



RS Aero Florida State Championship



February 3-4, 2018

US SAILING Center • Martin County
Jensen Beach, Florida

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Rules:

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020 including Appendix T and the rules of the RS Aero Class Association.
- 1.2. By participating in this regatta, a competitor grants to the Organizing Authority and its sponsors the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time at their discretion, any photographs, motion pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of him or her during the period of the competition without compensation.
- 1.3. RRS A4.1 and A5 are changed such that boats starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored, DNS. RRS 35 is changed to allow the Race Committee to finish boats in place on the race course if they are unreasonably delaying the completion of a race. RRS 63.1 is changed to also require competitors to inform the Race Committee as soon as possible after finishing of their intention to protest.

2. Entry and Eligibility:

- 2.1. The regatta is open to all boats of the RS Aero class.
- 2.2. Eligible crews may be entered by completing entry form, registering with the organizing authority and paying the entry fee.

3. Notices to Competitors:

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located upstairs on the porch at Race Headquarters. Each competitor has the responsibility to check this Board for information pertaining to the race.

4. Changes In Sailing Instructions

- 4.1. Any change in the Sailing Instructions made on Saturday, 3 February will be posted no later than at the end of the Competitor's Meeting. Otherwise, they will be posted by 0830 on the day on which it will take effect.
- 4.2. Changes to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 on the day before the change is to take effect.

5. Signals Made Ashore:

- 5.1. Signals made ashore shall be displayed on a pole on the end of the Center dock. When AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced by "not less than 30 minutes" in Race Signals AP.

6. Sailing Area

- 6.1. Racing will take place on the Indian River east of the Sailing Center.

7. Competitors' Meeting

- 7.1. The competitors' meeting will be held at 1000 on Saturday, 3 February 2018 at Regatta Headquarters.

8. Schedule of Events

8.1. Saturday 3 February	0800-1000	Check-in
	1000	Competitors' Meeting
	1100	First Warning Signal
Sunday 4 February	0930	Competitors' Meeting
	1030	First Warning
	1500	No warning signal after 3:00 pm
		Recognition Ceremony After Racing

9. Courses:

- 9.1. Course Diagrams will be provided at the Competitor's Meeting.
- 9.2. If the leeward gate, designated between Marks 2A and 2B, is absent and only a single mark, now designated Mark 2, is present, the mark will be rounded to port when the next leg is to Mark 1 and rounded to starboard when the next leg is to Mark 3.

10. Marks:

All marks shall be as described on the course diagram.

11. The Start:

- 11.1. Races will be started using Appendix S. The starting line shall be between the staff from which an orange flag is displayed on the Race Committee signal boat at the starboard end and the course side of the starting mark at the port end.

12. The Finish:

- 12.1. The finish line shall be between the staff from which an orange flag is displayed on a Race Committee boat and the finishing mark.
- 12.2. The finishing boat will sound a horn for first boat finishing signaling the start of the time limit in SI 13.2. No sound signals will be made for subsequent finishes.

13. Time Limits:

- 13.1. A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes rule 63.1, A4.1 and A5.
- 13.2. Boats that are still present on the course but fail to finish within 10 minutes after the first boat finishes will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired) and receive one point more than the last boat that finished within the time limit. Boats that have left the course will be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35, 63.1, A4.2, A5, and A11.
- 13.3. The time limit for a race will be 50 minutes for the first boat to sail the course as required by RRS 28.1.

14. Protests:

- 14.1. Any boat intending to protest must inform the Race Committee signal boat immediately following the race in which the infraction occurred.
- 14.2. Appendix T, Section C will apply to all protests and requests for redress.

15. Scoring:

- 15.1. The Low Point Scoring System (Appendix A) shall be used.
- 15.2. Boats will be divided by rig sizes (5, 7, and 9) for starting and scoring. If a rig fleet has fewer than 5 boats entered, it may be started with another fleet.
- 15.3. The number of races scheduled is 8. One completed race shall constitute the regatta.

15.4. When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When 5 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be total of her race scores excluded her worst score.

16. Safety and other Items.

- 16.1. All competitors shall wear U.S. Coast Guard approved life jackets, or a life jacket approved by the country of their citizenship or residence, at all times while on the water. Failure to do so is protestable only by the Race Committee and may result in disqualification.
- 16.2. Before the first warning signal of the day, each boat shall sail past the stern of the race committee signal boat and hail her sail number, which will be acknowledged.
- 16.3. A competitor who withdraws from a race or intends not to start a race shall inform the nearest safety or race committee boat as soon as possible.
- 16.4. The penalty for a breach of SI 16 shall be a 20% scoring penalty without hearing in the race closest to which the infraction occurred. This changes RRS A5.

17. Prizes:

- 17.1. Recognition will be given to the top three boats in each of the eligible RS Aero rig sizes (5, 7, 9) provided the fleet has 5 or more boats. Recognition will also be given for the top junior (under 18) and female skipper, and special recognition may be awarded by the race committee.

18. Coach and support Boats:

- 18.1. All coach and support boats shall register and prominently fly a designated flag from a staff at all times while on the water.
- 18.2. Flags will be available at the south end of the check-in room. A security deposit will be required and returned to you at the end of the event with the return of your flag.

19. Disclaimer of Liability:

- 19.1. 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.