



2017 RS Aero Midwinter Regatta

January 28-29, 2017

**Palm Beach Sailing Club
West Palm Beach, Florida**

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017 – 2020 including Appendix T and the rules of the RS Aero Class Association.
- 1.2 The US Sailing prescriptions to rules 60, 63.2, and 63.4 are deleted.
- 1.3 Racing rule 40 is changed as follows: Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment (code flag Y need not be displayed).
- 1.4 Rule 44.1 is changed to provide for a one-turn penalty except within the zone.
- 1.5 All boats shall carry a 30 foot length of line, ideally floating, for towing purposes.
- 1.6 The changes will appear in full in the sailing instructions. The sailing instructions may change other racing rules.

2. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 2.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the RS Aero class.
- 2.2 Competitors may enter by completing the online registration form and fee payment found at <http://regattanetworks.com/>.
- 2.3 All participants, or their parent or guardian if under age 18, will be required to agree to a waiver of liability as a condition of eligibility. This waiver may be completed either during online registration or at the event check-in.
- 2.4 All participants under the age of 18 shall be accompanied for the duration of the regatta by a responsible adult who shall be named in the Parent/Guardian consent form.

3. CLASSIFICATION

- 3.1 This event is open to sailors of all classifications as described in World Sailing Regulation 22, Sailor Classification Code.

4. FEES

- 4.1 The entry fee is \$ 100.00
- 4.2 Entry fees include racing, berthing during the regatta, post-racing refreshments, and admission to the regatta dinner.
- 4.3 Additional dinner tickets may be purchased by contacting the PBSC Race Office at 561.881.0809 or email office@pbsail.org.

5. SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 28	8:30-10:30 am	Check-in at PBSC Race Office
	10:30 am	Competitor's Meeting
	Noon	First Race Warning
	6 pm	Regatta dinner
Sunday, January 29	9:30 am	Competitor's Meeting
	11:00 am	First Race Warning
	3 pm	No warning signal will be made after
	ASAP after racing	awards presentation

6. INSPECTION & MEASUREMENT

- 6.1 All boats shall comply with RS Aero class rules and specifications. Spot checks may be performed on any boat by the race committee at any time during the event.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 7.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available at event check-in and posted.

8. VENUE

- 8.1 The Atlantic Ocean and Lake Worth.

9. COURSES

- 9.1 The courses will be around bouys set by the race committee as described in the Sailing Instructions. The sailing venue will be governed by the wind and weather conditions at the discretion of the Race Committee. Every effort will be made to sail in the ocean about 1 mile south of the Lake Worth (Palm Beach) inlet.

10. SCORING

- 10.1 The Low Point Scoring System (Appendix A) shall be used.
- 10.2 Boats will be divided by rig sizes (5,7, and 9) for starting and scoring. If a rig fleet has fewer than 5 boats entered, it may be started with another fleet.

- 10.3 The number of races scheduled is 8. The minimum number of races required to constitute a regatta is 3.
- 10.4 When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When 5 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

11. PRIZES

- 11.1. Prizes will be awarded to the top three boats in each of the eligible RS Aero rig sizes (5,7,9) provided the fleet has 5 or more boats. Prizes will also be awarded for the top junior (under 18) and female skipper, and special prizes to be awarded by the race committee TBA. A team prize is being considered for the best three scoring boats from any yacht club, sailing club or local fleet.

12. RISK, DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY, & PERSONAL CONDUCT

- 12.1 Competitors participate in the regatta at their own risk. See Rule 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, and after the regatta.
- 12.2 Competitors will accept full responsibility for all their actions during any activity related to this event. This includes on-shore activities before, during, and after the regatta.

13. RIGHT TO USE NAME & LIKENESS

- 13.1 By participating in this event, all competitors automatically grant the organizers and sponsors the right to make, use and show, at any time and at their discretion, any photographs or videos of him or her produced during the period of the event without compensation.

14. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 14.1 Additional useful information regarding accommodations, travel, and area recreation is available at www.palmbeachfl.com.
- 14.2 For more information, please contact Regatta Chairman Paul Gingras, sp.gingras47@gmail.com, 561-267-9329 mobile, 561-845-8686.