

RS Aero Women's National Championship

October 4 - 6, 2024

Hosted By: Fairhope Yacht Club, Fairhope, AL

NOTICE OF RACE

Organizing Authorities: RS Aero North American Class Association
Fairhope Yacht Club

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing for 2021-2024 (here in after "RRS") as well as the International RS Aero Class Association's Class Rules issued 06-27-2023.
- 1.2 Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes of the first boat to finish will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4, A5 and A10.
- 1.3 RRS 40.1 shall be in effect. Each competitor shall wear a personal flotation device.
- 1.4 A boat that has not met the definition of start 5 minutes after the starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.
- 1.5 RRS 60.3(b) is changed to "request redress for a boat or call a hearing to consider redress;"
- 1.6 RRS 61.4: US Sailing prescribes that no fees shall be charged for protests or requests for redress.
- 1.7 RRS 67: 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 appeal 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.

- 1.8 RRS 76.1: 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, color, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, or age.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Sailing Instructions will be posted on-site at check-in desk and on Regatta Network website no later than 08:00 AM Central Time on October 4, 2024.
- 2.2 The Sailing Instructions will consist of the instructions in RRS Appendix S, Standard Sailing Instructions, and supplementary sailing instructions.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The official notice board is located under the clubhouse next to the tiki bar.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The event is open to all woman skippered boats of the RS Aero Class.
- 4.2 **All competitors shall be a member in good standing of the RS Aero Class Association prior to check-in at 09:00 Saturday October 5th.**
- 4.3 Fleets are defined by their rig as follows:
- RS Aero 5
 - RS Aero 6
 - RS Aero 7
 - RS Aero 9
- 4.4 A fleet shall consist of three or more boats of the same rig. Where a fleet does not have three or more boats, the sailor shall choose the rig of a fleet of three or more boats.
- 4.5 Boats may enter the event by registering online at:
https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_registration_form.php?regatta_id=27634
- 4.6 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.7 Late entries will be accepted on Saturday October 5 between 09:00 and 10:00 AM Central Time at the check-in desk.
- 4.8 All sailors are required to check-in by 10:00 on Saturday October 5 at the check-in desk, even if the sailor pre-registered. Participants will receive registration packets at check-in.
- 4.9 Fleets will start together. Starts will be at the discretion of the PRO and will be outlined in Skipper's meeting.

5 FEES

6 Entry Fee: \$100 from February - July, \$120 from August - Sept, and \$150 in October.

6.1 If you are interested in a Boat Charter please contact Trin Ollinger via trinollinger@gmail.com or (251) 583-3875.

7 SCHEDULE

7.1 October 4, Friday Practice Race/Clinic at 2:30 CST
October 5, Saturday 09:00-10:00 CST Registration and Breakfast in the Ballroom
11:00 Skippers Meeting
12:55 Warning Signal for first race: other races follow at discretion of the Race Committee
Lunch will be provided on the water
No race to start after 05:00

May 28th, Sunday

09:00 -10:00 Breakfast available in Ballroom

11:00 Warning Signal for first race: other races to follow at the discretion of Race Committee.

No race to start after 2:30

7.2 Number of races: Subject to change by the Race Committee, eight races are scheduled to be held. One completed race will constitute a Regatta.

8 VENUE

8.1 Racing will be on Mobile Bay, in front of Fairhope Yacht Club located at 101 Volanta Ave. Fairhope,AL 36532

9 COURSES

9.1 The courses will be windward/leeward, triangles, or combination thereof as described in the Sailing Instructions.

10 SCORING

- 10.1 The low point scoring system, RRS Appendix A2, shall apply.
- 10.2 One (1) race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 10.3 When fewer than (5) five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 10.4 When (5) five or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 10.5 RS Aero Class Rule H2.1 shall be in effect: Time correction factors will be applied to calculate corrected times as all fleets will race together.
- 10.6 RS Aero Class Rule H3.2 shall be in effect: A competitor may use a rig size and sail which is smaller, but not larger, than stipulated when finalizing their registration on-site without disqualification. The competitor's scoring however shall always be calculated as that for the rig size which was stipulated at on-site registration.

11 BERTHING

- 11.1 Boats shall be provided space in the Fairhope Yacht Club parking lot. Location will be designated when you arrive. If you plan to attend the Wadewitz Regatta the weekend before you will be provided a safe place to store your boat during the week.

12 RISK STATEMENT AND DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 12.1 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.
- 12.2 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. Fairhope Yacht Club will require that you sign a waiver of liability prior to participating in the event.
- 12.3 All competitors must sign a waiver before participating in the event.

13 INSURANCE

- 13.1 The Organizing Authority recommends that each competitor shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance.

14 MEALS

- 14.1 The following meals will be provided to skippers. Breakfast on Saturday and Sunday, Lunch on Saturday, Dinner on Saturday. Meal tickets for guests can be purchased online through registration on Regatta Network

Water may be provided by Race Committee to skippers while on the water (between races). We highly encourage the use of a reusable water bottle.

15 TROPHIES AND PRIZES

- 15.1 Awards given for the top three places in each fleet. In addition, there will be a single perpetual trophy listing the champion of each fleet. The perpetual trophy will be kept by the host club and shall be handed off to the next host club at that year's event.

16 GENERAL AND FACILITIES

- 16.1 Boats can launch from the beach in front of the club or at the boat launch located at the North West corner of the parking lot by the gazebo.
- 16.2 Restrooms with shower facilities are located under the club house and across the street at the back of our south parking lot.

17 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 17.1 For further information please contact Randy Fitz-Wainwright at fitz1350@bellsouth.net or (251) 377-8419 or Trin Ollinger at trinollinger@gmail.com or (251) 583-3875