



BUCCANEER BLAST REGATTA 2021

February 27-28, 2021

Rowell's Waterfront Park, Key Largo, FL

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY (OA)

Mark Sorensen Youth Sailing Program

www.msyp.org

NOTICE OF RACE

(Amended 2/22/2021)

I. RULES

- 1.1 The Regatta is governed by the Rules as defined by The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the prescriptions of US Sailing, except US Sailing Prescription to RRS 63.2 which is deleted.
- 1.2 The notation “[DP]” in this Notice of Race (NoR) and the Sailing Instructions (SIs) means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the Protest Committee, be less than disqualification.
- 1.3 The notation “[NP]” in this NoR means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 1.4 [DP] The Class Rules of the Optimist Dinghy, Laser, and Open Skiff shall apply.
- 1.5 Protest and Request for Redress Hearings will be conducted per NoR Exhibit One (“Expedited Hearings”). This changes RRS 63.2 and 63.6.
- 1.6 If there is a conflict between the NoR and the SIs, the SIs shall govern. This modifies RRS 63.7.
- 1.7 “OA” is the Organizing Authority, “RC” is the Race Committee, “PC” is the Protest Committee.

2. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRIES

- 2.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the Optimist Dinghy, Laser (Radial and 4.7) classes sailed by competitors ages 18 and under in the year of competition.
- 2.2 Entries in the Optimist Green Fleet shall be novice racers who have not previously competed in RWB.
- 2.3 All sailors must be checked in on site by the designated Point of Contact for each team by 0900 Saturday, February 27, 2021.
- 2.4 [DP][NP] Boats shall race with the sail number that was entered on their entry. Any request to revise the original entry information must be provided in writing to the OA prior to 0900 hrs on the first day of racing and must be approved by the OA.
- 2.5 Entries without a sail number, contact information for the responsible adult and waivers are incomplete and will not be accepted.

3. FEES & REGISTRATION

- 3.1 Entries can be completed by filling out the online registration via this link:
<https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/21599>
- 3.2 Registration for this event will close at midnight on Sunday, February 21, 2021 or upon reaching 250 entries, whichever comes first.
- 3.3 Entry fee is \$115 per boat.
- 3.4 A late fee of \$25 applies to all entries registering after February 15.
- 3.5 Registration includes lunch on both days and a regatta t-shirt.
- 3.6 Event giveaways may not be available for entries made after February 15.

4. COVID-19 REGATTA ADJUSTMENT

- 4.1 Social distancing and face coverings while on land are required. Failure to comply may result in removal from the venue.
- 4.2 Competitors shall be checked in by their designated point of contact (coach/team leader, etc).
- 4.3 Competitor giveaways will be given to the designated representative or point of contact for distribution.
- 4.4 Teams/yacht clubs will be assigned to specific staging areas of the park to ensure social distancing. A diagram of the park with assigned staging areas for each team will be posted on the MSYSP website by no later than February 25.
- 4.5 Each competitor is limited to having one parent or support person in the park (other than team leader/coach) during pre-launch and post-race phases of the day.
- 4.6 Should the event be cancelled due to Covid-19, all competitors will be refunded the registration amount minus any administration fee.

5. FORMAT FOR RWB

- 5.1 The Opti RWB Class will be divided into three divisions for each day of the regatta. Competitors will race only those boats within their division on each day.
- 5.2 Division assignments will be determined by the RC for the first day of the regatta and posted on the Official Notice Board prior to noon on Wednesday, February 24, 2021.
- 5.3 Division assignments for the second day of the regatta will be determined by a boat's position at the end of the first day of racing using a 1-2-3-3-2-1 system. The division assignments for the second day of racing shall be posted on the Official Notice Board as soon as practicable prior to 0800 on Sunday.
- 5.4 Division assignments will not be grounds for a boat to request redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 5.5 The OA will provide each boat with colored streamers corresponding to the divisions. While on the water, each boat shall at all times display her colored streamer corresponding to her assigned division. The streamer must be attached securely to the upper sprit loop. Its size shall not be changed.

6. SCHEDULE

- 6.1 Zoom Meetings will be held in advance of the regatta as follows:
- 6.2 Monday, February 22 at 1900 hrs: Green Fleet, Laser participants and their Coaches
- 6.3 Tuesday, February 23 at 1900 hrs: PRO and RWB Coaches meeting
- 6.4 Wednesday, February 24 at 1900 hrs: Coaches and RWB Competitors (last names A – L)
- 6.5 Wednesday, February 24 at 2000 hrs: Coaches and RWB Competitors (last names M – Z)
- 6.6 Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89250713018?pwd=M0t2VWVlcKrYUp2Z3hjRGVhb0tEUT09>

6.7 Friday, February 26

- 6.8 0800 – 2100: Trailer drop off and boat unloading (Rowell's Waterfront Park closes at sunset)
- 6.9 1600 – 1900: Onsite check-in available at tent near beach area for designated point of contact for each team.

6.10 Saturday, February 27

- 6.11 0800 – 0930: Onsite check-in available at the park for designated point of contact for each club.
- 6.12 1015 Intended time for Harbor Start, no boat shall leave the beach area prior to signal from Beach Master.
- 6.13 1045: Intended warning for first race of the day for Optimist RWB
- 6.14 1115: Intended warning for first race of the day for Optimist Green and Laser fleets.
- 6.15 1630: No first warning signal for a race will be made after this time
- 6.16 Sunset: Rowell's Water Park closes.

6.17 Sunday, February 28

6.18 0830 Intended time for Harbor Start, no boat shall leave the beach area prior to signal from Beach Master.

6.19 0900: Intended warning for Optimist RWB first race of the day

6.20 0930: Intended warning for Green Fleet and Lasers first race of the day

6.21 1345: No first warning signal for a race will be made after this time.

6.22 Lunch on land following races

6.23 Award presentations shortly after the races

*Changes to this schedule may occur and will be posted on the Official Notice Board and the MSYSP website by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

7.1 Sailing Instructions will be posted on Regatta Event Official Bulletin Board by February 20.

7.2 Printed copies of the Race Documents will not be available at the venue.

8. VENUE

8.1 This year's event will be held at Rowell's Waterfront Park, a Monroe County operated property located at 104550 Overseas Highway in Key Largo, Florida. This 8-acre park has direct water access to Florida Bay's Blackwater Sound.

8.2 Cars may not remain on the premises overnight as the park gates are closed each day at sunset.

8.3 Boats, equipment and trailers may remain on the premises overnight with the understanding that the park gates are closed each day at sunset.

8.4 Both the OA and Monroe County bear no responsibility for loss or damage.

8.5 All races will be sailed in Blackwater Sound as detailed in the Sailing Instructions.

8.6 Courses will be chosen from one of the following configurations; triangle, box, trapezoid, and will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

9. SCORING

9.1 The low point system as described in RRS Appendix A4 will apply.

9.2 A boat's series score will be the total of her races' scores excluding her worst score when six or more races have been scored. This changes RRS A2.1.

9.3 Three scored races shall constitute a series.

10. COACH, SUPPORT PERSONS and their BOATS

10.1 **[NP]** In support of safety for all competitors, coaches shall register online via this link **Coaches Registration Form** prior to 12:00 Noon Wednesday, February 24.

10.2 Coaches must display their ID flag provided by the OA and remain at least 50 yards from the race course and any racing sailor.

10.3 **[DP][NP]** Any boat not displaying an ID flag must remain at least 200 yards from the race course and any racing sailor.

10.4 **[DP][NP]** Support persons and coaches must assist if requested by the Race Committee.

10.5 Launching facilities will be posted on the MSYSP website and will be provided to entries and coaches via email prior to February 26.

11. RADIO COMMUNICATION

11.1 No competitor boats shall carry any communication devices such as VHF or cell phones.

11.2 Coach and support boats shall carry functional VHF radios and cell phones for communications with the RC and OA and shall monitor their course VHF channel as described in the Sailing Instructions.

12. PRIZES

- 12.1 Optimist Green Fleet: Awards will be presented to first through tenth place.
- 12.2 Optimists RVB Fleet: Awards will be presented to first through fifth place within each group and top finish overall.
- 12.3 Laser 4.7 and Radial: Awards will be presented to first through third place.

13. SAFETY

- 13.1 **[DP]** Rule 40.1 applies to all competitors and coaches.
- 13.2 **[DP]** All coach, support and Race Committee vessels operating within 200 yds of any competitor shall be equipped with a functioning engine safety cut-off switch which shall remain attached to the operator. Failure to comply shall be deemed as misconduct with the associated penalty.

14. DISCLAIMERS OF LIABILITY

Competitors who participate in the regatta do so entirely at their own risk. The organizing authority and Monroe County 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. Each competitor must fill out and have signed by a parent a waiver of liability and medical form. See RRS 4, Decision to Race.

15. MONROE COUNTY, FLORIDA MANDATORY WAIVER OF LIABILITY RELATING TO COVID-19

- 15.1 Monroe County, which owns and operates Rowell's Waterfront Park, requires that all participants, including parents, guardians, coaches, event staff/volunteers as well as sailors, complete and submit its online waiver form. Sailors will not be allowed to participate unless the waiver forms have been completed online for both support person and child participant.
- 15.2 Please click on the following link to complete the adult waiver: [Monroe County Adult Waiver Form](#)
- 15.3 Please click on the following link to complete the child waiver: [Monroe County Child Waiver Form](#)

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