

# **Beach N Boards Fest Regatta**

**March 10th and 11th, 2018**

**Option 1 -Alan Shephard Park Cocoa Beach**

**Option 2 -Banana River off of 520 Causeway**

## **Sailing Instructions**

### **1 RULES**

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the Rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing including Appendix F A

Kiteboard Racing Rules.

1.2 Only the following US SAILING prescriptions will apply: the prescriptions to Rules 67, 76.1, and rule 76.3.

1.3 Competitors must wear their bib & life jackets while racing

1.4 If there is a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions the SI's take precedence. This changes RRS 63.7.

### **2 ENTRIES**

2.1 Competitors shall complete online registration by 2000 on March 9, 2018.

Registration and check in after the deadline will be approved at the discretion of the Principal Race Officer.

2.2 Online registration can be found here <http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/13819>

2.3 The entry fee is \$100.00 (USD) with a \$25.00 late fee after March 6th, 2018.

2.4 For competitors 18 and under the entry fee shall be \$75.00, with a \$25.00 late fee after March 6th, 2018.

### **3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS**

3.1 A Competitors' Meeting will be held on Saturday March 10th & Sunday May 11th. Time/location depends on forecast. Notification will be posted by 1800 on Friday March 9th & Saturday March 10th online on the Facebook event page and by email.

3.2 Official Notices will be posted on the Official Regatta Notice Board located at the launch site

3.3 Questions regarding the Sailing Instructions may be submitted in writing to the Race Committee. Questions and written responses will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

#### **4 CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

4.1 Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted by 0800 hours on the day they take effect except any changes to the schedule will be posted by 1800 hours on the day before they take effect.

#### **5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the beach.

5.2 When Flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 20 minutes'. Changes Race Signals.

#### **6 FORMAT**

6.1 Saturday and Sunday will be course racing. All competitors will race in one fleet. We plan to run no more than 3 races in a row and no more than 6 races in a day.

#### **7 CLASS FLAGS**

7.1 The class flag will be announced at the competitors meeting.

#### **8 VENUE**

8.1 The intended race area will be Alan Shephard Park (Option 1). If the wind is forecasted to have any west component in it, we will most likely move the venue to the 520 Causeway aka 520 Slick. (Option 2). Periodic announcements will be made leading up to the racing. A final announcement will be made at 1800 hours the night before racing.

#### **9 COURSES & MARKS**

9.1 Courses and marks are described in Attachment A – Official Description of Marks and Courses. The color of the marks will be described at the competitors meeting.

#### **10 RESTRICTED AREAS**

10.1 While at Alan Shephard Park, competitors shall only kite in the swim zone when going to or from the racecourse. Competitors must stay away from surf or other sports competition area.

10.2 The swim zones are defined as obstructions.

10.3 A competitor that breaks this rule may not correct her error per RRS 28.1 and shall retire. This changes RRS 28.1.

## **11 THE START**

11.1 The Starting Line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Signal Boat and an inflatable mark set to port. The race committee reserves the right to set a mark in place of the Race committee boat if need. This mark will serve as the starboard end of the starting line and the port end of the finish line. Start and finish lines would then be in between two buoys.

11.2 A competitor shall not start later than four minutes after the starting signal.

11.3 Starting sequence will be a 5-minute count down.

11.4 Starting Signals – The Race committee may use a horn or whistle to notify competitors of the starting sequence and/or the start of the race.

## **12 RECALLS**

12.1 The Race Committee may hail the sail number or jersey color/number of the competitor(s) identified on the course side of the starting line after the starting signal by loud hailer. The failure of a hail, the failure of a competitor hearing the hail or the order of the hails shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

## **13 THE FINISH**

13.1 The Finish Line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Signal Boat and a mark set downwind of the committee boat. The Race Committee has the option to set a course mark for the weather end, port end, of the finish line in needed. Finish would then be in between two buoys.

## **14 TIME LIMITS FOR EACH RACE**

The Time Limit for each race for the first boat to sail the course and finish is 30 minutes. A competitor still racing

15 minutes after the first finisher shall be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) by the Race Committee. This changes rules 35, 63.1 and A5.

## **15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

15.1 Forms for Protests and requests for redress are available at the beach Jury Desk, located near the notice board.

15.2 Protest and requests for redress shall be filed with the Jury within 60 minutes of the docking time of the finish boat. This time limit may be posted on the Official Notice Board.

15.3 Infringements of Sailing Instructions 3, 18, shall not be grounds for protest by a competitor, but may result in action from the Jury and or Race Committee.

15.4 Decisions of the jury will be final as provided in Rule 70.5.

## **16 SCORING**

16.1 Scoring will be according to the low point system in Appendix A of the Racing Rules

16.2 There will be only 1 discard race after 6 races. This amends Appendix A

16.3 1 race is required to be completed to constitute a regatta.

**17 SAFETY REGULATIONS** - There shall be a check in, check out procedure. The following will apply:

17.1 Check out: Each competitor shall check out each time they leave the shore with the Race Committee on shore official.

17.2 Check in: Each competitor shall check in each time they return ashore.

## **18 EQUIPMENT AND EQUIPMENT INSPECTION**

18.1 Competitors may be required to fill out equipment forms listing what kite and boards they plan to use.

18.2 Unless otherwise directed by the organizing authority, boards and equipment shall be launched and retrieved from the designated area at the event site.

**18.3 Impact vest or PFD's are strongly encouraged. Any rescue will be made on a best efforts basis only and each competitor will be responsible for self-rescue. IF a COMPETITOR is rescued, his personal safety will be the priority and his gear, kite and board, will be secondary or on a best efforts basis.**

## **19 DISPOSAL OF WASTE AND TRASH**

No competitor shall discharge trash of any kind into the water. The penalty for a breach of this rule, which may include disqualification from a race, is at the discretion of the Protest Committee. This changes rules 60.1(a) and 64.1.

**20 PRIZES** Prizes may be awarded based on placing order and participation.

## **21 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

21.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. 4 DECISION TO RACE the responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone. 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.

Attachment A: Race Course

