

2021 Ruff Rider Regatta

Organizing Authority: A Division VI Regatta

September 4-5, 2021

South Padre Island to Corpus Christi, TX

NOTICE OF RACE (NoR)

Division VI cordially invites sailors of ill repute from all corners of the globe to join us in sailing the famed Ruff Rider Regatta. First sailed in 1975, this is a special race, drawing a unique cadre of sailors, with unpredictable sailing conditions along 100 miles of gorgeous Texas coastline. Sailors will be treated to a Red Beans and Rice Dinner at the famous Hobie Hilton. Come join us to make some memories and see who's fastest up the ditch!

1. RULES

The event is governed by the rules as defined in the 2021-2024 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) as amended by the Ruff Rider Sailing Instructions.

2. FEES and REGISTRATION

Registration will be open from 7/29 to 9/3 at midnight.

The entry fee for all boats is \$95.

Boats must register online at Regatta Network:

<https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/23048>

3. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing instructions will be available August 7th on Regatta Network and provided via email to each registered team.

4. VENUE

The race course will be from South Padre Island (SPI) to Snoopy's Pier via the Intracoastal Waterway. The course will be split over two days.

Saturday: South Padre Island to the Hobie Hilton

Sunday: The Hobie Hilton to Snoopy's Pier

Launch beach, Hobie Hilton GPS coordinates, and finish line details will be provided in the SI.

5. ELIGIBILITY and CLASSES

Eligibility: Open to catamarans with SCHRS rating of 1.208 (Hobie 16) or lower.

Classes: There will be two classes. Spin and Non-Spin.

6. PENALTY SYSTEM

RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turn Penalty Is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

7. PREP VIDEO CALL

Tuesday (8/31) @ 7pm

This is not buoy racing. All competitors, skippers, crew, and ground crew are strongly encouraged to attend. We will review the SI, the course, and discuss safety issues. We will have a discussion on navigating the Intracoastal Waterway, boat camping on a remote barrier island, and what to expect as ground crew. All sailors are strongly encouraged to read the USCG Rules of the Road Handbook:

<https://www.navcen.uscg.gov/?pageName=navRuleChanges>

8. SCHEDULE

Tuesday (8/31)

1900 - Prep Video Call

Friday (9/3)

1800 - Social at Clayton's Beach Bar in SPI

Saturday (9/4)

0800 to 0900 - Safety Check and Sign-off at the launch beach.

0900 - Competitors' Meeting at the launch beach. Crew and Ground Crew are encouraged to attend.

1030 - Sailors launch from SPI and sail to the Hobie Hilton

1800 - Ground Crew Party at location TBD

Sunday (9/5)

0900 - Sailors launch from the Hobie Hilton and sail to Snoopy's Pier

9. LODGING, FOOD, and TRANSPORTATION

Each team is responsible for arranging their own lodging.

A Red Beans and Rice dinner will be served at the Hobie Hilton Saturday night. Each team is responsible for bringing any additional provisions or camping gear for the Saturday overnight portion of the race.

Each team is responsible for their own ground support and transporting trailers between SPI and Corpus Christi.

10. COMMUNICATION

Each sailor is encouraged to carry a phone in a waterproof case.

All boats shall carry a VHF capable of communicating on channels 16 and 78. It's strongly recommended the VHF be waterproof and float. If it is not waterproof it shall be in a waterproof container.

11. SAFETY

RRS 40 is changed to read: "Each competitor shall wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved PFD, properly secured at all times while on the water, except for brief periods while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wet suits, dry suits, and inflatable PFDs do not constitute adequate personal buoyancy."

Failure to comply is not grounds for protest, however boats will not be checked in, started, or scored unless all members of the crew comply with this rules

12. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

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 or

personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

13. REVISIONS

Any revisions to this document will be distributed no later than the end of the Competitor's Meeting. Revisions made prior to 9/4 will be posted on Regatta Network and distributed to registered teams via email. Revisions made on 9/4 will be communicated at the Competitor's Meeting.

14. COVID-19

All Federal, State, and Local regulations supersede this document. Any new information related to COVID-19 requirements will be distributed via the mailing list. Due to the uncertainty of COVID-19 restrictions, adjustments to or cancellation of the event due to COVID-19 related issues does not guarantee 100% of the entry fee will be refunded.

15. FURTHER INFORMATION

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