



2019 KO Sailing, RS AERO Gulf Coast Championships

May 17 – 19, 2019

SEA STAR BASE GALVESTON

7509 Broadway Galveston, TX

NOTICE OF RACE

1. Organizing Authority & Host

1.1. Sea Star Base Galveston

2. Rules

2.1. 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.

2.2. 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.

2.3. 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.

3. Eligibility & Entry

3.1. The regatta is open to all boats of the RS Aero class.

3.2. Eligible crews may be entered by completing entry form, registering with the organizing authority and paying the entry fee.

3.3 All competitors must be members of RS National Class Association.

4. Registration & Fees

4.1. The registration fee is \$75. Those registering prior to April 30 will receive a \$15 discount for an entry fee of \$60.

4.2. Continental Breakfast will be available before racing each morning.

4.3. Lunches, Dinners and post sailing beverages are the responsibility of the individual participants. The Sea Star Base (TBD) may be utilized for social activities as the individual sailors and class wish.

4.4. **Registration fees are non-refundable. Registrations the day of the event will be subject to a \$25 late fee for a total entry fee of \$100.** RS Aero Gulf Coast Championship May 17-29, 2019 Sea Star Base Galveston • Galveston, TX 77554.

4.5. Lodging arrangements can be made through Special Events by calling 409-572-2560.

4.6. Entry is online through RegattaNetwork.com and will be linked through the Upcoming Regattas page at (will post regatta network link here) Payment must be made online through Regatta Network or call the Sea Star Base Galveston at 409-572-2560, Special Events for other payment arrangements.

5. Schedule of Events

5.1.	Friday 17 May	1200	Boat rigging and practice
		1600 – 2000	Check-In
	Saturday 18 May	1000	Competitors' Meeting - Chapel
		1100	First Warning
			Dinner - Following Racing
	Sunday 19 May	1000	Competitors' Meeting - Chapel
		1100	First Warning
		1500	No Warnings after 3:00 pm
			Awards – Post Race – Commodore Room

6. Sailing Instructions

6.1. Sailing Instructions will be available at check-in and posted on the Official Notice Board.

7. Courses

7.1. Courses will be specified in the Sailing Instructions.

8. Scoring

8.1. The Low Point Scoring System (Appendix A) shall be used.

8.2. 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.

8.3. The number of races scheduled is 8. One completed race shall constitute the regatta.

8.4. The process for removing a worst score will be specified in the SI's.

9. Prizes

9.1. Recognition will be given to the top three boats overall, top boat 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. Additional recognition may be awarded at the discretion of the OA.

10. Safety

10.1. 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.

11. Coach and Support Boats

11.1. All coach and support boats shall register with OA and Race Committee, carry a first aid kit and monitor RC VHF channel.

12. Disclaimer of Liability

12.1. 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.

13. Charter Boats

13.1. Please contact KO Sailing and secure your charter PRIOR to registering for this regatta as there are a limited number of charter boats available. Contact KO Sailing Manager at 281-867-8200 or KOsailing@KOsailing.com. <https://www.kosailing.com/charters/rs-aero.html>

14. Local Accommodations

14.1. Contact Organizing Authority, Sea Star Base Galveston Special Events @ 409-572-2560 or for off base accommodations use Galveston.com.

14.2 Houston Hobby Airport is 35 miles from Sea Star Base Galveston. Bush Intercontinental is 60 miles from Base. Transportation to and from Hobby will be provided for a fee. Contact Sea Star Base Galveston Special Events at 409-572-2562.