

Bluster on The Bay

January 14 – 16, 2021

Organizing Authority: Hobie Division 8, and RED Gear Racing
Ballard Park, 924 Thomas Barbour Dr, Melbourne, FL 32935

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 classes of boats including A-Cat (Classics and Foilers), Hobie 14, 16, 17, 18, 20, and Wave, F16, F18, Nacra 15, Weta and **OPEN** classes.
- 3.2. Eligible boats may enter online through the Regatta Network/ Hobie Division 8 website by December 31st, 2021; OA has right but not the obligation to allow later registrations.
- 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 may be accepted with a \$25 late fee and stern talking to

4. Fees

- 4.1. Required Fees:

Doublehanded boats until 0000 on January 3, 2022: \$135 (\$160 afterward)

Singlehanded boats until 0000 on January 3, 2022: \$90 (\$115 after 1/3/22)

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 13th

1700 – 1800 Early registration

Friday, January 14th

900 – 1100 – Registration

1030 – Competitors' meeting

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

1800 – 2100 – Sailors Gathering – Intracoastal Brewing, 652 W Eau Gallie Blvd.,
Melbourne, FL 32935

Saturday, January 15th

1100 – First warning signal

1730 – Food provided by Hog Snappers Food Truck onsite Ballard Park

2000 – Raffle* & gathering Hotel Melby – Rooftop Bar “The Landing Rooftop”

**Additional raffle tickets available at registration and at the Hotel gathering*

Sunday, January 16th

1100 – First warning signal

1500 – No initial warning signal for a new race after this time

1600 – Awards

6. Sailing Instructions

- 6.1. Sailing instructions will be available online by January 2, 2022, 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 13, without a posted amendment.

7. Venue

- 7.1. Racing will take place in the Indian River Lagoon South of the Eau Gallie Causeway.
- 7.2. The regatta venue is Ballard Park, Melbourne, (On Florida’s Space Coast).

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 required at registration.

14. Further information

14.1. Please contact Jason Sanchez, Jmsgroupcontracting@gmail.com, Call/text 727-580-5550, or Lisa Herendeen, 321-863-4424, Mark Herendeen, 321-863-4426.

Additional Information

Accommodations:

Hotel Melby. 801 Strawbridge Ave, Melbourne, FL 32901. 321-361-3663. Special group rates are available by mentioning the event. Please use the group rate word "Bluster".

Room Rates start at \$139 per night. This hotel is Pet friendly. Early bookings are recommended. Booking online is available:

<https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/deeplink/?ctyhocn=MLBSKUP&groupCode=BLUSTE&arrivaldate=2022-01-13&departuredat=2022-01-15&cid=OM,WW,HILTONLINK,EN,DirectLink&fromId=HILTONLINKDIRECT>

CAMPING/RVS:

RVs are not allowed at Ballard Park.

There is a Walmart, 1001 E Eau Gallie Blvd, Indian Harbour Beach, FL 32937, just over the causeway that allows overnight parking, 4.8 miles or approximately 11 minutes.

There are several campgrounds but January – March on the East Coast is prime season and most of these sell out a year in advance. You will need to call and check on cancellations.

Wickham Park, 2500 Parkway Dr, Melbourne, FL 32935. 321-255-4307

Palm Shores RV Park, 5090 N US Hwy 1, Melbourne, FL 32940

Lucky clover Mobile Home & RV, 635 E Eau Gallie Blvd, Melbourne, FL 32937

Long Point Campground. 700 Long Point Rd, Melbourne Beach, FL 32937

<https://www.brevardfl.gov/ParksAndRecreation/ParksByCity/ParksInMelbourneBeach/LongPoint>

Sebastian Inlet State Park. 9700 S Highway A1A, Melbourne Beach, FL 32951

<https://www.floridastateparks.org/Sebastian-Inlet>

If you really prefer the RV and do not need electric hookup, we can provide some optional ideas outside of the park within driving distance. Email or call Mark or Lisa.