



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

NOTICE OF RACE

Posted December 6, 2017

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 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).

2 ADVERTISING

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

3 EVENT

The Organizing Authority for this event is Clearwater Community Sailing Center and Red Gear Racing

4 ELIGIBILITY

The regatta is open to all boats of the Nacra 15 Class. Sailors must be individual or family members of US Sailing and the Nacra 15 Class at the time 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 accepted up to 1700(EDT) January 1, 2018. (See 6.2)
- 5.3 To be considered complete, registrations must include all requested information of both helm and crew.

6 ENTRY

- 6.1 Teams shall submit completed entry forms on-line, 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 registrar at the event.
- 6.2 The Entry FEE is \$275.00 USD a Team up to 2359 (EDT) December 20, 2017 and \$375 on or after December 21, 2017. Entry includes regatta functions and give-aways for skipper and crew. There will be no refund of entry fees after 2359 (EDT) December 20, 2017.
- 6.3 Information about local hotels and airport transportation will be provided upon request.

7 SCHEDULE

7.1 Event Schedule:

Monday, January 1	1200 - 1800 1200 1400	Registration Competitors Meeting Practice Race Warning
Tuesday, January 2	1000 1200	Morning Briefing First Race Warning
Wednesday, January 3	1000 1130	Morning Briefing First Race Warning
Thursday, January 4	1000 1130 1500 As soon as practical	Morning Briefing First Race Warning No Warning after 1500 Pack-up boats/Awards Ceremony

- 7.3 Awards presentation will be made as soon as practicable following the conclusion of racing and pack-up. We ask for all teams to attend awards ceremony.

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.
- 8.5 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

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 regatta.

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

14.1 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.

14.2 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 and near the racing venue. All boats shall additionally function as Safety Boats and follow instructions of the OA.

14.3 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.

14.4 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 finish signal of each race.

15 COACHING



- 15.1 The Private Coach Entry Fee is \$75 and will include a social package.
- 15.2 Coaches must register by Jan 1, 2018.
- 15.3 All coach boats are required to carry a fully charged VHF radio and monitor the racing committees channel if in the event of a safety call is required.
- 15.4 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 an 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.

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.
- 18.4 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

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

20 PROCEDURES FOR PROTECTED COMPETITIONS

20.1 US Sailing Regulation 12.03, Protected Competitions, will be in effect for this event. The following rules and procedures will apply:

- a) The US Sailing prescriptions to rules 60, 63.2, and 63.4 shall apply to a Protected Competition, except that the words “when practicable” in the first sentence of the prescription to rule 63.4 are deleted.
- b) Protest committees shall include 20% "sailor-athlete" representation. "Sailor-athlete" has the meaning of "athlete" set forth in USOC Bylaw, Section 8.8.2 (the 10-year rule) or Level A or B Sailor-Athlete as defined by US Sailing Sailor Athlete Council (SAC) Bylaws 3.3.1 and 3.3.2 (except that the US Sailing member class referred to in SAC Bylaw 3.3.2.3 shall be an international class recognized by World Sailing at the time of the sailor-athlete's qualification).
- c) The right of appeal will not be denied under rule 70.5 (a), (b), or (c), but an expedited appeal process may be used that balances the needs of the competitor for certainty with respect to berths in future competitions and sufficient time to prepare the arguments and evidence for the appeal.
- d) Any boat that is a party to a redress hearing may be represented by up to two individuals. This changes rule 63.3(a).
- e) If a hearing is scheduled after the event is concluded and after the sailors and officials have left the venue, it will be scheduled as soon as possible, and in a place and manner chosen with deference to the competitor’s preferences or circumstances; and parties to the hearing have the right to be present telephonically or via video feed as appropriate, provided all participants can hear and speak to each other.

20.2 The following rule changes shall be made:

- a) Rule 65.2 is changed as follows: “seven days” is changed to “24 hours”; and “promptly” is changed to “, within 24 hours,”.
- b) Rule 66 is deleted and replaced by:

Rule 66 REOPENING A HEARING

i. The protest committee may reopen a hearing when it decides that it may have made a significant error, or when significant new evidence becomes available within a reasonable time. However, if an appeal of its decision has been sent to the national authority, the hearing shall not be reopened unless the national authority requires reopening under rule R5.4 or decides the appeal cannot be considered.

ii. A party to the hearing may ask for a reopening no later than 24 hours after being informed of the decision. On the last scheduled day of racing the request shall be



delivered (a) within the protest time limit if the requesting *party* was informed of the decision on the previous day; and (b) no later than 30 minutes after the *party* was informed of the decision on that day

iii. When a hearing is reopened, a majority of the members of the protest committee shall, if possible, be members of the original protest committee.

c) Rule 70.2 is deleted.

20.3 EXPEDITED APPEALS PROCEDURE

The expedited appeals system in rule R8, Expedited Appeals, will be used:

<http://www.ussailing.org/race-officials/rules-and-appeals/expedited-appeals/>

21 QUALIFICATION FOR 2018 WORLD SAILING YOUTH WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

For more information on how competitors qualify for the US Youth World Team see <http://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/07/YWQ-2018-Selection-Criteria-and-Code-of-Conduct.pdf>

22 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/>

