

## 2016 FLORIDA 300

### NOTICE OF RACE (NOR) *REVISED 3/23/2016*

THE ORGANIZING AUTHORITY (OA) IS SAIL SERIES PROMOTIONS USA INC.

#### 1.0 Rules

1.1 This distance race will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.

1.2 No national prescriptions shall apply.

1.3 Documents which Apply: This Florida 300 Notice of Race (NOR), The Florida 300 Sailing Instructions (SI), and the Class Rules for each participating Class boat except as amended by the NOR or SI. In the event of conflict, the SI supersedes. This changes RRS 63.7.

1.3.1 Changes to documents: Changes to these documents will be posted on the official race website prior to the race, and on a bulletin board in a prominent location at each race location. Changes will be announced at skipper's meetings. Any changes made by the RC will be posted as a revision on the web site until two days before racing and displayed on the official Bulletin Board. Changes may be made to the SI, based upon discovered need over the racing period.

1.3.2 The Sailing Instructions will be posted on web page no later than April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

1.4 The following RRS have been changed and are identified to the paragraphs in this SI: RRS race signals, by paragraph 9.3 and paragraph 11.4; RRS 42, by paragraph 11.8; RRS 41, by paragraph 11.9; RRS 26, by Paragraph 11.4; RRS 44.1, by paragraph 11.11; RRS 31, by paragraph 12.2; and RRS 35, by paragraph 12.3, RRS 63.7, by paragraph 1.2.; RRS's 61.2, 62.2, 63, 65.2, 65.3, 60, 63.2, 63.4 & 66, by Paragraph 14.2; RRS 90.3, by paragraph 9.5; RRS A 4.2, by paragraphs 11.3 and 11.4.

1.5 If there is a conflict in any of the above documents because of language the versions using English text will apply.

#### 2.0 Advertising

2.1 Competitor advertising shall be restricted to the sails and the space aft of the main crossbar on each boat, the space forward of that and outside of each hull shall be available for race name and sponsor logos as assigned by the OA. ISAF rule 20 is in effect.

#### 3.0 Registration and Entry

3.1 Pre-registration of the Florida 300 has been available on line, with a full registration of \$395 registration fee; and with a deposit of \$150 per boat due by March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Boats registered

later will pay a registration fee of \$450. PayPal payment is available online at [www.Florida300.com](http://www.Florida300.com) . Otherwise, registration and payment will be taken at onsite registration, May 16th at the registration table, location announced on the official Bulletin Board by Islander Resort Watersports'. Payments made at final registration shall be in cash or by check.

3.2 Final registration for the Florida 300 is from 4-6PM, Monday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at the Islander Resort. Signatures of required team members and payment of any remainder of entry fee must be made. Additional registrations will be accepted up to a total of 20 boats. Payment and paperwork must be completed by 0800, Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

3.2.5 See paragraph 6 for entry requirements for individual boats competing in individual legs portions of the Florida 300.

3.3 Eligibility: All Catamarans from 16 feet to 20 feet, rigged with spinnakers and having the speed and seaworthiness to compete in this beach launched offshore race, are eligible to enter the Florida 300. Questions about the eligibility of a particular boat should be addressed to the Race Committee.

Certain safety equipment shall be required and in good operating condition and shall be carried and demonstrated prior to racing. See the required safety equipment list in paragraph 9, included herein and in the SI.

3.4 Entry. All eligible boats are required to provide entry form and fees as follows:

3.4.1 Late entries: The full entry fee of \$395 remained in effect through March 1, 2016. After that date the full entry fee will be raised to \$450.

3.4.2 There will be a final registration form to be completed at final registration with signatures of the skipper, crew and team leader.

3.4.3 There shall be no more than 20 boats accepted as entry into the Florida 300 in 2016.

3.4.4 The winner of the 2015 Florida 300 and Great Texas Race are granted free registration, but must still sign registration forms at final registration.

3.5.4 See paragraph 6 for entry requirements for individual boats competing in individual legs portions of the Florida 300.

4.0 Classes: Classes will be formed if there are 3 boats or more in each class.

4.1 Awards will depend on the numbers of boats competing in each class. There shall be awards for one less than the number of boats competing in each class, up to three awards per class.

*Sponsor prizes will be awarded or raffled in the final ceremony on May 22, Oceanside at the Ocean Deck.* Participation pennants will be awarded to each racing crewmember.

5.0 There are no qualifying requirements for competing boats except those required in each boat Class rules.

6.0 Additional leg races for those wishing to compete in only one leg. The OA is considering the last two legs for all catamarans which may compete with or without spinnakers. This group will race under different requirements which will be delineated in the SI. Safety requirements will remain stringent as we need to assure good safety practice and track all boats racing. Safety equipment will remain essentially the same. All safety requirements will be shown in the SI. The two legs in consideration are the leg from Vero Beach to Cocoa Beach and the leg from Cocoa Beach to Daytona Beach as shown in the schedule below.

6.1 Entry requirements for the individual leg races above will be \$60 fee and completion of an entry form which may be completed online or at the race site. Entries are requested to inform the OA of intention to race and identify the leg intended. The individual leg races shall be limited to 6 boats each, and selection for entry shall be based upon entry intention notification to the OA. Entry into one leg does not qualify as entry into both individual legs. Each leg requires a separate entry.

#### 7.0 Schedule:

The RC will arrive on site on Sunday May 15<sup>th</sup>.

#### *Crews and Boats - Setup, rigging and preparation for racing:*

- May 16th, 2016:  
Islander resort, MM82.1 US-1, The Florida Keys, Islamorada, FL (24° 55.125'N; 80° 37.77'W).
  - 9AM to 4PM Inspections and measurements for all boats (Boats with SCHRS numbers need to be confirmed by the official measurer).
  - 12PM (Noon) to 4PM: Final Registration for the Florida 300.
  - 4PM: First skippers meeting at a location to be posted on the official regatta Board. Other skippers meeting will be as announced and posted
  - 4PM - ?? A social event following registration
- May 17th - Race Day 1:  
**Start at Islamorada, FL to Key Biscayne (25° 41.735'N; 80° 9.39'W).**
  - The warning signal shall be no earlier than 9:55AM on May 17th, 2016
  - The warning signal shall be a large red flag.
- May 18th - Race Day 2:  
Key Biscayne to Palm Beach Shores (26° 46.736'N; 80° 1.881'W).
- May 19th - Race Day 3:  
Palm Beach Shores to Vero Beach, FL (27° 38.026'N; 80° 21.045'W).
- May 20th - Race Day 4:  
Vero Beach FL to Cocoa Beach, FL (28° 22.146'N; 80° 36.083'W).
  - **The Florida 300 Dogfight:** All Beach type Catamarans 16' to 20' with or without Spinnaker, racing this leg of the FL 300 from Vero Beach to Cocoa Beach. The Dogfight will start one (1) hour ahead of The Florida May 20th.
- May 21st - Race day 5:  
Cocoa Beach to **Finish at Daytona Beach FL.** (29° 11.783'N; 80° 59.491'W).
  - **The Florida 300 Space Coast Challenge:** All Beach type Catamarans 16' to 20' with or without spinnaker racing the last leg of the FL 300 from Cocoa Beach to Daytona Beach. The Space Coast Challenge will start one (1) hour ahead of The Florida 300 Racers.

## 8.0 Measurements:

Measurement shall be as required by each class boat. Certificates will be accepted and shown at registration. Boats not having a class certificate must be measured. A certified measurements official will be at the Islander resort. It shall be the skipper of each boat to make an appointment if measurement is required. You may contact Carla Schiefer for an appointment at 305 668 7677, at a time convenient to both.

## 9.0 Required Safety Equipment

### 9.1 For Each crew member, attached to person

- a. US Coast Guard (USCG) approved PFD personal PFD, worn at all times while racing. All life preservers will be in reasonably new & *undamaged* condition.

*Note: The RC will recognize the country certification of a pfd used by a sailor in a boat of his own competing country. Foreign sailors using US registered vessels must wear USCG approved pfd's. This is IAW USCG Regulations. Modification of a pfd voids the certification for either country.*

- b. One small enclosed or folded knife
- c. Whistle
- d. Waterproof flashlight
- e. Personal Safety strobe light
- f. A personal locator is required for each crewmember in the Florida 300. One 406 MHz EPIRB or an approved PLB is required by each sailor aboard each boat racing. A Smartphone with Kattack Mobile app (free) may be used for crew and RC tracking.

Note: The OA has obtained an opportunity to rent ACR 2881 PLB's for those wishing to do so. It is mandatory that those wanting to rent a PLB, to contact the RC ASAP for ordering, by email to [wgreen08@cfl.rr.com](mailto:wgreen08@cfl.rr.com) . Those not ordering now, will not be able to pick one up at registration. The OA will rent and communicate instruction to every member ordering a PLB.

*Proof of NOAA Registration of 406 MHz EPIRB's or PLB's must be provided to the race safety equipment inspector. (See note above)*

*h. Each Sailor shall have available to him liquids to sustain himself for the duration of the day's sail.*

### 9.2 For Each Boat, secured to boat or to a person:

- a. Waterproof VHF Radio, (Strongly Recommended but optional for Dogfight and Space Coast Challenge)
- b. One water protected secured cell phone, one each crew member suggested.
- c. Marine Grade Compass, attached to boat or a secured handheld for Dogfight.

- d. Three Current day/night flares (At least one should be night rated.)
- e. Safety line, at least 30' in length, to be used for towing
- f. One throw-able *PFD*
- g. Tracking is mandatory on all boats including "Dogfight" boats. Personal EPIRB or PLB as above or a smartphone with Kattack Mobile app (free) are acceptable transmitters.

10.0 Scoring shall be by Small Catamaran Handicap Rating System, (SCHRS). SCHRS is used heavily in Europe and is a well defined system and looks to be the maintained system of the future for beach type catamarans. Carla Schiefer is a USS Official Measurer and will be on site to measure boats without a SCHRS number. She may be reached at 305 668 7577 to confirm a SHRS number or for an appointment for measurement. She has further advised that a spinnaker sail used on European I 20's is smaller and perceived faster than the US sails, This info provided for sailors for equipment consideration of sailors in the Florida 300.

10.1 Awards will be pennants identifying the race and winning position of awardees, in accordance with paragraph 4.0 above.

11.0 Course: The course each day shall be from a beach start and finishing on the next location beach. The first day start at the Islander resort will be a water start, crews standing by boats on the north side of the Islander resort pier. Signals will be shown from the pier.

12.0 There are no support boats, requiring the use of vessel tracking and required EPIRB/PLB to alert rescue (SAR) agencies. Sailors need to take this into consideration when making a decision to race.

13.0 Disclaimer of liability: Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Racing Rules of Sailing rule 4, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority does not accept liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after this race. All crew and ground crew will be required to sign a USS waiver prior to racing.

14.0 Insurance: Each participating boat shall be insured and present to the Race Committee at registration, valid third party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$200,000 per incident or the equivalent.