

RAINBOW REGATTA

FLORIDA WOMEN'S SAILING ASSOCIATION (FWSA) RAINBOW REGATTA
April 21, 2009

Clearwater Community Sailing Center (CCSC)
Hosted by The Bowchasers, Solmates and Windlasses
The Organizing Authority is the Florida Women's Sailing Association

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 RRS G1.1 Sail Identification is changed to include sail numbers and yacht club or specific club initials.

1.3 FWSA Rainbow Host Club Guidelines require the following:

- (a) all boats will be equipped with bow lines at least thirteen (13) feet long.
- (b) all competitors shall have a USCG approved life jacket aboard their boats.
- (c) at registration, each IOD team member and each pram team member shall be supplied with a colored streamer which must be attached to the top of her sprit.

2. ENTRIES

Eligible boats may be entered by completing an entry form and paying the entry fee to the Windlasses.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the North Porch of the CCSC.

4. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0830.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the main flagpole located in front of the CCSC.

5.2 Race Signal "AP" is changed so that when Signal "AP" is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 20 minutes".

5.3 If races are postponed for just one class, AP will be flown over the appropriate class flag.

6. SCHEDULE

0730 -0830	Registration and Check-in
0830	Competitors Meeting
0930	Warning Signal for Race 1; Races 2 and 3 will follow. No race will start after 1200

7. CLASS FLAGS

Class flags will be:

IOD Green pennant
Prims Red flag
Sunfish White Flag with Blue Sunfish in the center.

8. RACING AREAS

A diagram showing the racing areas will be posted on the official notice board no later than 0830.

9. THE COURSES

9.1 There will be two separate racing areas: one for the IOD and Pram Fleet and another for the Sunfish fleet.

9.2 The diagrams in Appendix A show the courses, course designations, and the rounding direction of each mark.

9.3 Prior to the warning signal of each race, the course designation will be displayed from the RC signal boat. Courses will be signaled on a white board with the letter "O" for the triangular course and the letter "W" for a windward/leeward course

10. MARKS

10.1 Original pram marks 1, 2, & 3 will be orange balls.

10.2 Original Sunfish marks 1, 2, & 3 will be yellow tetrahedrons.

10.3 Starting and finishing marks for pram will be orange balls.

10.4 Starting and finishing marks for Sunfish will be orange balls.

11. THE START

11.1 Races will be started by using Rule 26

11.2 Before the warning signal of the first race, each boat shall sail past the stern of the race committee signal boat on starboard tack and hail her sail number and club. All boats should wait until their hail has been acknowledged. Failure to comply with this instruction may result in a scoring penalty.

11.3 IOD teams and IOD masters will start together and pram teams and pram masters will start together. There will be a rolling start for the IODs and Prams with the IODs starting first if practicable. Sunfish and Sunfish masters will start together.

11.4 A boat that starts later than five (5) minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1, A4 and A5.

11.5 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat and the course side of the port end starting mark.

12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

To change the next leg of the course, as soon as practicable, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to its new position.

13. THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee boat and the course side of the port end finishing mark.

14. TIME LIMITS

14.1 The time limit for each race (IOD, Prams and Sunfish) will be 45 minutes. In addition, any boat failing to finish within 30 minutes of the first boat finishing will be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, 63.1, A4 and A5.

15. SAFETY

15.1 Before going afloat and immediately upon returning to shore, but not later than the end of the Protest Time limit, each sailor shall personally sign his or her name on a sign-

out/sign-in sheet located near the Official Notice Board on the second level of the CCSC.

15.2 A USCG approved PFD shall be worn at all times while racing, except temporarily while changing clothes. This changes RRS 40.

15.3 A competitor that withdraws from a race or intends not to start a race shall inform the nearest race committee boat as soon as possible. In the event this is impossible, then immediately after arriving ashore, the competitor shall notify a regatta representative and follow the same procedure as in paragraph 15.1.

15.4 Failure to comply with any part of 15.1 or 15.3 shall result in a competitor having 5 points added to her score without a hearing for the first violation, 10 points for the second violation without a hearing and for the third and subsequent violations a penalty as determined at a hearing by the Protest Committee which may include DSQ for the series.

16. PROTESTS

16.1 A boat intending to protest about an incident that occurs in the racing area shall immediately notify a member of the race committee finish boat of her intention, including the sail number (s) of the boat (s) being protested and await acknowledgement. This changes RRS 61.1.

16.2 If a competitor completes a two turns penalty during a race, she shall record it, within the protest filing time limit, on a compliance form posted on the official notice board.

16.3 Protest forms will be available at the CCSC office.

16.4 Written protests shall be delivered to the CCSC office within thirty (30) minutes of the posted docking time of the race committee finish boat.

16.5 A list of protests received will be posted on the official notice board informing competitors where and when there will be a hearing to which they are a party. Protests will be heard in the approximate order of receipt as soon as possible. This constitutes the notice required by RRS 63.2.

17. SCORING

17.1 The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A is modified so that each boat's score will be the sum of her scores for all races.

17.2 Three (3) races are scheduled for both fleets. One race for each fleet will constitute a regatta.

17.3 The score for each IOD team and each pram team shall be the total of the scores for all boats.

17.4 All competitors in each fleet will be scored separately as individuals and then, if applicable, also be scored as masters.

17.5 Team ties will be broken per RRS A8, except that the word 'team(s)' will be substituted for 'boat(s)'.

18. SUPPORT BOATS

Any vessel not part of the race committee shall stay at least fifty (50) yards away from racing boats and their projected courses from the time of the preparatory signal for each race until all boats have sailed the course and finished or withdrawn from the race. Failure to comply with this instruction may result in a penalty for the competitor (s) associated with the violating vessel.

19. PRIZES

19.1 Prizes will be awarded for first through third place in each of the six fleets: IOD team, IOD Individual Masters, pram team, pram Individual Masters, Sunfish and Sunfish Masters (if there are three or more entries in each class).

19.2 Perpetual trophies will be awarded to the club representing the first place finisher in the IOD team, pram team, IOD Masters, pram Masters, Sunfish and Sunfish Masters.

19.3 Trophies will be presented as soon as possible after racing.