

Bluster on The Bay

January 15 -17, 2021

Organizing Authority: Hobie Division 8, Fleet 5, Fleet 36, Fleet 80 and Fleet 42
Magnuson Hotel Marina Cove – St. Petersburg, Florida

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the NoR means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

1. Rules

1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

2. Advertising

2.1. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

3. Eligibility and Entry

3.1. The regatta is open to all boats of the A-Cat, Hobie 14, 16, 17, 18, 20, and Wave, F16,F18, Nacra 15 and Weta classes, Windrider.

3.2. Eligible boats may enter online through the Hobie Division 8 website / Regatta Network beginning November 19th, 2020.

3.3. Per IHCA class rule 26, all competitors must be members in good standing of their class association.

3.4. Entries after January 3rd will be accepted with a \$25 late fee.

4. Fees

4.1. Required Fees:

Doublehanded boats until January 3, 2020: \$165 (\$190 after 1/3/20)

Singlehanded boats until January 3, 2020: \$115 (\$140 after 1/3/20)

Please note: a portion of the entry fee will be donated to the My Sail Foundation for the promotion of youth sailing across North America.

5. Schedule (tentative)

Thursday, January 14th

1400-1800 – Registration

TBA – Practice race may be scheduled

Friday, January 15th

0800-1000 – Registration

1030 – Competitors' meeting

1200 – First warning signal (3-5 races scheduled each race day)

Saturday, January 16th

1100 – First warning signal

1900 – Banquet Dinner and Raffle* Due to Covid and social distancing, dinner will be served outside under the pavilion!

Sunday, January 17th

1100 – First warning signal

1400 – No initial warning signal for a new race after this time

1600 – Awards and burger/hotdog lunch (additional tickets for dinners will be available at registration)

6. Sailing Instructions

- 6.1. Sailing instructions will be available online by January 2, 2021, on the Hobie Division 8 website and Facebook page and on Regatta Network. To reduce paper waste, copies will be available onsite only by request.
- 6.2. Online sailing instructions may be changed until 1800 Thursday, January 14, without a posted amendment.

7. Venue

- 7.1. Racing will take place in Tampa Bay east of the Skyway Bridge.
- 7.2. The regatta venue is Magnuson Hotel Marina Cove, St. Petersburg, FL.

8. Penalty System

- 8.1. For all classes, rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

9. Scoring

- 9.1. Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 9.2. When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her races scores.
- 9.3. When 5 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

10. Radio Communications

- 10.1. Competitors are strongly encouraged to carry personal VHF radios to monitor race committee communications. 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. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones. [DP]

11. Prizes

- 11.1. Prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the Organizing Authority

12. Disclaimer of Liability

12.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

13. Insurance

13.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$100,000 per incident or the equivalent. Proof of insurance will be required at registration.

14. Further information

14.1. Please contact Jason Sanchez, Jmsgroupcontracting@gmail.com, Call/text 727-580-5550, or Fred Weidig, Hobiefred@gmail.com.

Additional Information

Accommodations:

Magnuson Hotel Marina Cove, www.marinacoveresort.com, 6800 Sunshine Skyway Lane S., St. Petersburg, FL 33711 (727-867-1151). Special group rates are available by mentioning the event. Please use the group rate word "BOB" (Bluster on the Bay). Room Rates start at \$139 per night for standard rooms and \$159 per night for Point view rooms. Pet rooms are available. Early bookings are recommended. Booking online is available at the website.

Charter boats:

Some H16s may be available for charter. For more information, please contact Jason Sanchez, Jmsgroupcontracting@gmail.com, Call/text 727-580-5550, or Fred Weidig, Hobiefred@gmail.com.