



2023 RS Aero Winter Series

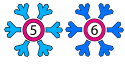
NOTICE OF RACE

Organizing Authority:
Davis Island Yacht Club
1315 Severn Ave, Tampa, Florida, 33606
<http://www.diytc.org>

Endorsed by the RS Aero North American Class Association

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2. RRS 40.1 applies.
- 1.3. Parking on DIYC property is limited to members and those displaying a parking permit signed by the DIYC Club Manager. All other vehicles must be parked outside of the



member only designated area. The Organizing Authority retains the right to limit any individual’s access to the club at its sole discretion.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1. Sailing instructions (SI) for each event will be available online 24 hours before the opening of on site Check-In.

3. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

3.1. The regatta is open to all boats of the RS Aero Class whose skippers are current members of the North American RS Aero Association or their equivalent national Class Association. Non-members can [register online](#).

3.2. Eligible competitors may enter the regatta by completing the online registration and fee payment found at:

Event #1: February 6-12, 2023 <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/25455>

Event #2: March 10-12, 2023 <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/25710>

Event #3: April 15-16, 2023 <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/25458>

3.3. Competitors will be required to agree to a waiver of liability as a condition of eligibility.

3.4. If a fleet has fewer than 5 boats entered, it may be started with another fleet.

4. FEES

4.1. The entry fees for each event are as follows:

Event	Fee	Date \$25 late fee will be applied
Event #1	\$200.00 + tax	Jan. 16, 2023
Event #2	\$180.00 + tax	Feb. 17, 2023
Event #3	\$180.00 + tax	Apr. 17, 2023

4.2. A 10% discount is applied for competitors who pay and register for all three events.

4.3. Entry fee refunds will be processed according to the following policy:

4.3.1. Withdrawal prior to the date that the late fee will be applied: 50% refund

4.3.2. Withdrawal after the date that the late fee will be applied: 0% refund

5. ADVERTISING

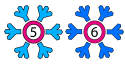
5.1. Competitor advertising shall be restricted to World Sailing Regulation 20, Advertising Code.

5.2. Boats may be required to display advertising and/or bow numbers chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

6. SCHEDULE

6.1. Program and Schedule:

Event	Event Information	Date, Time	Activity
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Clinic	RS Aero Racing Clinic	Jan. 17-20, 10:30-16:00	Clinic
Event #1	Florida State Championship Race Aeround the Bay Midwinters	Feb. 6, 08:30 - 10:00 Feb. 6, 09:30 Feb. 6-7, 11:00 Feb. 8, 09:30 Feb. 8, 10:00 Feb. 9 Feb. 10-12, 11:00	Check-in Competitors Meeting First Warning Competitors Meeting First Warning NO RACING First Warning
Event #2	Fireball and Friends	Mar. 10, 08:30 - 10:00 Mar. 10, 09:30 Mar. 10-12, 11:00	Check-in Competitors Meeting First Warning
Event #3	Winter Series Finale	Apr. 15, 08:30 - 10:00 Apr. 15, 09:30 Apr. 15-16, 11:00	Check-in Competitors Meeting First Warning

6.2. A total of fifteen (15) races are scheduled for all fleets during event #1 with a maximum of four (4) races on each day except Sunday when a maximum of three (3) races are scheduled. A total of seven (7) races are scheduled for all fleets with a maximum number of three (3) races on Friday and Sunday, with four (4) races maximum on Saturday for event #2. A total of six (6) races are scheduled for all fleets for event #3.

7. INSPECTION & MEASUREMENT

All boats and sails shall comply with current [RS Aero Class Rules](#). Spot checks by the measurement committee may be performed on any boat at any time during the event.

8. VENUE

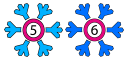
The racing area will be in Hillsborough Bay, South of Davis Island Yacht Club.

9. COURSES

The courses will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

10. SCORING

- 10.1. One race must be completed to constitute a series for each event.
- 10.2. For each event, if five or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. If less than five races have been completed a boat's score will be the total of her race scores.
- 10.3. For the overall series to be scored, a minimum of two events shall be held and overall series scoring will be as follows:
 - 10.3.1. Competitors must register, pay, and compete in a minimum of two events in the same fleet / rig division.
 - 10.3.2. A boat's series score will be the total of her finishing positions in her two best events. If there is a tie between two or more boats, each boat's finishing position in her two best qualifying events shall be listed in order of best to worst. At the first point(s) where there is a difference the tie shall be broken in favor of the



boat(s) with the best score(s). If a tie remains between two or more boats, they shall be ranked in order of their last event. If a tie remains, trophies shall be awarded to all tied competitors.

11. SUPPORT BOATS

- 11.1. All support boats shall be registered with the organizing authority and will be required to comply with event support boat requests.
- 11.2. Support boats shall monitor the race committee VHF channel and remain outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first fleet to start until all boats have finished or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall, abandonment, or requests assistance.
- 11.3. All support vessels shall be equipped with a functioning engine safety cut-out switch (kill switch) which shall remain attached to the support person (operator) at all times while the engine is on. Support vessels shall check-in with the RC Signal vessel before the first race of each day to demonstrate compliance.

12. BERTHING

- 12.1. RS Aeros shall be kept in designated areas of the beach and/or designated boat storage areas. A map of the grounds will clearly identify this area.
- 12.2. To arrange boat storage outside of the event period, contact Ryan Schenck, regatta co-chair ry.schenck@gmail.com.

13. PRIZES

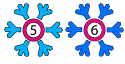
- 13.1. For each event, prizes will be awarded to the top finishers and the top woman in each of the three rig divisions.
- 13.2. For the overall Winter Series, prizes will be awarded to the top finishers and the top woman in each of the three rig divisions.
- 13.3. Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organizing authority.

14. RISK, DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY, & PERSONAL CONDUCT

Sailing is an activity that carries with it an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors participate in these Regattas entirely at their own risk and are reminded to pay special attention to RRS 3, Decision to Race. The race organizers include the Organizing Authority, the Davis Island Yacht Club, Race Committee, Protest Committee, sponsors, volunteers, or any other affiliated organization or official who will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury, illness, or disease to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of practice for or participation in this event during shoreside or on-the-water activities. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

15. RIGHT TO USE NAME & LIKENESS

By participating in this event, all competitors grant the organizers and sponsors the right to make, use and show, at any time and at their discretion, any photographs or videos of them produced during the period of the event without compensation.



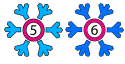
Further Information

Getting Here:

If flying, Tampa International Airport (TPA) has regular domestic flights and nonstop flights from the UK and Europe. TPA is rated as the best airport in its size category in North America for good reason. It is one of the easiest airports to navigate and is located close to just about anything people travel to Tampa for. If you are flying, the regatta venue is only 15 minutes by car.

Local Lodging:

Select Nearby Hotels:



Embassy Suites Convention Center, walking area downtown along water
Aloft Tampa Downtown, chic and trendy in downtown Tampa
Floridian Palace Hotel, historic hotel in downtown Tampa
Le Méridean Tampa, beautiful boutique hotel in an old courthouse downtown
Tahitian Inn, classic Florida hotel and a budget friendly option not too far
Aloft Tampa Midtown, affordable and trendy south Tampa

Short Term Rentals:

The area offers numerous options for short term rentals. Simply search <https://www.airbnb.com> or <https://www.vrbo.com>. Any vacation rentals located in South Tampa (Hyde Park, Riverfront, Downtown, Ybor, and Davis Islands) should be close enough to the regatta venue.

Davis Island Yacht Club Member Hosting:

Davis Islands Yacht Club has a friendly and welcoming member base with several people willing to host fellow sailors. Spaces are limited, please contact Ryan Schenck at ry.schenck@gmail.com to arrange.

Camping:

There is limited onsite camping available at the Davis Island Yacht Club for tent camping. RV camping on Davis Island Yacht Club property is not available during and between the event dates. Contact Ryan Schenck at ry.schenck@gmail.com to make prior arrangements.

Berthing:

Berthing for competitors from outside of Florida is available at a monthly cost between the clinic and the end of Event #3. Proof of insurance and liability waiver must be signed. Contact Ryan Schenck at ry.schenck@gmail.com to make arrangements. No boats are allowed to be left at Davis Island Yacht Club without making arrangements and securing boats in the assigned location.

Additional Information or Questions:

For more information, contact regatta co-chairs:

Ryan Schenck at ry.schenck@gmail.com or Rebecca Keyser at rlynnne.keyser@gmail.com

Note: Davis Island Yacht Club accepts credit cards, but not cash.