



# **2021**

## **Red Gear Racing Championships**

**F16 National Championships, NACRA 15 National Championships,  
F18 Class & Hobie 16 Class**

**May 21 - 23, 2021**

N15 Nationals will be May 22, 23, 2021 with additional racing available on the preceding day.

**Optional long distance race on May 20, 2021**

Organizing Authority Red Gear Racing

Hosted at Clearwater Sailing Center Clearwater, Florida



**ImmunoLin®**



Provisional Notice of race posted

**May 15, 2021**

While at the venue competitors shall adhere to federal, state and local government regulations regarding Covid19. Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from an event official. Failure to comply may be misconduct. Reasonable actions by event officials to implement Covid19 guidance, protocols or legislation, even if they later prove to have been unnecessary, are not improper actions or omissions.

The Organizing Authority is fully committed to the safety of all competitors participating in this event. The races will take place as scheduled, though COVID-19 may require format changes. Depending on local conditions at the time, skippers' meetings or awards presentations may be modified, specific launching and docking instructions may be issued, and similar adaptations may be made with the competitors. The Organizing Authority will follow all applicable government regulations and best practices to mitigate any possible health risks, and we ask you to do the same for yourself and your fellow competitors. At the time of this posting we will institute safe distance practices between teams and masks during any gathering.

As per CDC recommendations:

- \* When arriving on site, we will be checking for elevated temperatures before entering the beach pen.
- \* This event will limit attendance to 175 people and take place outside
- \* Hand sanitizer will be available at the check in desk and entry to the beach pen
- \* All registration will be completed on line so check in will have minimal contact.
- \* 6' of distance will be implemented at the check in desk.
- \* 6' of space will be planned between each boat when on the beach
- \* Mask will be required at the skippers meeting or in any situation that you need to be closer than 6'
- \* Signs will be posted at check in and at the entry reminding people about sanitizing, mask wearing and social distancing

## 1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing
- 1.2. The International F16, F18, N15 and Hobie 16 Catamaran Class Rules will apply in their respective classes.
- 1.3. In the event there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.
- 1.4. Competitors will be required to wear a properly fastened non-inflatable PFD, acceptable by their country of residence at all times, while on the water. Use of buoyancy aids will be at the sole risk of competitors; use will not be a protestable event.

## 2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1. Advertising shall conform to the current ISAF Regulation 20 and the Class Rules.
- 2.2. Boats may be required to display bow numbers and advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

## 3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1. The regatta is open to boats conforming to the F16, F18, H16 and N15 Class Rules respective to their class.
- 3.2. Each competitor for the F16 and 18 and Hobie 16 shall be a member of their respective national class association in order to be eligible for prize money unless approved by the Organizing Authority.
- 3.3. Eligible boats may enter by completing and paying at <https://www.regattanetwork.com> by May 13, 2021 NO LATE REGISTRATION WILL BE AVAILABLE unless reviewed by Organizing Authority.
- 3.4. Only boats having completed all registration requirements and payment will be allowed to compete.
- 3.5. The entry fee shall be US \$195 for double handed F18, H16 and F16 Teams, \$175.00 for F16 Single handed and \$125 for N15 Teams
- 3.6. ALL ENTRIES must complete registration before May 15, 2021 online. No late or on site registrations will be accepted.

## 4. SCHEDULE

- 4.1. Clinic with Red Gear Racing...SEPARATE REGISTRATION AND FEE contact [info@redgearracing.com](mailto:info@redgearracing.com)

CLINIC		
16 May	Sunday	From 11:00 To 18:00
17 May	Monday	From 11:00 To 18:00
18 May	Tuesday	From 11:00 To 18:00
19 May	Wednesday	From 11:00 To 18:00 FREE COMPETITORS STARTING CLINIC

4.2. Regatta CHECK IN: NO ON SITE REGISTRATION

CHECK IN		
20 May	Thursday	11:00-20:00 Check in NO ON SITE REGISTRATION
21 May	Friday	8:00-9:30 Check in NO ON SITE REGISTRATION
22 May	Saturday	8:00-9:30 Check in for Nacra 15s not racing on Friday

4.3. Social Schedule

Preliminary Social Schedule			
20 May	Thursday	TBA	Welcome BBQ TBA due to Covid
21 May	Friday		Open night
22 May	Saturday		Deck dinner at the Clearwater Yacht Club
23 May	Sunday	TBA	Awards

4.4. Dates of Racing

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20 May	Thursday	1:00	Optional long distance race.
21 May	Friday	9:45	Competitors meeting
21 May	Friday	12:30	Warning signal first race of Day 1
22 May	Saturday	12:30	Warning signal first race of Day 2
23 May	Sunday	12:30	Warning signal first race of Day 3

4.4.1. A maximum of 12 races are scheduled.

4.4.2. A maximum of four (4) races per day and up to 5 (5) races per day for N15 Class on Sat and Sun.

**5. MEASUREMENT**

- 5.1. Sails shall have a full sail number and national letter in accordance with the RRS Class Rules and Appendix G.
- 5.2. All boats must comply with class rules. The organizing authority may at its discretion require boats to be measured or teams to weigh to confirm compliance before or during or after the regatta.
- 5.3. Nacra 15 Class will not be required to display their Country Flag

**6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 6.1. Final Sailing Instructions will be available at Check in on site.
- 6.2. Preliminary Sailing Instructions may be available on or before May 16, 2021.

**7. VENUE**

- 7.1. Races will be held in the waters of Clearwater Bay and/or the Gulf of Mexico.
- 7.2. Boats can arrive at the Clearwater Community Sailing Center beginning Monday May 16 by contacting the Organizing Authority without any charge.
- 7.3. Storage of boats before or after May 16-May 24 is available at a charge.

**8. THE COURSE**

- 8.2. A windward-leeward course will be used and may incorporate a double Worlds type course

**9. PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 9.1. RRS Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty. 10.2. Failure of a boat to present a measurement certificate shall not be protestable by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

**10. PROTESTS AND APPEALS**

- 10.1. Protest may be heard virtually.
- 10.2. Protest filing time will be one hour after the last boat of the day finishes.

## 11. SCORING

- 11.1. Two (2) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 11.2. When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 11.3. When from 5 to 10 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 11.4. When 11 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.
- 11.5. N15 Nationals scoring will only be for Sat and Sun. Any racing before then will not be considered part of the National score.
- 11.6. **SUPPORT/COACH/SPECTATOR BOAT**
- 11.7. Support/coach/spectator boats shall register at check in during the registration period.
- 11.8. The fee for support boat registration shall be US \$50 which includes mooring/dockage.
- 11.9. A unique registration number may be assigned to each support boat. The registration number shall be visible at all times while on the water.
- 11.10. Rules governing the conduct of support/coach/spectator boats will be in the Sailing Instructions.
- 11.11. All coach and support boats shall monitor and respond to VHF Committee traffic and instructions.

## 12. BERTHING

- 12.1. Boats shall be stored overnight on the grounds of the Clearwater Community Sailing Center. No boat may be stored overnight outside of the grounds of Clearwater Community Sailing Center without prior permission of the Regatta Chair.

## 13. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

- 13.1. Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

## 14. PRIZES

- 14.1. Nacra 15 class 1st, 2nd and 3rd based on 8 boats. (fewer awards with fewer entries)
- 14.2. The 2021 Formula 16 and F18 and Hobie 16 Classes 1st, 2nd 3rd Cash Prizes based on 10 boats. (fewer awards with fewer entries)
- 14.3. F16, H16, F18 each race will have cash awards depending on entries.
- 14.4. F16 Single handed will have 1st, 2nd, 3rd Cash prized dependant on entries
- 14.5. Other spot prizes may be awarded by the Organizing Authority.
- 14.6. Prize money may be adjusted based on attendance and supplemented if we can not do a social event.
- 14.7. The OA may delay awarding cash prizes until the appeal period, as defined in Appendix R of *The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2021-2024, including US Sailing Prescriptions*, has expired
- 14.8. The results of an appeal may not affect the presentation and distribution of award money.
- 14.9. Cash awards will be given for trailer miles driven per trailer.

500 miles.....\$25.00

1000 miles....\$50.00

1500 miles....\$75.00

2000 miles....\$100.00

Cash awards are paid at the conclusion of the event and awarded per trailer. Milage is based on one way travel.

## 15. RIGHT TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

By participating in the 2021 Red Gear Racing Championships, a competitor automatically grants to the organizers and its sponsors the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time at their discretion, any motion pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of him or her during the period of the competition without compensation.

**16. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

- 16.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS rule 4, Decision to Race.
- 16.2. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or illness or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta
- 16.3. The organizing authority will not be liable for cash prizes in the event of an appeal.

**17. INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with minimum coverage of US\$100,000.00 per event or the equivalent.

**18. ACCOMMODATIONS**

RV's nor camping are allowed at the Clearwater Community Sailing Center.

HOTELS: We would recommend Clearwater Beach or Sand Key if you would like to stay on the beach. We are happy to look at any mainland locations if you have questions.

**19. FURTHER INFORMATION**

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