

**Fall Kite Foil Regatta**  
**November 7-8, 2020 Course Racing**  
**Option 1 Skyway Bridge, East side, Pinellas side or**  
**Option 2 Pass-A-Grille Beach 22<sup>nd</sup> Ave**  
**Sailing Instructions**

**1 RULES**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the Rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing including Appendix F - Kiteboard Racing Rules.
- 1.2 Only the following US SAILING prescriptions will apply: the prescriptions to Rules 68, 76.1, and rule 76.3.
- 1.3 Competitors must wear their bib and personal flotation device while racing.
- 1.4 The use of personal flotation devices is required, **every competitor and support boat crewmember** shall wear, above the waist, a jacket, harness, or vest with a minimum buoyancy of 4kg uninflated in fresh water.
- 1.5 Personal buoyancy is mandatory for all competitors under 18 years of age.
- 1.6 If there is a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions the SI's take precedence. This changes RRS 63.7.

**2 ENTRY**

- 2.1 Competitors shall complete online registration by Nov. 4, 2020. Check-in at Determined Venue Skyway or Pass-A-Grille Beach on November 7th no later than 60 minutes to posted Sailors Meeting time. Registration and check-in after the deadline will be approved at the discretion of the Principal Race Officer.
- 2.2 Online registration can be found at SPYC website under "Regattas"
- 2.3 The entry fee is \$100 (USD)

**3 COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS**

- 3.1 A Competitors' Meeting will be held Saturday. The location depends on forecast and the meeting can be run in person or through electronic channels through Yacht Scoring. Notification will be posted by 6 p.m. Friday November 6<sup>th</sup> on Yacht Scoring and by email.
- 3.2 Official Notices will be posted on the Official Regatta Notice Board located on Yacht Scoring
- 3.3 Questions regarding the Sailing Instructions may be submitted by email to the OA contact. Answers will be emailed back to you. Questions and written responses will be posted on the Yacht Scoring Official Notice Board.

**4 CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted by 0800 hours on the day they take effect except any changes to the schedule will be posted by 1800 hours on the day before they take effect on the Official Yacht Scoring Notice Board.

**5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the beach.
- 5.2 When Flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 20 minutes'. Changes Race Signals AP.

## 6 FORMAT & SCHEDULE

6.1 Saturday and Sunday will be course racing. All competitors will race in one fleet. We plan to run no more than 3 races in a row and no more than 6 races in a day. Unless more races are agreed upon by the competitors.

6.2	Friday Nov 6	1800 – 2000	Registration/Happy Hour St Petersburg YC on the beach 2301 Pass A Grille Way, St. Pete Beach, Florida 33706
	Saturday Nov 7	0930	Skippers Meeting – this may be done electronically vs in-person
		1030	First Warning Class Flag
	Sunday Nov 8		
		1000	First Warning Class Flag
		1500	No racing started after this time – Awards to follow soon after last race

## 7 CLASS FLAGS

The class flag will be a Solid Pink Flag

## 8 VENUE

The intended race area will be Tampa Bay near the Skyway Bridge (Option 1). Based on the forecast, the venue can be shifted to Pass-A-Grille Beach at 22<sup>nd</sup> Ave.(Option 2). A final announcement will be made at 1800 hours the night before racing.

## 9 COURSES & MARKS

Course is described in Attachment A – Official Description of the Marks

Windward Mark Large Yellow Tetrahedron

2 Gate marks Large Yellow Tetrahedrons

The Finish Pin Orange Tomato located downwind of Signal Boat

The Starting Pin Large Green Tetrahedron

## 10 RESTRICTED AREAS

10.1 While at Pass-A-Grille beach, competitors shall only kite in the swim zone when going to or from the racecourse.

10.2 The swim zones are defined as obstructions.

10.3 A competitor that breaks this rule may not correct her error per RRS 28.1 and shall retire. This changes RRS 28.1.

## 11 THE START

11.1 The Starting Line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Signal Boat and an inflatable mark set to port.

11.2 A competitor shall not start later than four minutes after her starting signal. A competitor that starts later than four minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

## 12 RECALLS

The Race Committee may hail the sail number or jersey color/number of the competitor(s) identified on the course side of the starting line after the starting signal by loud hailer. The failure of a hail, the failure of a competitor hearing the hail or the order of the hails shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

## 13 THE FINISH

The Finish Line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Signal Boat and a mark set downwind of the committee boat.

#### 14 TIME LIMITS FOR EACH RACE

The Time Limit for each race for the first boat to sail the course and finish is 30 minutes. A competitor still racing 15 minutes after the first finisher shall be scored "Did Not Finish" (DNF) by the Race Committee. This changes rules 35, 63.1 and A5.

#### 15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

15.1 Protests and requests for redress are available on line at Yacht Scoring.

15.2 Protest and requests for redress shall be filed with the Jury within 60 minutes of the docking time of the finish boat. This time limit may be posted on the Official Notice Board.

15.3 Infringements of Sailing Instructions 1.3, 3 & 17 shall not be grounds for protest from one competitor to another, but may result in action from the Jury and or Race Committee.

#### 16 SCORING

16.1 Scoring will be according to the low point system in Appendix A of the Racing Rules of Sailing

16.2 There will be only 1 discard race after 6 races. This amends Appendix A.

16.3 1 race is required to be completed to constitute a regatta.

#### 17 SAFETY REGULATIONS

There may be a check in, check out procedure. If so the following will apply:

17.1 Check-out: Each competitor shall check-out each time they leave the shore with Race Committee on-shore official.

17.2 Check-in: Each competitor shall check-in each time within 30 minutes of the end of the time limit of the race when they return ashore by notifying in person a Race Committee Beach on-shore official.

17.3 The penalty for infringement of the Safety System shall be 5 points added to the nearest race. The competitor's penalty score may be reduced to a 2-point penalty if a) the competitor who has not checked-out reports to the Race Committee Signal Boat before the warning signal of the first start for her class b) the competitor who has not checked in reports to the Race Office before the end of the protest time for her class.

#### 18 EQUIPMENT AND EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

18.1 Competitors may be required to fill out equipment forms listing what kite and boards they plan to use.

18.2 Unless otherwise directed by the organizing authority, boards and equipment shall be launched and retrieved from the designated area at the event site.

#### 19 DISPOSAL OF WASTE AND TRASH

No competitor shall discharge trash of any kind into the water. The penalty for a breach of this rule, which may include disqualification from a race, is at the discretion of the Protest Committee. This changes rules 60.1(a) and 64.1.

#### 20 PRIZES

Prizes may be awarded based on participation.

#### 21 DISCLAIMERS OF LIABILITY

21.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone. The organizing authority 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.

21.2 The Skipper/Owner of each boat participating in the Regatta shall be responsible for the behavior of each member of the crew of his/her boat both on the water and while ashore. The failure of any of those persons to comply with all federal, state, and local government regulations as well as the St Petersburg Yacht Club policies or with any reasonable request of the Organizing Authority, Race Officers, or their representatives may result in the disqualification of the boat and its exclusion from the regatta. This modifies RRS 76.

Attachment A – Official Description of Marks and Courses

