



2014 RS:X YOUTH WORLD WINDSURFING CHAMPIONSHIPS

&

2014 Clearwater RS:X U17 Windsurfing Championships



NOTICE OF RACE

The Clearwater Community Sailing Center and Tampa Bay Charities as the Local Organizing Authority (LOA) are pleased to invite RS:X sailors to take part in the 2014 RS:X Youth World Windsurfing Championships & 2014 Clearwater RS:X U17 Windsurfing Championships under specified conditions laid down by the International RS:X Class Association between the dates of

October 18th – 25th 2014
Clearwater, Florida USA



1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. No National Authority prescriptions will apply.
- 1.3. The following Class rules shall be deleted: C.6.3(j), C.7.1(d) and C.7.2(g).
- 1.4. The Sailing Instructions (SIs) will state that if there is a conflict between the Notice of Race (NoR) and the SIs, the SIs will take precedence.
- 1.5. If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.
- 1.6. For medal races, ISAF Addendum Q, Umpired Fleet Racing, will apply and change a number of racing rules. The version that is current when the regatta begins will be available in full with the Sailing Instructions.

2. ADVERTISING & IDENTIFICATION

- 2.1. Sails and competitors may be required to carry advertising for event sponsors, which will be supplied by the local organizing committee in accordance with Regulation 20.
- 2.2. On the sail the event sponsor's branding shall be placed immediately below batten #5 and as close to the leech as possible.
- 2.3. Division identification according to Class Rule C.9.2(b) is not required.
- 2.4. For group Identification, each competitor will be issued with branded lycra vests which shall be worn whilst racing.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY REGULATIONS

- 3.1. All entries shall meet the requirements of ISAF Regulation 19 – Eligibility Code.
- 3.2. The 2014 RS:X Youth World Windsurfing Championships is open to all nations.
 - 3.2.1. Valid entries for this event shall be under 19 years on 31 December 2014.
- 3.3. The 2014 RS:X Clearwater U17 Windsurfing Championships is open to all nations.
 - 3.3.1. Valid entries for this event shall be Under 17 years on 31 December 2014
 - 3.3.2. Valid entries for this event will automatically be entered into the 2014 RS:X Youth World Windsurfing Championships.
- 3.4. Events shall run concurrently.
- 3.5. A minimum of:
 - 3.5.1. Five entries is required for each event for a valid Men's Championships.
 - 3.5.2. Five entries is required for each event for a valid Women's Championships.
- 3.6. The maximum number of entries that can be accepted is:
 - 3.6.1. 120 Men in the 2014 RS:X Youth World Windsurfing Championships.
 - 3.6.2. 120 Women in the 2014 RS:X Youth World Windsurfing Championships.
- 3.7. The deadline for valid entries is **October 4th 2014**.
- 3.8. Competitors shall have an ISAF Sailor ID before the entry deadline.
- 3.9. Competitors' membership of a National RS:X Class Association (NCA) or the International RS:X Class Association (RSX) shall be fully paid up before the entry deadline.
- 3.10. Eligible competitors shall [enter online](#) with payment in Euros by credit/debit card or bank transfer before the entry deadline.
 - 3.10.1. An entry is not valid until paid.
 - 3.10.2. 50% of entry fees may be refundable if accompanied by a medical certificate issued by a medical doctor stating a valid reason why the competitor cannot compete.
- 3.11. The following documentation will be required at Registration on site:
 - 3.11.1. Proof of valid third party liability Insurance
 - 3.11.2. Proof of age (passport).

- 3.11.3. A completed [Emergency Contact & Health Information Form](#) for entries under the age of 18 years. This form may be completed online but a printed copy shall be brought to registration.

4. FEES

- 4.1. The Entry Fee is **150 Euro**.
- 4.2. The Entry Fee paid after the deadline as stated in NoR 3.7 shall be **190 Euro**.
- 4.3. Those who have made payment by bank transfer shall email a copy of the bank transfer document authorized by their bank to the [IWA office](#).
- 4.4. Bank details are:
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| A/C: | The International Windsurfing Association |
| Bank Details: | Barclays Bank Plc, Birmingham, UK |
| IBAN: | GB93 BARC 2008 4452 9772 99 |
| SWIFTBIC: | BARCGB22 |

5. FORMAT

- 5.1. Men and Women division competitors shall race separately.
- 5.2. There will be a maximum 13 races in a series over 6 race days.
- 5.3. Racing will consist of Round 1, Round 2 and Medal Races.
- 5.4. Three races are scheduled each day. On the last day 1 medal race are scheduled with 1 further Round 2 race for those not assigned to the Medal Race.
- 5.5. The schedule is set irrespective of planing conditions.
- 5.6. In Rounds 1 and 2 at the discretion of the Class Course Representative competitors will race in Groups, as follows:
- 5.6.1. Where there are 50 or fewer boards entered, they shall race in a single Group.
- 5.6.2. Where there are between 51 and 60 boards entered, they may race in two Groups.
- 5.6.3. Where there are between 61 and 120 boards entered, they shall race in two Groups.
- 5.7. Where there are two or more Groups:
- 5.7.1. Each group will, if possible, have the same number of competitors.
- 5.7.2. Competitors will be initially divided according to their ranking in the last Youth World Championship and then on their ranking in the last Youth European Championship.
- 5.7.3. After the first day of racing is completed they will be divided according to their overall rankings after any discard have been applied.
- 5.8. Competitors will race in the same number of Groups in Round 2 as in Round 1, divided according to their overall rankings at the completion of Round 1.
- 5.9. On the completion of Round 2 the top 10 competitors will be assigned to compete in the Medal Race.
- 5.10. All Group assignments are based off 2014 RS:X Youth World Windsurfing Championships results.

6. SCHEDULE

- 6.1. The event commences on completion of registration, once the requirements of Eligibility and Entry Regulations (NoR 3), Equipment and Equipment Checks (NoR 7) and any requirements of the SI's relating to equipment registration have been met.
- 6.2. The event ends on a sailor's last day of racing when any notice that may name them as a party or witness is posted, the time of which will be set in the SIs, for those competitors



not involved in any hearings. For those involved in any hearing, the event ends once this process has been completed.

- 6.3. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race of each day is 11.00 hrs (except the Practice Race – see below).
- 6.4. The warning signal for the last race of each day shall not be made within 1 hour of the official sunset time
- 6.5. Event Schedule

Date	Day	Times or warning signals	Event
October 18 th	Saturday	1000-1700 hrs	Registration & Equipment Check
October 19 th	Sunday	0900-1200 hrs 1300 hrs 1700 hrs 1830 hrs	Registration & Equipment Check Practice Race Coaches Meeting Opening Ceremony
October 20 th	Monday	1100 hrs	Races
October 21 st	Tuesday	1100 hrs	Races
October 22 nd	Wednesday	1100 hrs	Reserve Day
October 23 rd	Thursday	1100 hrs	Races
October 24 th	Friday	1100 hrs	Races
October 25 th	Saturday	1100 hrs 1600 hrs 1830 hrs	Races & Medal Races Last possible warning signal Prize Giving & Closing Ceremony
October 26 th	Sunday		Departure

7. EQUIPMENT AND EQUIPMENT CHECKS

- 7.1. Equipment is not supplied by the organizing authority and all competitors shall use their own equipment. Equipment that is loaned or chartered shall be considered to be the competitor's own equipment.
- 7.2. There is no on-line submission of serial numbers of equipment to be used and there will be no official measurement prior to the first race. Competitors may check their own equipment using the official scales etc. The Championship Chief Measurer will be available to answer questions.
- 7.3. Before the close of registration, competitors shall register each piece of equipment they intend to use by sticking the self-adhesive 'Fast Check' numbers issued on to those pieces of equipment and handing to the Championship Chief Measurer a completed Pre-event Equipment Form. Fast Check stickers and Pre-event Equipment Form will be issued at Registration. In addition competitors shall present the fin to be used to the Chief Measurer for stamping.
- 7.4. In accordance with RRS 78.1, competitors are reminded that they are responsible for making sure that their equipment complies with class rules at all times.
- 7.5. Measurement and equipment checks may be made throughout the event.
- 7.6. Competitors and their equipment shall be on site by **1200hrs on October 19th 2014.**

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 8.1. The Sailing Instructions will be available at the on-site Registration (as well as the Event Program scheduling social events).

9. VENUE

- 9.1. The regatta site is:

Club: Clearwater Community Sailing Center
1001 Gulf Blvd, Clearwater, FL 33767 USA
Geographical coordinates: 27.955194, -82.826083

Contact: Kelly Dorn
Phone: +1 727-517-7776
Fax: +1 727-489-2602
Email: kelly@clearwatercommunitysailing.org

10. COURSES

- 10.1. At the discretion of the Class Course Representative the course will be either Windward-Leeward or Trapezoid Courses for Rounds 1 and 2. For the Medal Races the course will be a Windward-Leeward.
- 10.1.1. Courses may have slalom ends.
 - 10.1.2. Courses may have windward gates.
- 10.2. Race target time will be 20-25 minutes for all races in Rounds 1 & 2 and 15 minutes for Medal Races. This may be varied at the discretion of the Class Course Representative.

11. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 11.1. Fixed scoring penalties as detailed in the Sailing Instructions will be applied for breaches of Class Rule C1.2, rules concerning all safety regulations, trash disposal and the requirements of the organizing authority relating to advertising and media coverage of the event.

12. INTERNATIONAL JURY

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

13. SCORING

- 13.1. The scoring will be Low Point System in accordance with RRS Appendix A and B8.
- 13.2. Scores for the 2014 Clearwater RS:X U17 Windsurfing Championships will be extracted from the 2014 RS:X Youth World Windsurfing Championships results without recalculation.
- 13.3. A minimum of 3 completed races are required for a valid Championship.
- 13.4. A minimum of 3 completed races are required to complete Round 1 and a minimum of 3 completed races are required to complete Round 2.
- 13.5. Discards will be applied as follows:

13.5.1. Discards when racing in Single Group:

# Races in Rounds 1 & 2	# Discards	Comments
1-4	0	No discard
5-11	1	One worst score discarded
12 or more	2	Two worst scores discarded

13.5.2. Discards when racing in Groups:

# Races in Rounds 1 & 2	# Discards	Comments
1-4	0	No discard
5-11	1	One worst score discarded
12 or more	2	The worst score in Round 1 and the worst score in Round 2

13.6. In the Medal Races:

13.6.1. A competitor's score shall be the number of points specified in RRS Appendix A4.1 (not double);

13.6.2. The score for these races shall not be excluded from the series score neither does the Medal Race score trigger any discard from results in Rounds 1 and/or 2.

13.7. The competitors assigned to compete in the Medal Races will be ranked highest in the regatta except for a competitor disqualified from a Medal Race under rule RRS 5 or 69.

13.8. If no Medal Races are completed, competitors will be ranked according to overall scores in Round 2, but if no race in Round 2 is completed then competitors will be ranked according to overall scores in Round 1.

14. COACHES, COACH & SUPPORT BOATS

14.1. Coaches may [register online](#) with payment by credit/debit card or bank transfer. Payment made at the event shall be in cash and US Dollars only.

14.2. The Coach's Fee for registration received and paid by **October 4th 2014** is **50 Euro**. Payment received after shall be **65 Euro**.

14.3. A registration is not valid until paid.

14.4. The following documentation shall be brought to the event Race Office before the Practice Race:

14.4.1. Proof of valid third party liability Insurance.

14.4.2. Boat Driving Licence (if applicable).

15. STORAGE

15.1. On completion of registration and continuing until the end of the regatta, when ashore (other than when launching and retrieving), all boards shall be kept in their assigned places. Removal of any board from the assigned place shall require prior written approval from the Championship Chief Measurer. Access to boards in the board storage area during certain hours, including hours of darkness may be restricted.

15.2. Unless otherwise directed by the LOA, all competing boards and equipment shall be launched and retrieved from the designated area.

15.3. Boards shall be removed from the venue on the Departure Day as defined in the Schedule.

16. SAFETY

- 16.1. Competitors shall carry a tow rope of the specification defined in Class Rules C1.2c.

17. PRIZES

- 17.1. Medals will be awarded to the first three Men and Women of each event.
17.2. Prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the RS:X Class Administration.

18. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 18.1. Competitors take part in all races at their own risk. The LOA and International RS:X Class Association or any of their officials or representatives or the sponsors or their officials or representatives are not responsible, under any circumstances, for any damage, loss or injury either ashore or on the water either to persons or equipment, which may result.
18.2. Participation in this event, supporting events and in each race in them is at the sole discretion of the competitor and at his/her own risk. Notice is drawn to RRS4.

19. INSURANCE

- 19.1. Competitors shall possess valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of 1 million Euro.
19.2. Coaches and support boat drivers shall also have valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of 1.5 million Euro.

20. DRUG TESTING

- 20.1. Competitors are reminded of the ISAF rules and regulations concerning the use of banned methods and substances. Drug testing may take place during the event.

21. TELEVISION AND MEDIA

- 21.1. In registering for the event, competitors automatically grant to the LOA and the International RS:X Class Association the right in perpetuity to make, use and show from time to time at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of them, taken during the period of the event, for the said Championship as defined in the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions in which he/she participates without compensation.

22. OFFICIAL CEREMONIES & DRESS CODE

- 22.1. Competitors should attend the Opening Ceremony, Prize Giving and Closing Ceremony.
22.2. Smart casual clothes will be worn.
22.3. The opening ceremony will be held on **October 19th at 18:30**. The ceremony will be held at the Clearwater Community Sailing Center.
22.4. The Prize Giving ceremony will be held on **25th October at 18:30** at the Clearwater Community Sailing Center or a suitable alternate location selected by the LOA.



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NOTICE OF RACE ENDS

The average conditions that can be expected are: wind speeds 10-12 knots mostly NNW, air temperature (night/day) 18-28°C and water temperature 25°C.

Nearby Airports:

Tampa International Airport (TPA)
Orlando International Airport (MCO)
Sarasota-Bradenton International Airport (SRQ)

Host Hotel:



Sheraton Sand Key Resort

<https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/StarGroupsWeb/res?id=1408076939&key=327AB9CC>

Additional Partner Hotels:



Clearwater Beach Marriott Suites on Sand Key

<http://bit.ly/1sFO0SQ>



Hyatt Regency Clearwater Beach Resort and Spa

<https://resweb.passkey.com/go/RSX>



Seaside Inn & Suites Clearwater Beach

<http://www.seasidecwbeach.com/news-events/about-us/2014-rs-x/>

Neither the LOA nor International RS:X Class Association take responsibility for travel and accommodation arrangements made in error.

There is limited equipment that will be available for charter and dealt on a first come, first served basis. Please contact Manu Messiaen: emessiaen@neilpryde.com

For coach boat charter, please contact: Richard White,
richard.white@clearwatercommunitysailing.org,: +1 727-517-7776
Charters are dealt with on a first come, first served basis

Contact Andrus Poksi: andrus@rsxclass.com at RS:X Executive Office in case of any other questions.