

Sarasota
2015
Windsurfing Classic
Notice of Race

1. Organizer

The Windsurfing Classic is hosted by Sarasota Sailing Squadron (SSS) under specified conditions laid down by US Windsurfing.

2. Venue & Weather

Racing will take place at SSS in Sarasota, Florida. The SSS is located on Sarasota Bay, which is a large bay that gets great wind from any direction.

During February the weather conditions are: AVERAGE WIND 12 KNOTS; Water temp: 68°F; Average air temp: 65°F. Wetsuits may be needed. WINDY conditions are not uncommon. Shoes are strongly recommended.

3. Rules

This event will be governed by the rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) for 2013-2016 including, the Windsurfing Competition Rules (Appendix B), the Notice of Race, and the Class Rules except as altered by the Sailing Instructions (SIs).

4. Eligibility

5. Classes, Divisions & Equipment

5.1 Competition will be held in the following A Fleet divisions: **Formula Men (12.5), Formula Women (11), Open Unlimited, and Kona**

5.2 Competition will be held in the following Sport Fleet divisions: "What ever you have to sail" This class is intended for sailors with limited experience and/or equipment not well suited to course racing.

5.3 A minimum of **five** competitors is normally required to constitute a division.

5.4 Junior divisions will be held depending on the number of participants (18yrs or less).

5.5 **Age Breaks:** 35-44, 45-54, 55-64, 65-74, 75 and up. If there are less than five competitors in an age class, that class may be combined with another age class.

5.6 **Slalom Races** will be held if conditions warrant. Divisions will be determined by the make up of the participants. We will try to loan equipment to sailors unable to bring their own small gear.

6. Prizes

6.1 Trophies shall be awarded to the first 3 in each class, unless that class has less than 5 competitors.

7. Measurement.

It is the responsibility of each competitor to ensure that his/her sailboard and equipment conforms to Class Rules. Measurement and equipment checks can be made throughout the event.

8. Sail Numbers

All sails shall have unique and legible sail numbers. Sailors with sail numbers that are not legible will not be scored. Numbers must be a minimum of 10" in height. All sail numbers must be verified with a race official before being allowed to race. The same sail number must be on all sailor's sails.

9. Liability

Competitors take part in all races at their own risk. The Organizing Authority, US Windsurfing, ISAF, FW Class, IWA or any of their officials or representatives or the sponsors or their officials or representatives are not responsible, under any circumstances, for any damage, loss or injury either ashore or on the water either to persons or equipment, which may result. Participation in this event, supporting events and in each race in them is at the sole discretion of the sailor and at his/her own risk.

10. Courses

Courses shall be described in the Sailing Instructions.

11. Scoring

11.1 All competitors who fail to finish and receive a score for at least one race will be removed from the results sheet

11.2 DNF, DNC, DSQ and any other scoring result that yields the equivalent of a did not compete will be scored number of competitors in results sheet (after purging according to Rule 5.a) plus 1

11.3 First place gets 1 point

- 11.4 All competitors in a class compete together using the same start and course and will be scored by class independent of division
 11.5 There will be 1 throw-out allowed for every four races completed with a maximum of 3 throw-outs

12. Sailing Instructions /Event Program

The Sailing Instructions and the Event Program containing social events will be available at registration.

13. Television and Media

In consideration to being permitted to participate in or the event, competitors automatically grant the Organizing Authority the right in perpetuity to make, use and show from time to time at, their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproduction of them, taken during the period of the event.

14. Activity Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Location</u>
Friday, February 27	5pm to 8pm	Early registration and welcome party	Sarasota Sailing Squadron
Saturday, February 28	8am to 9:30am	Late registration	Sarasota Sailing Squadron
	10am	Skipper meeting	
	11am	First possible start	
	6PM (proposed)	Dinner	Sarasota Sailing Squadron
Sunday, March 1	9am	Skipper meeting	Sarasota Sailing Squadron
	10am	First possible start	
	3pm	Last possible start	

If conditions allow a **LONG DISTANCE** race may be held

15. Kona Charters will be available. Please Contact Steve Gottlieb at sailaero@aol.com to make a reservation

16. Registration & Entries Fees for Competitors and Non-Competitors

- 16.1 Competitors must check-in at the early or late registration.
 16.2 Competitors may enter in advance by registering online at Regatta Network. Links to the registration will be posted at <http://www.mswindsurfing.com> and <http://sarasotasailingsquadron.org>.
 16.3 Non-competitors accompanying racers are encouraged to pay the non-competitor fee. It entitles them to: Event bag, and all meals
 16.4 **Competitor Entry Fees**
 All classes entry fee on or before Feb 23, 2015 **\$85**
 All classes entry fee after Feb 23, 2015 **\$100**
 16.5
 16.6 Jr. Competitor Entry Fees (18 and under) on or before Feb 23. **\$ 60.00** after Feb 23 **\$75**
 16.7 **Non-Competitor Fee.** Can be paid at event registration
 All meals (2 continental breakfasts, 2 lunches and Saturday dinner **\$ 40.00**
 Saturday dinner only **\$20**
 All meals Child under 16yrs **\$20**
 Saturday dinner only under 16 yrs **\$12**
Extra Hats \$25 (limited qty available)

17. Information

For information e-mail: JackFL7@verizon.net, visit https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_registration_form.php?regatta_id=9781 for on-line registration and information updates.
 Call Laurel's cell at 941 587-1009