

Bluster Regatta

Notice of Race

Indian River Lagoon, Downtown Melbourne

January 17, 18 & 19, 2025

Organizing Authority: Space Coast Catamaran Fleet
Ballard Park, EGAD "The Eau Gallie Art District", Melbourne, FL 32901

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the NOR means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

1. Rules

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in 2021 – 2024 *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and class rules.*

2. Advertising

- 2.1. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

3. Eligibility and Entry

- 3.1. The regatta is open to all classes of boats including A-Cat (Classics and Foilers), Hobie 14, 16, 17, 18, 20, and Wave, F16, F18, Nacra 15/17/Carbon 20, Weta and **OPEN** classes.
- 3.2. Eligible boats should enter and pay online through the Regatta Network website by 11:59pm December 30th, 2024; OA has the right but not the obligation to allow later registrations. No refunds after December 30th, 2024.
- 3.3. All A-Cat competitors must be paid A-Class members and in good standing of their respective class association.
- 3.4. Any HCA or FWC legal boat constitutes the Wave class.

4. Fees

- 4.1. Required Fees:
Doublehanded boats until 0000 on December 30, 2024: \$150
Singlehanded boats until 0000 on December 30, 2024: \$120

5. Schedule (tentative)

Thursday, January 16th

Open Evening: Recommended restaurants and bar list, both for the Art District and Downtown TBD.

Friday, January 17th

900 – 1100 – Registration

1030 – Competitors' meeting

1200 – First warning signal (3-5 races scheduled each race day, tba)

1700-1800 – (Social planned, TBA)

And join us later for some line dancing at the County Line Saloon, adjacent to Hotel Melby, Downtown Melbourne (bring your cowboy hat & boots!)

Saturday, January 18th

1100 – First warning signal

1700 -2200 – Food provided (details to be added).

**Additional raffle tickets available at registration and at gatherings.*

Sunday, January 19th

1000 – First warning signal

1400 – No initial warning signal for a new race after this time

Awards to follow racing, Pavilion at Ballard Park

***Starts times subject to change depending on weather (including starts at 8am).

6. Sailing Instructions

- 6.1. Sailing instructions will be available online by January 10, 2025, on Regatta Network. To reduce paper waste, copies will be available onsite only on request per day, with limited paper copies available.
- 6.2. Online sailing instructions may be changed until 2000 Thursday, January 16, without a posted amendment.

7. Venue

- 7.1. Racing will take place in the Indian River Lagoon, on Florida's Space Coast, Brevard County, .25 mile North of the Eau Gallie Causeway (518).
- 7.2. The regatta venue is Ballard Park, launch from Ballard Park, Melbourne, (Indian River Lagoon, On Florida's Space Coast).

8. Penalty System

- 8.1. For all classes, rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

9. Scoring

- 9.1. One (1) race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

9.2. if 5 or more races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her races scores, excluding the competitors worse score.

10. Radio Communications

10.1. Competitors are strongly encouraged to carry personal VHF radios to monitor race committee communications. Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones. [DP]

11. Prizes

11.1. Prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the Organizing Authority

12. Disclaimer of Liability

12.1. 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, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

13. Insurance

13.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 per incident or the equivalent. Proof of insurance required at registration.

14. Further information

14.1. Please contact Mark Herendeen, 321-863-4426.

Additional Information

Accommodations:

- Hotel Melby. 801 Strawbridge Ave, (Downtown) Melbourne, FL 32901. 321-361-3663. Special group rates to be made available by early December. TBA group rate..... Overnight valet parking is available. This hotel is Pet friendly – call for fees. Early bookings are HIGHLY recommended, and we are awaiting approval of discounted parking rate as well.

CAMPING/RVS:

We are trying to confirm RVs limited number of spaces. Absolutely no gas-powered generators allowed. There are NO water or electric hookups available to RV's. Early arrival is possible, but that date is not determined.

To reserve an potential RV space at the park please contact Mark. First come/first served.

There are several campgrounds but January – March on the East Coast is the prime season and most of these sell out a year in advance. You will need to call and check on cancellations.

Wickham Park, 2500 Parkway Dr, Melbourne, FL 32935. 321-255-4307

Palm Shores RV Park, 5090 N US Hwy 1, Melbourne, FL 32940

Lucky clover Mobile Home & RV, 635 E Eau Gallie Blvd, Melbourne, FL 32937

Long Point Campground. 700 Long Point Rd, Melbourne Beach, FL 32937

<https://www.brevardfl.gov/ParksAndRecreation/ParksByCity/ParksInMelbourneBeach/LongPoint>

Sebastian Inlet State Park. 9700 S Highway A1A, Melbourne Beach, FL 32951

<https://www.floridastateparks.org/Sebastian-Inlet>