



OPEN MULTIHULL NATIONAL CHALLENGE

October 14-16, 2016

Organizing Authority Clearwater Sailing Center
Hosted by Clearwater Sailing Center
Clearwater Florida
Sponsor Red Gear Racing

NOTICE OF RACE

Posted September 5, 2016

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, and the Prescriptions of US Sailing.
- 1.2 This regatta is a US Sailing Sanctioned event.
- 1.3 Racing rules will be changed as follows:
 - (a) Rule 40 is changed so that each competitor shall wear a USCG approved life jacket that is 100% dependent on foam for flotation and the appropriate size for the sailor, at all times while on the water, except for brief periods while adding or removing clothing.
 - (b) Rule 60.1(a) is changed to prohibit a boat from protesting another boat for an alleged breach of any class rule other than class equipment measurement rules.
 - (c) Rule 60.3 is changed to permit the Protest Committee to protest a boat when, from its own observation or a report received from any source, it believes a competitor may have committed a breach of good conduct, or sportsmanship, or may have brought the sport or the event into disrepute. A Protest Committee may call representatives from the Organizing Authority and/or Regatta Committee as witnesses.
 - (d) Rule 64.1 is changed to allow the Protest Committee to impose penalties for hearings held under Rule 60.3. Such penalties may range in severity from a reprimand to a dismissal from the regatta.
 - (e) The Sailing Instructions may also change other racing rules.

2 ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority.



3 EVENT

- 3.1 The Class designated by the Organizing Authority for this event is the Nacra 15.
- 3.2 Five Nacra 15s shall be provided by Nacra Sailing.
- 3.2 The crews shall compete in the Round Robin format.
- 3.3 The Event is limited to 15 teams.

4 ELIGIBILITY

- 4.1 Applicants must be individual or family members of US Sailing at the time of application and of the event.

5 REGISTRATION

- 5.1 Registration shall only be made by completing the online forms at:
https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_registration_form.php?regatta_id=13338
- 5.2 Registrations shall be submitted no later than 2359 (EDT) October 7, 2016. (See 6.2) The registration deadline may be extended by the OA.
- 5.3 To be considered complete, registrations must include all requested information of both helm and crew.
- 5.5 In the event that more than 10 teams register, entries will be selected by committee, which will include but is not limited to the Event Committee, the Board of Clearwater Community Sailing Center and Red Gear Racing. Additional information shall be available on the Event Registration Web Site.

6 ENTRY

- 6.1 Teams per NOR 5.5 shall submit completed entry forms on-line, including non-refundable online payment of fees (including the \$750 security deposit), proof of liability insurance and send any remaining forms no later than the dates indicated on the respective forms. Forms may be downloaded after registration and should be mailed to the Host at the address on the forms. A competitor will not be allowed to compete until all entry forms have been completed, signed and submitted to the Host, Clearwater Community Sailing Center.
- 6.2 The Entry FEE is \$350.00 USD per Team 24 years old and under prior to 2359 (EDT) up to October 1 and \$450 on or after October 2. The Entry Fee per Team 25 years old and older is \$450 up to 2359 (EDT) October 1 and \$550 on or after October 2. Entry includes regatta functions and give-aways for skipper and crew. There will be no refund of entry fees after 2359 (EDT) October 7, 2016.
- 6.3 Information about local hotels and airport transportation will be provided on the event website.



7 SCHEDULE

7.1 Event Schedule:

Friday, October 13	0900 - 1000	Registration
	1030	Mandatory Teams Meeting
	1130	First Race Warning
Saturday, October 8	0800	Morning Briefing
	1000	First Race Warning
Sunday, October 9	0800	Morning Briefing
	1000	First Race Warning
	1300	No Warning after 1300
	As soon as practical	Pack-up boats/Awards Ceremony

- 7.3 Awards presentation will be made as soon as practicable following the conclusion of racing and pack-up. **Attendance at the Awards Ceremony is MANDATORY for all Teams.**
- 7.4 All Teams are expected to assist with the pack up session and their damage deposit may be withheld if they do not.

8 EQUIPMENT MEASUREMENT, CONFIGURATION & DAMAGE REPORTING

- 8.1 Each boat shall comply with the equipment measurement rules of the Nacra 15 Class.
- 8.2 At the discretion of the Organizing Authority, if Nacra 15 Class hardware is not available to replace broken equipment or repair a boat, equivalent substitute equipment may be used.
- 8.3 The Organizing Authority shall configure all boats to a mid-range setting. Teams may not change or adjust these settings other than trapeze height, and mainsheet cleat height.
- 8.4 Any damage must be reported by to the beach captain and repaired by the approved repair team, prior to or during a Round Robin race.
- 8.5 Boats may be inspected for compliance at any time during the regatta at the discretion of the Protest Committee or the Organizing Authority.

9 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available at check-in and preliminary Sailing Instructions may be posted on the event website <http://www.clearwatercommunitysailing.org/>

10 VENUE

The regatta will be sailed off Clearwater Florida Beach, weather permitting. Alternate racing areas is in the Bay off Clearwater Community Sailing Center. See Diagram A.



11 COURSES

The course shall be prescribed in the Sailing Instructions.

12 PENALTY SYSTEMS

- 12.1 Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

13 SCORING

- 13.1 The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply with the following changes.
- 13.2 Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 13.3 (a) When fewer than five (5) races have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- (b) When five (5) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

14 SUPPORT & SPECTATOR BOATS

Private Spectator Boats will be permitted with specific conditions outlined to registered sailors and in the sailing instructions. Additional opportunities for spectators may be available onshore. Details will be provided to registered sailors.

15 COACHING

- 15.1 The Private Coach Entry Fee is \$75.
- 15.2 Coaches must register by October 7, 2016. Private Coaches registering after October 7, 2016 are unlikely to receive on the water coaching credentials.
- 15.3 Private Coaches are responsible for their own lodging and support boat. Information about docking, trailer storage and meal costs will be provided to registered coaches and will be posted on the event website.

16 PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICES (PFD)

Each competitor shall wear a USCG approved life jacket that is 100% dependent on foam for flotation and the appropriate size for the sailor, at all times while on the water, except for brief periods while adding or removing clothing. PFDs will be checked at registration and during the event. This changes Rule 40.

17 PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES (US Sailing Regulation 10)

10.03 Prohibited Substances

- A. No participant or competitor shall use or possess, either on or off the water:
1. marijuana or any other substance if possession is illegal under state or federal law; or
 2. any alcoholic beverages.
- B. An alleged breach of one of these regulations shall not be grounds for a protest. However, when the protest committee believes that a competitor may have



breached one of these regulations, it shall follow the process described in the US Sailing Code of Conduct. If a competitor found to have breached one of the elements within the Code of Conduct, they shall be excluded from the remaining races of the series and, where practicable, removed from the regatta venue and sent home. The competitor's boat shall be disqualified from all races of the series.

18 RISK, DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY & PERSONAL CONDUCT

- 18.1 Competitors participate in the regatta 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.
- 18.2 The competitor will accept full responsibility for all his/her actions during any activity related to the event. This includes on-shore activities before, during, and after the regatta.
- 18.3 The Host Organization and Nacra Racing require a security deposit of \$750 per registration. Sailors are responsible for payment of damages, per occurrence, up to the \$750 security deposit.
- 18.4 Each competitor shall provide the Host Organization with proof of Liability Insurance of a minimum of \$500,000.

All competitors are expected to maintain the highest levels of conduct throughout the entire event. Enforcement of discipline and conduct shall be conducted as per the Racing Rules of Sailing (rule 69.1), the US Sailing Code of Conduct and/or the policies and procedures of US Sailing (Regulation 15.01).

19 PRIZES

- 19.1 Awards shall be presented to Teams who finish first through third.

20 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 22.1 For further information please contact Youth Multihull National Challenge Committee Chair, Jill Nickerson at: funinthesunweb@gmail.com or Office: 727-734-0799 / Cell: 727-793-8743
- 22.2 All official notices, registration forms, lists and results will be posted on the event website at: <http://www.clearwatercommunitysailing.org/>

Diagram A: Possible Racing Areas

