

# Nacra 17 World Championship 2016

(Including Nacra 17 World Junior Championship)

The Organizing Authority is Tampa Bay Charities, Inc. and is Hosted by Sail Life, LLC

In conjunction with the International Nacra 17 Class Association

February 6 – 14, 2016

To be sailed at The Clearwater Community Sailing Center (CCSC)

1001 Gulf Boulevard, Clearwater, FL USA 33767

## NOTICE OF RACE

### 1. RULES

- 1.1. The Championship will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. US Sailing prescriptions to RRS 67, 70.5(a) and 76.1 will apply and are stated fully in Attachment B. They may also be found at [www.ussailing.org](http://www.ussailing.org)
- 1.3. For the Medal Race ISAF Addendum Q, Umpired Fleet Racing, available on the ISAF website ([www.sailing.org](http://www.sailing.org)), will apply and changes a number of racing rules. The version that is current when the regatta begins will be posted on the official notice board.
- 1.4. Any changes in the Notice of Race (RRS 89.2) will be published on the website [www.nacra17class.com](http://www.nacra17class.com)
- 1.5. If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.

### 2. ADVERTISING AND BOW NUMBERS

- 2.1. Boats may be required to display bow numbers and advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority according to rule 80 and ISAF regulation 20, advertising code.
- 2.2. In accordance with ISAF Regulation 20.4.3 competitors on board the boats ranked first, second and third in the series at the beginning of each day may be required to wear yellow, blue and red bibs respectively while racing. All other competitors may be required to wear a bib. In addition, the organizing authority may require a coloured dot to be applied to the mainsail. The Organizing Authority will provide the bibs, coloured dots and instructions for their use.

### 3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1. Competitors and coaches shall enter by completing the on-line entry form on the event website <http://www.nacra17class.com> and paying the required fees.
- 3.2. The request for entry shall be filled in and the entry fees shall be paid by **1 January 2016 at 2400 Eastern Standard Time** to get the advantage of the reduced entry fees (refer to 4.1). Entries sent after the deadline indicated above, but before **1 February** will be accepted with the required entry fees. Late entries received after 1 February will be accepted only at the discretion of the Organizing Authority whose decision shall be final.

- 3.3. Entry in the event is not final until registration is completed and all fees are paid.
- 3.4. Eligibility under ISAF Regulation 19 shall apply. Each athlete shall be registered as an ISAF Sailor on the ISAF website [www.sailing.org/isafsailor](http://www.sailing.org/isafsailor)
- 3.5. All competitors shall be fully paid-up members of the International Nacra 17 Class Association.
- 3.6. Olympic gender requirements will apply. Only mixed teams are eligible to compete.
- 3.7. Competitors under 18 years of age shall present a signed and completed parent (or guardian) consent and declaration form which is available at <http://www.nacra17class.com>
- 3.8. The regatta is open to the Olympic mixed Two Crew Multihull Nacra 17 chosen to compete in the 2016 Olympic Sailing Competition.
- 3.9. The minimum number of entries is 25. The Organizing Authority may cancel the event if the minimum number of entries has not been received by midnight EST on **1 January 2016**. Competitors will be notified of the cancellation by email and posting on the event website. The entry fees will be refunded.

#### 4. FEES

- 4.1. Fees are stated in US Dollars and include any local taxes and the Nacra17 Class Association organisation fee. Entries received by midnight EST on **1 January 2016** will qualify for the early Entry fee.

Class	Early Entry Fee	Entry Fee after 1 January
Nacra 17	\$ 450	\$ 550
Support Boat	\$ 100	\$ 125

These entry fees include all collective services provided for the organisation, such as social events, car park, boat park, toilets and showers.

- 4.2. Entry fees will not be refunded except per 3.9.
- 4.3. Fees may be paid only by Visa or MasterCard in US Dollars. (See entry form for payment details).

#### 5. FORMAT

- 5.1. The regatta will consist of an opening series and, provided a minimum of 6 races have been completed during the opening series, a medal race. The opening series may be divided into a qualifying series and final series (gold & silver fleet). Top 10 finishers in the opening series will advance to the medal race.
- 5.2. In case of more than 50 entries, the opening series may be divided into groups.
- 5.3. The format may be changed with authorisation by the Nacra 17 Class Association to adapt it to the format chosen for the 2016 Olympic Sailing Competition.

#### 6. SCHEDULE

- 6.1. Registration for competitors, coaches and team leaders will be at the registration office in the Clearwater Community Sailing Center on the following schedule:

Saturday, February 6

0900 – 1200

	1300 – 1700
Sunday, February 7	0900 – 1200
	1300 – 1700
Monday, February 8	0900 – 1200

- 6.2. Opening ceremony is scheduled on Sunday February 7 at 1700.
- 6.3. The first briefing for coaches and team leaders is scheduled on February 8 at 1200 .
- 6.4. The warning signal for the practice race is scheduled to be no earlier than 1355 on Monday 8 February 2016.
- 6.5. The schedule of races is as follows:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	
Tuesday, February 9	1155	First Warning signal, Qualification Series Q1, Q2, Q3
Wednesday, February 10	1155	First Warning, Qualification Series Q4, Q5, Q6
Thursday, February 11	1155	First Warning, Qualification Series, Q7, Q8
Friday, February 12	1155	First Warning, Final Series, F1, F2, F3
Saturday, February 13	1155	First Warning, Final Series, F4, F5, F6
Sunday, February 14	1155	First Warning, Final Series, F7 Silver and Gold Fleets minus top 10 and Medal Race for top 10

- 6.6. One extra race per day may be sailed provided that the regatta becomes no more than one race ahead of schedule
- 6.7. On the last day of racing, no warning signal will be made after 1600.
- 6.8. The prize giving and closing ceremony is scheduled to begin as soon as possible after the end of the Medal Race on Sunday February 14.

## 7. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 7.1. Boats shall use the approved Nationality Code Letters on their sails as required by RRS G1.1.
- 7.2. Schedule of Equipment inspection:
 

Saturday, February 6	0900 – 1200
	1300 – 1700
Sunday, February 8	0900 – 1200
	1300 – 1700
Monday, February 9	0900 - 1200

Boats shall be available for inspection from 0900 on **Saturday February 6** or

as agreed in writing with the Organizing Authority. Details of pre-first race equipment inspection, location and schedules will be posted on the official notice board.

7.3. Boats are subject to inspection at any time during the event. The procedures for inspections will be specified in the sailing instructions or equipment inspection regulations (EIR).

7.4. The equipment limitations as specified in the Nacra 17 class rules shall apply.

## **8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Sailing instructions will be available during registration at the Race Office and on the event website. Other documents governing the event will be available with the sailing instructions.

## **9. VENUE**

Attachment A shows the location of the Clearwater Community Sailing Center and the racing area in the Gulf of Mexico.

## **10. THE COURSES**

The courses will be Windward/Leeward, except that any other courses adopted by ISAF for the 2016 Olympic Sailing Competition or approved by the International Nacra17 Association may also be used.

## **11. PENALTY SYSTEM**

11.1. RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

11.2. The Sailing Instructions may include a specification of discretionary penalties that may be applied by the International Jury for breaches of specific rules. The Sailing Instructions may include a specification of standard penalties that maybe applied by the Race Committee without hearing for specific rules; this will change RRS 63.1 and Appendix A5. These will appear in full in the Sailing Instructions.

## **12. INTERNATIONAL JURY**

An International Jury will be appointed in accordance with RRS 91(b). Its decisions will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.

## **13. SCORING**

13.1. A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS). This changes RRS A4 and A5.

13.2. RRS A4.2 is changed so that those scores are based on,

- (a) The number of boats assigned to compete in a single fleet series, or
- (b) The number of boats assigned to the largest fleet in a Split Fleet Qualification Series, or
- (c) The number of boats assigned to the fleet in the Final Series or Medal Race
- (d) The number of boats in the Gold Fleet not assigned to the Medal Race and scheduled to an additional race on the last day.

13.3 A boat's race score shall be:

13.3.1 For each Series, a boat's score shall be calculated in accordance with RRS A2.

13.3.2 When fewer than 5 races in the Qualification Series have been completed, a boat's Qualification Series Score will be the total of her race scores.

13.3.3 When 5 or more races in the Qualification Series have been completed, a boat's Qualification Series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score in the Qualification Series.

13.3.4 When fewer than 5 races in the Final Series have been completed, a boat's Final Series score will be the total of her race scores in the Final Series plus the boat's Qualification Series scores.

13.3.5 When 5 or more races in the Final Series have been completed, a boat's Final Series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score in the Final Series plus the boat's qualification scores.

13.3.6 The top 10 boats after the Final Series will participate in the Medal Race. For the Medal Race, the boat's Qualification Series and Final Series total race scores together excluding any worst scores, shall be used as the initial race score and added to the race score or the Medal Race. RRS A4.1 is changed so that the points of the Medal Race are doubled. However the score from the Medal Race shall not be excluded.

13.3.7 For those competitors not assigned to the Medal Race and scheduled to an additional race on the last day, the first finisher will score 1 point, 2nd 2 points and so on.

13.4 To request correction of an alleged error in posted race or series results, a boat may complete a scoring inquiry form available from the regatta office.

13.5 Three Qualification Series races are required to constitute a regatta.

13.6 If at the end of the Qualifying Series some boats have more race scores than others, scores for the most recent races will be excluded so that all boats have the same number of race scores.

13.7 For Final Ranking, boats assigned to the Gold Fleet will be ranked higher in the regatta than boats assigned to the Silver Fleet, and so on. This may not apply to a boat disqualified under RRS 5 or 69.

13.8 Qualifying and Final Series ties will be broken in accordance with RRS A8.

13.9 Medal Race

13.9.1 Boats assigned to compete in the Medal Race will be ranked highest in the regatta. This may not apply to a boat disqualified under RRS 5 or 69.

13.9.2 For boats competing in the Medal Race, ties in the regatta score are broken by the Medal Race score. This changes RRS A8. For boats with the same points score in the Medal Race, ties in the regatta score are broken applying RRS A8 to the total scores of the Qualification and Final Series scores together, excluding any worst scores.

13.9.3 A boat assigned to compete in the medal race shall make a genuine effort to start, sail the course and finish. The penalty of a breach of this instruction will be ranking the boat in last place in that stage of the regatta. If there are two such boats, they will be ranked last and second last, in order of their total Qualification and Final Series ranks and so on. This changes RRS A2.

#### 14 **SUPPORT BOATS AND PERSONNEL**

14.9 All support boats shall be registered (see 4.1) with the Organizing Authority and will be required to comply with local legislation and event support boat regulations. The Organizing Authority may refuse registrations and accept later registrations at their sole discretion.

14.10 All support boats shall clearly display the 3 letter national code of their ISAF Member National Authority at all times while afloat. The minimum height for the letters shall be 200 mm and visible from both sides of the boat.

14.11 Support boats with team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the starting sequence until all boats have finished or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

#### 15 **BERTHING**

15.1 Boats shall be kept in their assigned places in the Boat Park or in the harbour.

**16 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

16.1 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make nor receive radio transmissions, text messages or cellular phone calls while racing except when using equipment provided by the race committee.

**17 PRIZES**

17.1 Trophies will be awarded to the top 3 boats overall in the Gold Fleet, Silver Fleet and the best junior team (under 24 years at 31 December 2016). The Organizing Authority may award additional prizes.

**18 MEDIA RIGHTS, CAMERAS AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT**

18.9 By participating in the event, competitors automatically grant to the Organizing Authority, The Nacra17 Class Association and their sponsors, the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time at their discretion, any motion pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of the athlete during the period of the competition without compensation.

18.10 Boats may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment and positioning equipment as specified by the Organizing Authority.

18.11 The top three competitors as well as the individual race winners may be required to attend a media press conference each day.

18.12 Competitors may be required for interviews at the regatta.

**19 DOPING CONTROL**

Doping control will be conducted in accordance with the World Anti-Doping Code. In-Competition testing may be carried out at the Venue.

**20 INSURANCE**

Each participating boat must hold third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of at least USD 1.500.000 (or equivalent) per incident.

**21 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. 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.



## **FURTHER INFORMATION**

For further information please visit [www.nacra17class.com](http://www.nacra17class.com).

For information regarding the venue, contact Darcy Jensen, [Saillife2016@gmail.com](mailto:Saillife2016@gmail.com).

Or visit [www.saillife.com](http://www.saillife.com)

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Attachment A - Venue



## **ATTACHMENT B - US Sailing Prescriptions**

The US Sailing prescriptions that will apply at the regatta are stated below:

### **B1 RRS 67 DAMAGES** US SAILING prescribes that:

(a) A boat that retires from a race or accepts a penalty does not, by that action alone, admit liability for damages.

(b) A protest committee shall find facts and make decisions only in compliance with the rules. No protest committee or US SAILING appeals authority shall adjudicate any claim for damages. Such a claim is subject to the jurisdiction of the courts.

(c) A basic purpose of the rules is to prevent contact between boats. By participating in an event governed by the rules a boat agrees that responsibility for damages arising from any breach of the rules shall be based on fault as determined by application of the rules, and that she shall not be governed by the legal doctrine of ‘assumption of risk’ for monetary damages resulting from contact with other boats.

### **B2 RRS 70.5 Appeals and Requests to a National Authority**

US Sailing prescribes that its approval is required. Go to [www.ussailing.org/racingrules/documents](http://www.ussailing.org/racingrules/documents) and click the ‘No Appeal’ link for more information or to obtain approval.

### **B3 RRS 76.1 EXCLUSION OF BOATS OR COMPETITORS**

US SAILING prescribes that an organizing authority or race committee shall not reject or cancel the entry of a boat or exclude a competitor eligible under the notice of race and sailing instructions for an arbitrary or capricious reason or for reason of race, colour, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, or age.

