

Tampa Sailing Squadron

Midwinter Championship Invitational

March 8, 9 & 10, 2024

Organizing Authority: Tampa Sailing Squadron
1250 Apollo Beach Blvd., Apollo Beach, Florida

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing*.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available at check-in, March 8 and 9 and will be posted on the official notice board.

3. COMMUNICATION

3.1 The official notice board is located at the TSS flagpole.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1 The regatta is an invitational regatta for Mutineer15, Buccaneer18, Daysailer and Windmill Classes. Each Class will have a Class Representative chosen by the class who will coordinate the class requirements for entering the event.

4.2 Enter by visiting the Tampa Sailing Squadron website (www.sail-tss.org), following the link to the online registration page, and completing the registration with payment of the entry fee.

4.3 Only T-shirt orders placed on or before Sunday, February 18 are guaranteed sizes.

4.4 Early registration closes on Friday, March 1. Late registrations after Friday, March 1 are subject to a late fee.

4.4 Late Registrations can be made online from Saturday, March 2, 2024 to Thursday, March 7, 2024 along with payment of the entry fee and late fee. T-shirts cannot be guaranteed for late registrants and no credits will be given.

4.5 Online registration closes on Thursday, March 7, 2024.

4.6 Onsite registration and registrant check-in is at the Tampa Sailing Squadron on Friday, March 8, 2024, from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and Saturday, March 9, 2024, from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. Onsite registrants must complete an entry form and pay the entry fee and late fee.

4.6 The entry/registration deadline is 9 a.m., March 9, 2024.

4.7 The OA requires a minimum of 4 boats to Fleet for this race. Entries that do not meet the 4-boat minimum will have their entry fees refunded.

4.8 Classes with 5 boats will have their own start. The OA may combine Class starts for Classes with less than 5 boats, however scoring will be done separately by Class.

5. FEES

- 5.1 The entry fee is \$135. The entry fee includes 2 regatta shirts, 2 breakfasts on Saturday morning, 2 dinners on Saturday evening, and 2 awards party tickets on Sunday. A \$5.00 discount is available to current US Sailing Members who provide a copy of their card or their Member Number at registration.
- 5.2 A late fee of \$20 applies to registrations after Friday, March 1, 2024.
- 5.3 Fees for other goods and services:
- (a) Regatta Shirts - Long sleeve, UV-rated, quick drying fabric with Regatta Logo and year on the front and a Regatta logo and event sponsors on the back are available for \$22 each.
 - (b) Additional Saturday dinner meal tickets are available for \$10 each.

6. SCHEDULE

Friday, March 8, 2024

1:30 p.m. – Warning signal for Practice Race(s). No race will start after 3:00 p.m.

5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. - On-site check-in, late registration.

Saturday, March 9, 2024

8 a.m. – 9 a.m. - On-site check-in, late registration.

8 a.m. – 9 a.m. – Hot breakfast is served.

9:00 a.m. – Competitors' meeting.

11 a.m. – Warning signal for first race. Additional races follow. No race will start after 4 p.m.

4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. - Happy Hour (BYOB. Keg provided by OA.)

6 p.m. - Dinner.

Sunday, March 10, 2024

10 a.m. - Warning signal for first race. Additional races follow. No race will start after 2 pm.

3:30 p.m. - Happy Hour and Awards

7. COURSES

- 7.1 The courses will be windward/leeward with drop marks.

8. SCORING

- 8.1 Three races must be completed to constitute a series.
- 8.2
- (a) When 4 or fewer races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
 - (b) When from 5 to 9 races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
 - (c) When 10 or more races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

9. AWARDS

- 9.1 Awards will be given to skipper and crew for places 1 – 3 for each Class competing.
- 9.2 Daysailers will be racing for two awards:
- (a) The Bacchanalian Award – a perpetual trophy that is presented to the first boat to the windward mark in the first race. (Skippers must bring a bottle of wine to participate.)
 - (b) The Florida State Championship perpetual trophy.

10. RISK STATEMENT

- 10.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone. By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

This regatta is a "Clean Regatta." Racers are encouraged to use non-single use water bottles and recycle all appropriate items. Racers shall not intentionally put trash in the water.

Boats can be kept on their trailers in the designated parking area, beached on the shore or tied to the floating dock. A hoist and a ramp are available for launching.

Some free housing is available with TSS members and local residents. Some TSS members offer free berths aboard their boats to racers. RVs may hook up water and electricity but shall not pump out. Tent space is available. Hotels are within 15 miles. Laundries are within driving distance.

There is limited parking inside the gate and overflow parking on the street.

The TSS Clubhouse has showers, bathrooms, 2 futons, a carpeted area for sleeping bags and a kitchen. A charcoal grill is available.

A West Marine store is in Apollo Beach, within 3 miles of the Tampa Sailing Squadron. Restaurants and grocery stores are within short driving distances and food delivery services are available. Three restaurants are within walking distance of the Tampa Sailing Squadron.

Beaches, parks and recreational opportunities are within short driving distances.

For more information, contact Herb Maguire at 717-314-6224 or hamaguire@icloud.com or Darin O'Neal at 813-928-4112 or darin.oneal@stantec.com.

POST-REGATTA TRAINING SESSIONS

Jerry Thompson is the PRO for this regatta and is also presenting three, free training sessions on the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights after the regatta, March 11, 12 and 13, from 6:30 to 9:00 pm at the Tampa Sailing Squadron clubhouse. Jerry is a US Sailing Regional Race Officer, National Judge, Basic Race Management Instructor, and member of the US Sailing Race Management Committee.

Jerry will be presenting "Racing Rules of Sailing for Sailors", Session 1 of 2 on Friday, March 8, and Session 2 of 2 on Tuesday, March 12; and "Race Management for RC and Sailors" on Monday night, March 11. Online registration for each of these two courses is available at www.sail-tss.org. Registration for these courses closes on Friday, March 1, 2024. Class size may be limited so register early.

Information on these courses can be found at:

Race Management for RC and Sailors (Monday, March 11, 6:30 to 9:00 pm):

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1XB5n9KbCKRbRXN-djn7nC30H1OmMY4lX?usp=sharing>

Racing Rules of Sailing for Sailors (Friday, March 8 and Tuesday, March 12, 6:30 to 9:00 pm):

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