

**Blind Sailing Unlimited Open Match Race
For blind and visually impaired sailors
Titusville Florida USA, April 7th – 9th
2017
NOTICE OF RACE**

1 ORGANISING AUTHORITY

Lake Baldwin Florida Community Sailing LLC
Titusville Florida USA

2 VENUE and Special Equipment Supplier

The Indian River, just west of the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway at Titusville, Florida next to the Kennedy Space Center.
The special equipment supplier of the acoustic signalling system for the event is Blind Sailing Unlimited Inc.

3 EVENT GRADING

This event is a non-graded match racing event for visually impaired sailors.

4 PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

4.1 The provisional program of the event is the following:

- (a) Race office open on April 7th at 10:30 a.m.
- (b) Registration on April 7th from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon.
- (c) Online registration at www.regattanetwork.com/event/11700
- (d) Practice sessions, April 5th to April 6th from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m.
- (e) First briefing at April 8th at 12:00 noon.
- (f) First meeting with umpires following the first briefing.
- (g) Opening Orientation on April 8 at 10:00 a.m.
- (h) Racing days from April 8th to April 9th.
- (i) Time of the first race on Saturday will be 1:00 p.m. and Sunday will be 10:00 a.m.
- (j) The latest time for an attention signal on the last day of racing will be 3:00 p.m.

4.2 Unless excused by the OA, attendance at the following is requested.

- (a) Orientation briefing for skippers.
- (b) Daily briefing, for skippers.
- (c) Daily de-briefing conferences, for skippers sailing that day.

5 ELIGIBILITY

- 5.1 A team shall conform to the requirements of Appendix to RMM 3.4(a).
- 5.2 All competitors shall be classified prior the event if possible.
- 5.3 Sighted competitors will be allowed to participate either blind-folded or using vision simulation goggles, preference will be given to blind teams.
- 5.4 The registered skipper shall helm the boat at all times while racing, except in an emergency.

6 ENTRIES

6.1 Entering

- (a) The skipper shall be entered on completion of registration, and the payment of all fees and deposits. All payments shall be made online at www.regattanetwork.com/event/11700
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6.2 Entry Fee

A non-refundable entry fee of \$US 100.00 per skipper and \$100.00 per crew shall be paid at registration.

6.4 Damage Deposit

- (a) A damage deposit of \$US 50.00 (fifty dollars) shall be paid at registration, unless extended by the OA. This deposit is the maximum paid only by the skipper at online registration.
- (c) Any remaining deposit after the event will be refunded within 10 days after the event.

7 RULES

- 7.1 (a) The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the RRS, including Appendix CBS and the World Sailing Race Management Manual for Para Sailing Events, including the Appendix for Blind and Vision Impaired Sailing (Part 4 of the World Sailing Race Management Manual for Para Sailing Events)
- (b) The rules for the handling of boats will apply, and will also apply to any practice sailing and sponsor races. Class rules will not apply.
- (c) Any prescriptions of the national authority that will apply will be posted on the official notice board.

7.2 Major Alterations to the RRS

- (a) Add to RRS 41: (e) help to recover from the water and return on board a crew member provided the return on board is at the approximate location of the recovery.
- (b) RRS C8.6 and C6.3 will be changed in the sailing instructions.

7.3 Changes to Appendix CBS:

- (a) Change the third sentence to preamble to: "Matches shall be umpired, and observer(s) on board of rib(s) shall be provided for safety service and information to umpires while racing."

7.4 Changes to RMM Appendix 4

- (a) Change second paragraph of 3.4(a) shall read "The helmsperson may be IBSA classified B1, B2 or B3. B2 and B3 helms must wear an approved blindfolding device at all times when racing."

8 BOATS, SAILS AND EQUIPMENT

- 8.1 The event will be sailed in local class Ocean Breeze 18 keelboats provided by the OA.
- 8.2 4 boats will be provided, with two additional boats on standby.
- 8.3 The following sails and equipment will be provided for each boat:
 - a) Mainsail, and Jib;
 - b) Acoustic Tack Recognizing Device;
 - c) Set of entry-side identification flags;

- 8.4 In addition to the usual equipment, without limiting the provisions of the rule 4.2 (c) of Part 4 of RMM, will be provided each boat a radio transceiver useful for communication from/to the race committee and the umpires.
- 8.5 Boats will be allocated by draw, either daily or for each round as decided by the race committee.

9 CREW (INCLUDING SKIPPER)

- 9.1 The total number of crew, including the skipper, shall be 3. All registered crew shall sail all races.
- 9.2 **Crew Weight**
- (a) The total weight of the crew, including the skipper, shall not exceed 700 lbs.
- 9.3 When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the event the OA may authorise an original crew member to substitute.
- 9.5 When a registered crew member is unable to continue in the event the OA may authorise a substitute, a temporary substitute or other adjustment.

10 EVENT FORMAT

- 10.1 The event will consist of the following stages:
- Stage 1 – Qualifying round robin.
 - Stage 2 – Semi Final
 - Stage 3 - Finals
- 10.2 The RC may change the format, terminate any stage or the event when, in its opinion, it is impractical to attempt to hold the remainder of matches under the existing conditions or in the remaining time scheduled.

11 COURSE

- 11.1 The course will be windward/leeward with starboard rounding, finishing downwind.
- 11.2 The intended course area will be east of the Titusville Marina and viewable from the shore at the Crackerjacks Restaurant and Tiki Bar or from the pedestrian walkway on the Max Brewer Bridge as detailed at: www.firstsailflorida.com

12 ADVERTISING

- 12.1 As boats and equipment will be supplied by the Organising Authority, ISAF regulation 20.4 applies. Each boat will be required to display advertising as supplied by the OA.
- 12.2 Competitors may be permitted to display advertising ashore at the venue.
- 12.4 Boats shall not be permitted the right to protest for breaches of any rules regarding advertising (amends RRS 60.1).

13 PRIZES

- 13.1 The principal prize for first place will be determined at the event.

14 MEDIA, IMAGES and SOUND

- 14.1. (a) Competitors may utilize Go Pro camera for personal display of racing and uploading to the internet.
- 14.2 Competitors shall not interfere with the normal working of the OA supplied media equipment.
- 14.3 The OA have the right to use any images and sound recorded during the event free of any charge.

15 COACH BOATS

- 15.1 Coach boats will be permitted during practice/orientation sessions and can be used as umpire/safety boats during competition.
- 15.2 The OA will provide boats from which coaches may observe racing and communicate with their teams between matches if boats are available.

16 DISCLAIMER

All those taking any part in the event do so at their own risk. The OA, its associates and appointees accept no responsibility for any loss, damage, injury or inconvenience incurred, howsoever caused.

17 INVITATIONS

Entries will only be accepted from invited skippers. If you wish to be invited please register your request for an invitation as soon as possible with the OA by completing the attached form.

18 CONTACTS

For more information on the event please contact Larry Landrigan at email larrylandrigan@gmail.com or Phone 407 467 8787

About Lake Baldwin Florida Community Sailing LLC.

Lake Baldwin Florida Community Sailing LLC is a Florida for-profit Limited Liability Company operating as a community sailing organization that provides the venue, keelboats, regatta management and support boats for various sailing ventures such as Blind Sailing Unlimited Inc. and the First Sail Program at: www.firstsail.org

About Blind Sailing Unlimited Inc.

Mission

The mission of Blind Sailing Unlimited is to fulfill its vision by: First, to promote and organize hands on day sailing, coastal cruising and off shore passage for individuals who are blind or visually impaired Second, to allow individuals who are blind or visually impaired to compete with sighted individuals on an even playing field, and Third, to educate the general public regarding the capabilities of sailors who are visually impaired.

Blind Sailing Unlimited Inc. is a 501(c)3 Florida not-for-profit Corporation. They have a passion for the water and sailing. For more information visit: www.blindsailingunlimited.org

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