17.4 The distance race will be scored separately from the course racing.

18 SAFETY REGULATIONS

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

18.1 Check-out: Each competitor shall check-out each time they leave the shore by depositing their identification tag on to their designated board located near the notice board.

18.2 Check-in: Each competitor shall check-in each time they return ashore by retrieving their identification tag from their designated board located near the notice board. Check-in must be completed within 30 minutes of the end of the time limit of that race, or in the case of back to back races, the last race of that set; or, within 30 minutes after being instructed to go ashore by the Race Committee.

18.3 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

19 EQUIPMENT AND EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

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

to use. This will make for an interesting comparison of equipment at the end of the event.

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

20 DISPOSAL OF WASTE AND TRASH

No competitor shall discharge trash of any kind into the water. Any competitor observed breaking this rule is subject to protest only by the Race Committee or Protest Committee. 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(a).

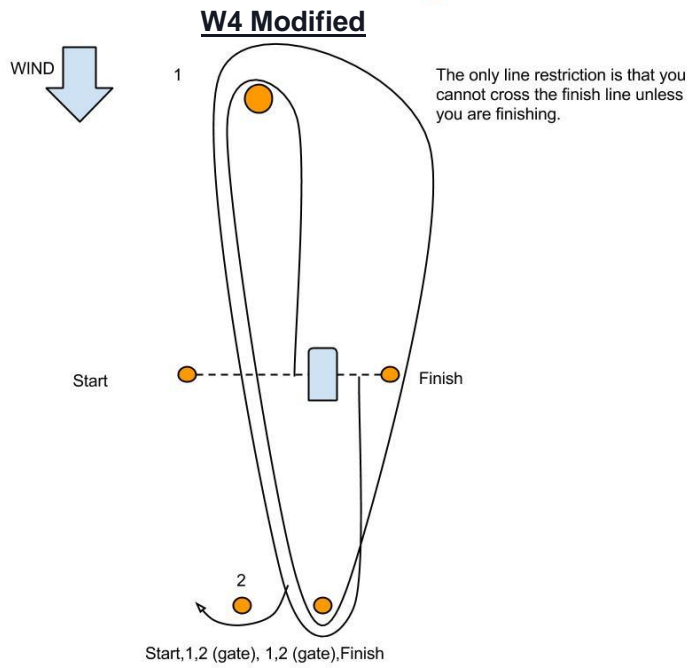
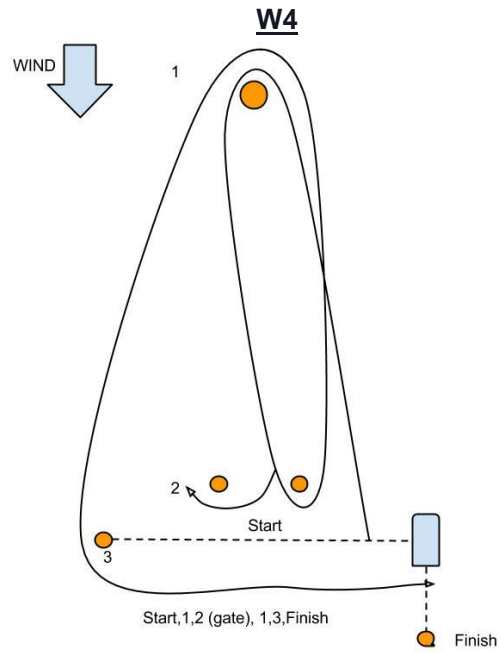
21 PRIZES

Prizes may be awarded based on participation.

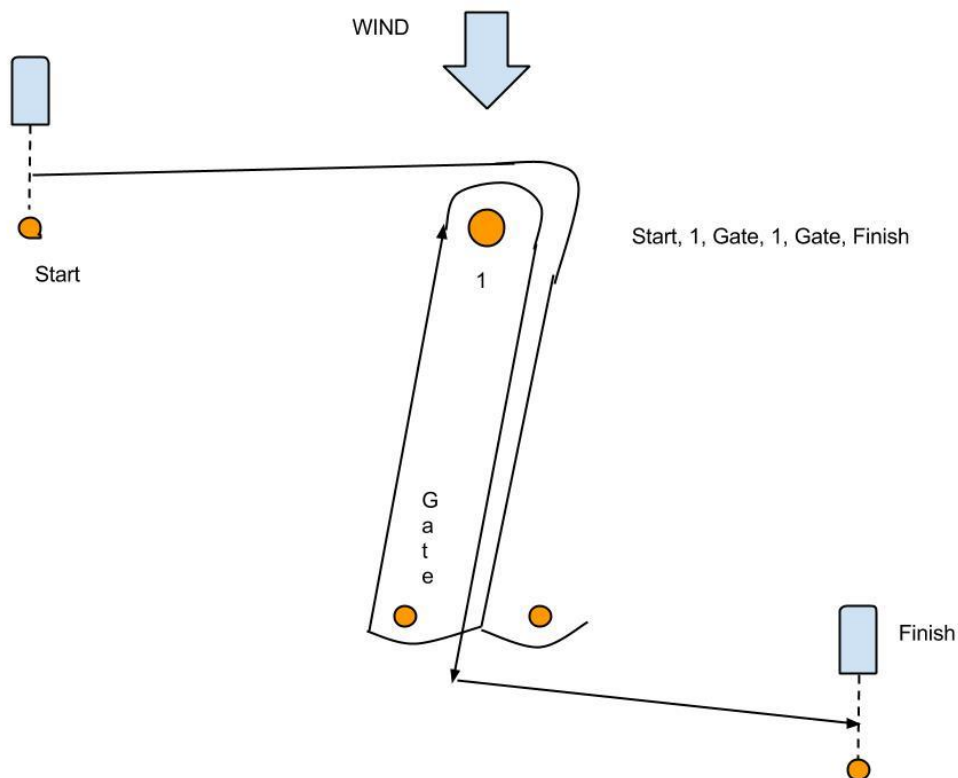
22 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

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



St Pete Special



Distance Race

The following is the marks in order and the distance to each mark from the previous mark:

- Start near the beach,
- G "3B" (3.8 miles) leave to port
- Iso R6s 56ft (0.9 miles) leave to port
- G "1B" (1.8 miles) leave to starboard
- Iso 6s 50ft (3.4 miles) leave to port
- Finish line is the same as the start (3 miles).



