



Clearwater Community Sailing Center
1001 Gulf Blvd. 33767

NOTICE OF RACE

Windsurf Midwinters

March 12th - 15th, 2020

1. RULES

- 1.1 The event shall be governed by:
- the rules defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2017 – 2020, and
 - US Sailing Regulation 12.03 (Protected Competitions).
- b. No national authority prescriptions will apply.
- c. If there is a conflict between this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing instructions will take precedence (*Changes rule 63.7 RRS*).

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1 International Sailing Federation (ISAF/World Sailing) Regulation 20 Advertising Code shall apply.
- 2.2 Boards may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 Eligible competitors may register online at: <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/19995>
- 3.2 Online entry will close on February 28th, 2020 for all Classes and Divisions.
- 3.3 A competitor entry is not valid until the entry fee is paid.
- 3.4 The following shall be presented upon registration if requested:
- Proof of age
 - Parental Permission Form - must be completed for those under age of 18
- 3.5 A Minimum of 5 competitors is required to constitute a division. Those entries accepted that do not constitute a division may sail another division as defined by the race committee.

4. DIVISIONS

- 4.1 The participating Classes shall be:
- Techno 293 Green Fleet –Boys & Girls with 1 year or less of racing experience and may utilize any sail under 5.8 meters.
 - Techno 293 (U15): sailors shall be under 15 years of age on December 31st, 2020
 - Techno 293 (U17): sailors shall be under 17 years of age on December 31st, 2020
 - Open Foil
 - Youth Windfoil
 - Windfoil Sport
 - Youth RSX: sailors shall be 19 on younger on December 31st, 2020
 - Kona
 - Windsurfer LT
 - Open Longboard

5. FEES

- 5.1 The entry fee for adult competitors is \$140 USD if received by February 28th, 2020. A late fee \$10 USD will be added for entries after February 28th, 2020.
- 5.2 The entry fee for Youth (under 21) competitors will be \$120 USD if received by February 28th, 2020. A late fee of \$10 USD will be added for entries received after February 28th, 2020.
- 5.3 Fee includes three lunches, two dinners, and a t-shirt.

6. SCHEDULE

6.1 Program

Thursday, March 12th, 2020	1300-1900	Check in
	1900	Skippers Meeting
Friday, March 13th, 2020	1000	Warning Signal
	1800	Dinner at CCSC
Saturday, March 14th, 2020	1000	Warning Signal
	1800	Dinner at CCSC
Sunday March 15th, 2020	1000	Warning Signal
	After races	Prize giving ceremony

- 6.2 No Warning Signal will be displayed after 14:30 on Sunday, March 15th, 2020

7. CHARTER BOARDS / RIGS

- 7.1 Limited Kona Class Charters and Windsurfer LT will be supplied by Progressive Sport. Contact Sherry at Sherry@progressivesports.com or 386-760-9926 to reserve a charter.

8. MEASUREMENT

- 8.1 It is the responsibility of each competitor that his/her board and equipment conforms to the class rules.

9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 9.1 The Sailing Instructions (SI's) will be available at registration.

10. COURSES

- 10.1 Courses will be as described in the sailing instructions.

11. VENUE

- 11.1 The regatta will be held at the Clearwater Community Sailing Center, Clearwater FL.
- 11.2 Racing will take place on the waters of Clearwater Harbor east of the sailing center and in the Gulf of Mexico East of Sheraton Sand Key.

12. SCORING

- 12.1 One race are required to be completed to constitute a regatta.
- 12.2 When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a board's series score will be the total of her race scores. When five (5) or more races have been completed, a board's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

13. PRIZES

- 13.1 Awards will be given to the top 3 of each division with over 10 boards pre-registered by February 28th, 2020. In divisions with less than ten boards pre-registered by March 11th, 2020 only first place will be awarded.

14. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 14.1 Rule 4 of the RRS states:
"The responsibility for a sailor's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone."
- 14.2 Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:
- a) Each sailor is aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves and their equipment to such inherent risk while taking part in the event;
 - b) Each sailor is responsible for the safety of themselves and their equipment and other property whether afloat or ashore;
 - c) Each sailor accepts responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
 - d) Each sailor must ensure their equipment is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
 - e) The provision of a race management team, safety boats and other officials and volunteers by the race organizer does not relieve any sailor of their own responsibilities;
 - f) The provision of safety boat support is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
 - g) The fact that the Race Committee conducts inspections, or not, of equipment does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this Notice of Race.

15. PROCEDURES FOR PROTECTED COMPETITIONS

- 15.1 US Sailing Regulation 12.03, Protected Competitions, will be in effect for the Junior RSX class event. The following rules and procedures will apply:
- (a) The US Sailing prescriptions to rules 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.
- 15.2 Other rule changes
- (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, Reopening a Hearing, second sentence is deleted and replaced by: "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."
 - (c) Rule 70.2 is deleted.
- 15.3 Expedited appeals procedure
The expedited appeals system in rule R8, Expedited Appeals, will be used. See: <https://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/2017-Expedited-Appeals.pdf>

15. SAFETY

- 15.1 Every competitor 18 years old or younger shall wear a personal flotation device that shall conform to the minimum standard

of ISO 12402-5 (level 50) or US Coast Guard approved foam Type III at all times while afloat (*Changes preamble of Part 4 RRS*)

15.2 An adult (parent, guardian or designated adult) is responsible for the safety of the sailor.

16. RIGHT TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

16.1 In registering for the event, competitors automatically grant to the Organizing Authority the right in perpetuity to make, use and show from time to time at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproduction of them, taken during the period of the event as defined in the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions in which he/she participates without compensation.

17. CONTACT

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