

# Nacra 15 Midwinters East Regatta

(a qualifying event for the 2018 World Sailing Youth World Championship)  
Jan 1-4, 2018

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

## **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Posted January 1, 2018

### **1.0 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 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.
- 1.3 The Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions will be on the Official Notice Board
- 1.4 This is a protected competition for the Nacra 15 class (per US Sailing Regulation 12.03). The expedited appeal process is available for this class (see Appendix R, Procedures for Appeals and Requests, rule R8, Expedited Appeals).
- 1.5 In addition to meeting the requirements of rule 61.1, a boat intending to protest another boat concerning an incident in the racing area that she is involved in or sees shall, at the first reasonable opportunity after she finishes, notify the race committee boat of her intent to protest and the sail number of the boat(s) she is protesting.

### **2.0 NOTICE TO COMPETITORS:**

Notice to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the outside wall of the Regatta Trailer located at the launch area and on Regatta Network.

### **3.0 CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any changes made to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0930 on the day the change will take effect. Any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 the day before that change will take effect.



#### **4.0 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 4.1 All signals made ashore will be displayed at the Regatta Trailer at the Launch site.
- 4.2 When Flag AP is displayed shore, '1 minute' is replaced with not less than 60 minutes in the race signal AP.

#### **5.0 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

- 5.1 Tuesday, January 2, first warning signal will be 1200.  
Wednesday January 3, first warning signal will be 1130.  
Thursday January 4, first warning signal will be 1130
- 5.2 No warning signal will be made after 1500 on the final day of racing.
- 5.3 8 Races are scheduled.

#### **6.0 CLASS FLAG:**

The class flag will be the Nacra 15 class insignia on white background.

#### **7.0 THE RACE AREA:**

- 7.1 The race area will be chosen based upon predicted weather.
- 7.2 The primary Race Area will be located off of Clearwater Beach or Sand Key in the Gulf of Mexico see attachment A.
- 7.3 The secondary race area will be located in Intracoastal Waterway to the east of the Clearwater Community Sailing Center launch area; see attachment A
- 7.4 The competitors will be notified on the official notice board by 0930 each day as to which area will be sailed.

#### **8.0 COURSES TO BE SAILED:**

- 8.1 The course will be windward leeward (WL) with a gate; see Attachment B
- 8.2 The race committee will display the approximate magnetic compass bearing to the first mark before the warning signal. Numeral Pennants will be displayed to denote the Mark Rounding Order.
- 8.3 Courses will not be shortened. This changes RRS Rule 32.

#### **9.0 MARKS:**

- 9.1 The Windward mark will be an orange buoy
- 9.2 The offset mark will be a red cylinder with black horns
- 9.3 The gate marks will be orange buoys
- 9.4 The starting and finishing mark will be a yellow buoy

#### **10.0 THE START**

- 10.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the warning signal made five (5) minutes before the starting signal.
- 10.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the port side of the signal boat and a yellow buoy on the opposite end of the line.



- 10.3 The orange line flag will be displayed not less than 5 minutes prior to the warning signal.
- 10.4 A boat that does not start within four (4) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

### **11.0 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will drop an orange buoy with a black band in the new position, if the changed leg of the course is the Windward mark no offset mark will be used.

### **12.0 THE FINISH**

The finishing line will be on the same side of the signal boat as the start line. The finish line will be a staff displaying an orange flag on the port side of the signal boat and a yellow buoy on the opposite end of the line.

### **13.0 PENALTY SYSTEM**

RRS 44.1 and RRS P2.1 are changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

### **14.0 TIME LIMITS**

- 14.1 The time limit for each race is 40 minutes for the first boat to finish. If not boat has passed Mark 1 – The Windward Mark within 20 minutes the race will be abandoned. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 14.2 Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5
- 14.3 Failure to finish within the time limit described in SI 14.1 and SI 14.3 will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

### **15.0 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 15.1 Protest forms are available on the Official Notice Board.
- 15.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the signal boat has docked at the Clearwater Yacht Club.
- 15.3 Notices will be posted on the official notice board no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the Regatta Trailer located at the launch site.
- 15.4 On the last scheduled day of racing, a request for redress from a jury decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.



- 15.5 A request for a decision in writing will be delivered within one hour after the decision is given verbally. This changes RRS 65.2.
- 15.6 A request for correction of an error in the published results will be delivered to the beach captain within the protest time limit of the last scheduled race of the day or within 60 minutes after posting of the results, whichever is later. When the request is not granted, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the boat is informed that the request is not granted. This changes RRS 62.2.

## **16.0 SCORING**

- 16.1 The Low Point Scoring System, Appendix A2, shall be used except as modified in SI 16.2, SI 16.3 and SI 16.4
- 16.2 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 16.3 When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

## **17.0 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 17.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- 17.2 Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices at all times while afloat.
- 17.3 All Competitors (boats) shall carry a painter of at least 30 feet in length and of a diameter and construction so that the boat and crew can safely be towed.

## **18.0 SUPPORT BOATS AND SPECTATOR BOATS**

- 18.1 All support persons and spectators intending to operate boats on or near the racing area must register with the OA, at which time they shall provide boat registration/documentation and proof of insurance for the boat(s) they plan to use.
- 18.2 All support persons and spectator boats shall provide their own VHF radio and monitor a VHF channel designated by the OA to receive instructions from the OA while near the racing venue. All boats shall additionally function as Safety Boats and follow instructions of the OA.
- 18.3 Failure to register, failure to monitor the designated VHF channel, or failure to abide by instructions may result in operating restrictions being placed upon the support person, spectator and or use of the boats during the regatta.
- 18.4 Communication between competitors and coaches is not permitted while the competitors are racing. Racing is defined as the display of the Prep Flag until the competitor crosses the finish line of each race.
- 18.5 Support persons and spectator boats shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

## **19.0 RADIO COMMUNICATION**



Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

## **20.0 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.

## **21.0 RISK, DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY & PERSONAL CONDUCT**

- 21.1 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.
- 21.2 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.
- 21.3 Each competitor shall provide the Host Organization with proof of Liability Insurance of a minimum of \$500,000.
- 21.4 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).

## **22 FURTHER INFORMATION**

- 22.1 For further information please contact Youth Multihull National Challenge Committee Chair, Jill Nickerson at: [funinthesunweb@gmail.com](mailto: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/>

Appendix A: Possible Racing Areas

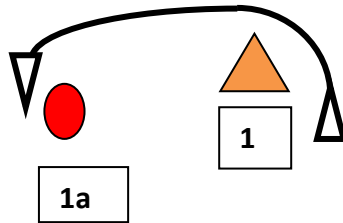




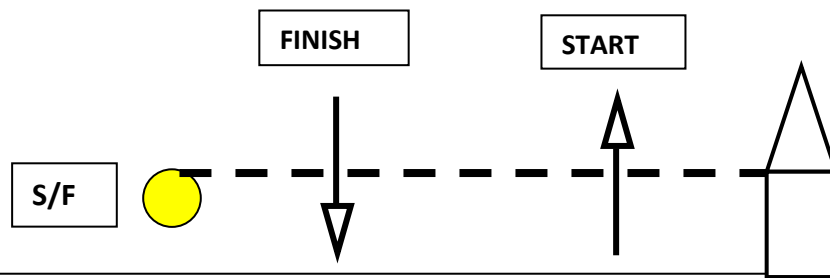
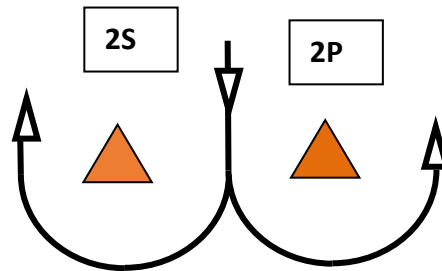
# WINDWARD/LEEWARD with Offset Mark, Leeward Finish

## COURSE DIAGRAM

### Appendix B



*NOT TO SCALE*



Signal	Mark Rounding Order
L2	Start - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - 1- 1a - Finish
L3	Start - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - 1- 1a - 2s/2p -1-1a - Finish
L4	Start - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - 1- 1a - 2s/2p -1-1a - 2s/2p -1 -1a- Finish