

# **NOTICE OF RACE**

Biscayne Bay 15th to 18th February 2018

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# 2018 Foiling Week Miami Notice of Race

# **Date, Venue and Organizing Authority**

The 2018 Foiling Week Miami regatta will be held on Miami from Thursday 15th to Sunday 18th of February 2018.

The official venue for the Regatta will be Shake-A-Leg Miami located at 2620 South Bayshore Drive Miami, Florida, 33133.

The Organizing Authority is The Foiling Week:

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# 1. Rules

- . 1.1. The Regatta will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- . 1.2. No national prescriptions will apply.
- . 1.3. Miami control regulations laid down by the U.S. Coast Guard will apply. These will be available in the Sailing Instructions.
- . 1.4. If there is conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

# 2. Advertising and Identification

- 2.1. Competitors may be required to display Event sponsor's name(s)/logo(s) and numbers. If required, the Organizing Authority will supply these items and they shall be affixed as prescribed in the Sailing Instructions.
- 2.2. Competitors may be required to wear Organizing Authority supplied racing bibs.
- 2.3. The Organizing Authority reserves the right to refuse advertising by a boat or competitor when it conflicts with the laws of the Florida and / or United States of America governments.

# 3. Eligibility and Entry

- . 3.1. All competitors shall be a current member of a World Sailing Member National Authority.
- . 3.2. Competitors shall be a current member of their Class Association if such Association exists.
- 3.3. Competitors shall enter by completing the on-line entry form on the 2018 Foiling Week Miami website. Entries must be received no later than 15 February 2018 by 12 PM local time. Entries may be accepted after this date at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.
- . 3.4. Eligibility for age divisions shall be determined by the competitor's age at 31 December 2018.
- 3.5. The Organizing Authority's decision to allocate entrants to classes shall be final.
- . 3.6. All entries, together with the entry fee, Code of Conduct and parental consent (where relevant) shall be made to the Organizing Authority via the online entry system by the closing date for entries.
- . 3.7. The Organizing Authority reserves the right to combine fleets of compatible classes.

#### 4. Fees

# Entry fees are:

- Single handed boats. US \$ 225
- Two handed boats. US \$ 275
- Three or more handed boats. US \$ 325
- **Boards**. US \$ 185

#### 5. Schedule of Events and race format

- . 5.1. Registration for the event will be conducted online as part of the entry process.
- 5.2. Any change of details will be done electronically via the 2018 Foiling Week Miami website.
- . 5.3. The schedule of races will be set out in the Sailing Instructions.
- 5.4. The maximum number of races for each class is outlined in the Event Schedule.
- . 5.5. The first warning signal for any fleet will not be made before 1100hrs on their first scheduled day of racing.

#### 6. Measurement

Random measurement checks and inspections may be carried out at any time. A boat notified of inspection shall follow the instructions of the Race Committee.

### 7. Sailing instructions

Sailing Instructions will be available both at the event reception desk and on the 2018 Foiling Week Miami website from February 15th 2018.

#### 8. Venue & Courses

- 8.1. The host club is Shake-A-Leg Miami. The racing areas will be shown in the Sailing Instructions.
- 8.2. The format, courses to be sailed and the class allocation to the racing areas will be detailed in the Sailing Instructions. Classes may be divided into groups for racing. The decision of the Organizing Authority shall be final.

# 9. Safety Equipment

- . 9.1. Competitors are to wear, at all times while afloat, a Personal Flotation Device (PFD) to a minimum standard of 50N as per the International Standard PFD ISO124025-5 Buoyancy Aid 50.
- . 9.2. Excepting single handed classes, all boats are recommended to carry a floating towrope of (minimum) 15 meters length and 6mm diameter.
- . 9.3. Multihulls are to carry an operable righting line of (minimum) 6 meters length and 10mm diameter.
- . 9.4. It is recommended that all competitors wear a suitable helmet.
- 9.5. Competitors under 18 years of age are to wear a suitable helmet at all times while afloat.

# 10. Penalty System

- . 10.1. For all entrants RRS 44.1 and 44.2 are changed so that the Two-Turns penalty is replaced by a One-Turn penalty.
- . 10.2. The Organizing Authority reserves the right to use alternative penalty systems.

#### 11. Arbitration

Arbitration will be handled by Judge on hand using the three minutes rule, each party will have three minutes to present their argument.

# 12. Scoring

- . 12.1. Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- . 12.2. When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- . 12.3. When four or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- . 12.4. When eight or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.
- . 12.5. Divisions within fleets will be scored using the overall fleet placings.

# 13. Support Boats

- . 13.1. The Organizing Authority requires all the support boats, coach boats and media boats be fitted with an identification number/flag to be provided by the OA.
- . 13.2. The Organizing Authority recommends for all the support/coach/media boat drivers to attend the safety briefing on Thursday the 15th at 10am and/or to collect the Safety Procedures Instructions provided by the OA together with the support boat ID number/flag.
- . 13.4. All national and international support/coach/media power boats intending to go afloat on Miami, Florida shall comply with the U.S. Coast Guard safety requirements available at www.uscgboating.org

#### 14. Radio Communication

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmission whilst racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

#### 15. Prizes

Prizes for each class in the 2018 Foiling Week Miami regatta will be presented as detailed in the Sailing Instructions.

## 16. Disclaimer of Liability

- 16.1. It is the responsibility of owners and skippers to ensure that each boat nominated on the entry form complies with the 'rules' as defined in the RRS. All competitors who enter the Regatta, in doing so, have made a declaration to the Organizing Authority that the nominated boat will, at all times while racing, comply with the requirements of World Sailing, the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions, including:
  - (a) The Organizing Authority is not responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment;
  - (b) The person who signs and lodges the entry form with the Organizing Authority, warranting to the Organizing Authority that he or she will draw to the attention of any person who competes on the yacht, the subject of the entry form in any event conducted by the Organizing Authority of the risk warning above;
  - (c) the person who signs and lodges this entry form with the Organizing Authority, acknowledging receipt of the risk warning below and releasing the Organizing Authority from any claim or liability whatsoever for any harm or personal injury suffered by him, or by any person claiming through him, in any event conducted by the Organizing Authority; and
  - (d) All those taking part in these races do so at their own risk and responsibility. Specific attention is drawn to RRS 4 which states; "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone". The Organizing Authority, Race Committees and other race officials are not responsible for any damage or injury either afloat or ashore prior to, during or after the event.
- 16.2. Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor and their responsible adult agrees and acknowledges that:
  - a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
  - b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their property whether afloat or ashore;

- c) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- e) The provision of a race management team, other officials and volunteers by the event organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.

# 17. Risk Warning

This RISK WARNING is issued by the Organizing Authority to all persons wishing to participate in the 2018 Foiling Week Miami regatta.

Participants are warned that, regardless of the precautions, which might be taken by reasonable and experienced persons, sailing can be a dangerous pursuit and participants are exposed to significant risk of property damage, physical harm and possibly death.

As an indication, these risks may include, but are not limited to:

- . (a) The extremes of weather and sea conditions.
- (b) The potential that control of vessels may be lost, resulting in collision with objects and/or other vessels.
- (c) The sudden movement of the vessel at any time and the possibility that participants may fall or be thrown overboard, resulting in drowning.
- . (d) The possibility that participants may be injured by equipment on the vessel.
- . (e) The absence of immediate medical care and the likelihood that significant delays may occur before medical care is available.
- . (f) Exposure to the elements for extended periods.
- 17.2 The Organizing Authority also warn participants that, regardless of their best intentions, they may be unable to render assistance to participants who are in distress. Participants are warned to consider the above risks and all other risks before deciding to participate in any sailing event in the 2018 Foiling Week Miami regatta.

#### 18. Insurance

- . 18.1. Each participating boat shall present a valid insurance certificate showing proof of third-party liability coverage of at least US \$5,000,000 (recommended US \$10,000,000) (or equivalent) per incident.
- . 18.2. Competitors will be required to supply insurance details as part of the online entry. Any competitor not holding this cover shall withdraw their entry.

# 19. Rights To Use Name And Likeness

In participating a competitor automatically grants to the Organizing Authority and The Foiling Week the right, in perpetuity, to make, use and show, from time to time and at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or film television and other reproductions of him/her during the period of the competition in which the competitor participates and in all material related to the 2018 Foiling Week Miami without compensation.

# 20. For further Information please contact:

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#### 21. Amendments

This Notice of Race may be amended and any amendments will posted on the Race Panel at the Shake-a-Leg Miami and on the 2018 Foiling Week Miami website.

# **Attachment A**

to 2018 Foiling Week Miami Notice of Race

Provisional event schedule February 15th to 18th 2018

**Thurdsday 15th**, first signal from 13:00 Pm: Course practice race(s)

Friday 16th, first signal from 11 Am: Course races

**Saturday 17th**, first signal from 11 Am: Long distance race + course race(s)

Sunday 18th, first signal from 10 Am: Course races

Closing ceremony will be Sunday 18th at 4 Pm.

This is a provisional schedule, final version will be outlined in the Sailing Instructions.

Racing Areas will be outlined in the Sailing Instructions.