



# Open Foil Midwinter's 2026

Clearwater Community Sailing Center

February 14-15

## Sailing Instructions

### 1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.

### 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located between the shop and the bathrooms.

### 3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except to the extent that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 on the day before it will take effect.

### 4. Signals Made Ashore

- 4.1 Signals made ashore shall be made from the flagpole in the middle of the main yard.
- 4.2 When flag "AP" is displayed, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 45 minutes" in the Race signal "AP". This changes the race signal "AP".

### 5. Schedule of Races

5.1 Saturday, February 14

- **0900–1000** – Check-in and late registration
- **1000** – Competitors' meeting
- **1130** – First warning signal
- **Races to follow**
- **Dinner** – 1800

5.2 Sunday, February 15

- **10:00**- First warning signal
- **15:30**- Last possible warning
- **Awards ASAP**
- **Dinner at North Beach Windsurfing** (please RSVP with Britt) 419 76th Ave, St Pete Beach, FL 33706

The Race Committee may run multiple races, conditions permitting.

### 6. Racing Area

The racing area will be north-west of Clearwater Pass in the Gulf of Mexico or on Clearwater Harbor

southeast of CCSC.

## 7. The Course And Change Of The Next Leg Of the Course

7.1 SI Appendix A illustrates the course, including the general configuration of the marks, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left. The course length and exact configuration will be based on sailing conditions.

7.2. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position.

## 8. Marks

Marks will be described in Appendix B or at the Skippers meeting

## 9. The Start

9.1 Races will be stated using the following signals: This changes RRS Appendix B rules 26.1 and 26.2

Minutes before starting signal	Visual Signal	Sound Signal	Means
3	Class flag displayed	One	Warning Signal
2	U or Black flag displayed	One	Preparatory signal
1	U or Black flag removed	One long	One –minute signal
0	Class flag removed	One	Starting signal

9.2 Class flags will be  
White IQ Foil Flag

9.3 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange starting line flag flown from the signal boat on the **port** end and a Yellow Mark.

9.4 Race committee will not hail sail numbers of OCS boats or boats subject to starting penalties.

## 10. The Finish

The finish line will be between the staff of an orange flag on the signal boat and a yellow cylinder on the port end of the signal boat or finish boat, for course racing.

## 11. Protests, Scoring Reviews, Redress Requests, and Penalties.

11.1 Protests, scoring review form,s and filing of forms happens at the CCSC front desk.

11.2 The protest time limit is 45 minutes after the race committee signal vessel docks. The protest time limit will be posted on the official notice board as soon as practical.

## 12. Time Limits

12.1 Time limits and target times for races are in minutes and as follows

Race Type	Target Time	Time Limit	Finish Window
Course Racing	15	25	10
Sprint Slalom	3-4	10	4

Marathon	60	100	30
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12.2 Boards failing to finish within the time stated in the finish window, after the first competitor in that group sails the race according to RRS 28, will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) or finished in place. This changes RRS 35 and A5.

### 13. Scoring

13.1 A competitor's series score with the total of her race scores excluding her worst scores(s) as

1-2	0	No discard
3-7	1	One Worst Score discarded
8-12	3 2	Two Worst scores discarded
13-17	4	Four Worst scores discarded
Races Sailed	Discards	Comments

**14. Safety** Competitors shall wear a helmet and impact vest at all times while racing.

### 15. Support Boats

15.1 Support Boats shall monitor VHF channel 65.

15.2 Kill cord shall be worn at all times when the engine is running.

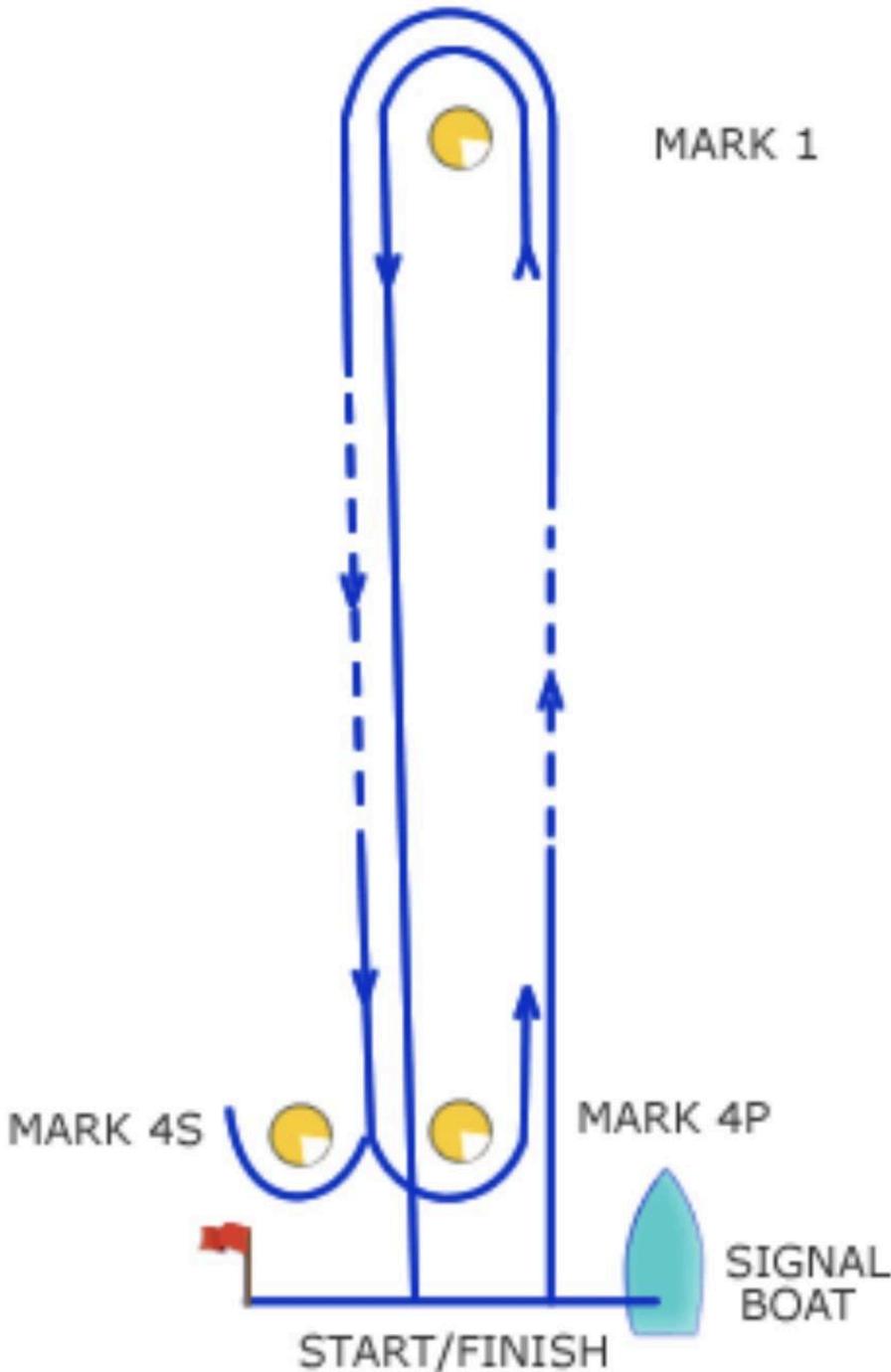
### 16. Disclaimer Of Liability

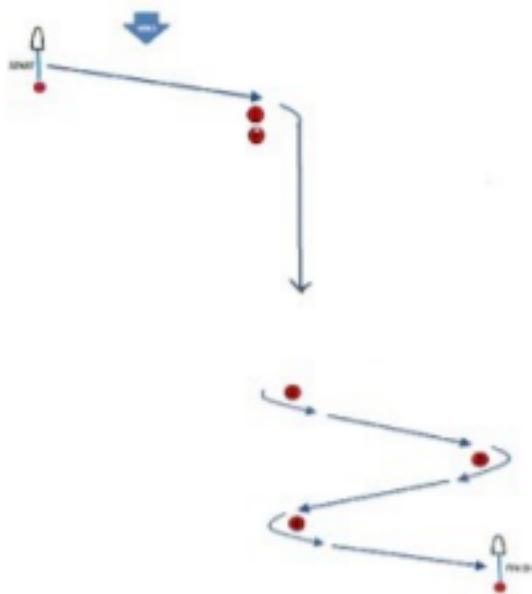
Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to race. The organizing authority, the race committee, officers, and board of directors of CCSC will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta.

### 17. Prizes

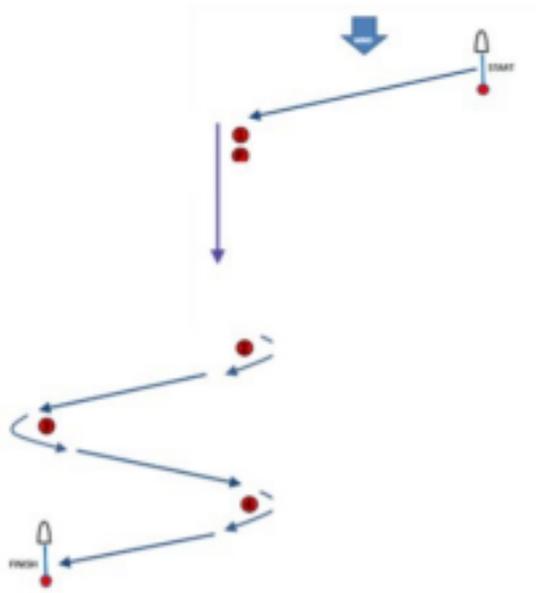
Prizes will be awarded as stated in the notice of race.

# Appendix A Courses





Signal	Mark rounding order
PD4	Start-1-P-2-3-4-Finish



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