

Bluster Regatta

Indian River Lagoon, Downtown Melbourne

January 13, 14 & 15, 2023

Organizing Authority: Hobie Division 8

Riverview Park, 2400 Riverview Drive, Melbourne, FL 32901 "Scurrah's Landing"

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 2021 – 2024 *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)* and class rules.

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 15/17/Carbon 20, Weta and **OPEN** classes.
- 3.2. Eligible boats may enter online through the Regatta Network website by December 31st, 2022; OA has right but not the obligation to allow later registrations.
- 3.3. Per IHCA class rule 26, USACA and all other classes, all competitors must be paid 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 December 31, 2022: \$150 (\$175 afterward)
Singlehanded boats until 0000 on December 31, 2022: \$115 (\$140 after 1/3/22)

5. Schedule (tentative)

Thursday, January 12th

1700 – 1800 Early registration

Friday, January 13th

900 – 1100 – Registration

1030 – Competitors' meeting

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

1800 – 2100 – Sailors Gathering – Downtown Melbourne – Location TBD

Saturday, January 14th

1100 – First warning signal

1730 – Food provided by Fish Bellies (previously Hog Snappers) Food Truck onsite
Riverview Park

2000 – Raffle* & social gathering Location TBA

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

Sunday, January 15th

1100 – First warning signal

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

Awards to follow racing

6. Sailing Instructions

- 6.1. Sailing instructions will be available online by January 2, 2023, 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 12, without a posted amendment.

7. Venue

- 7.1. Racing will take place in the Indian River Lagoon South of the US192 Causeway.
- 7.2. The regatta venue is Riverview Park “Scurrah’s Landing”, Melbourne, (Indian River Lagoon, 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. if 5 or more races are completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her races scores, excluding the competitors worse 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 \$300,000 per incident or the equivalent. Proof of insurance required at registration.

14. Further information

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

Additional Information

Accommodations:

Hotel Melby. 801 Strawbridge Ave, Melbourne, FL 32901. 321-361-3663. Special group rates will be available by November. Please use the group rate word "Bluster". Room Rates are currently \$145 per night. This hotel is Pet friendly. Early bookings are HIGHLY recommended. Booking online is available:

CAMPING/RVS:

RVs TBA.

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.