



2012 Island Style Classic

U.S. Windsurfing Masters/Seniors North American Championships

Notice of Race

1. **Event**
The 2012 Island Style Classic will be held February 25-26 in Sarasota, Florida. Sarasota is on Florida West Coast just 45 minutes south of Tampa, Florida. **This event is USW National Racing Tour Event. The results obtained by current USW members in the NRT Classes will count toward the USW National Ranking.**
2. **Organizer**
The 2012 Island Style Classic is sponsored by the Masters/Senior Windsurfing Council and hosted by Sarasota Sailing Squadron (SSS) under specified conditions laid down by US Windsurfing.
3. **Venue & Weather**
Racing will take place at SSS in Sarasota, Florida. The SSS is located on Sarasota Bay, which is a large bay that gets great wind from any direction.
During February the weather conditions are: AVERAGE WIND 12 KNOTS; Water temp: 68°F; Average air temp: 65°F. Wetsuits may be needed. WINDY conditions are not uncommon. Shoes are strongly recommended.
4. **Rules**
This event will be governed by the rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) for 2009-2012 including, the Windsurfing Competition Rules (Appendix B), the Notice of Race, and the Class Rules except as altered by the Sailing Instructions (SIs).
5. **Eligibility**
Only current USW members will be able to be scored for the NRT classes
6. **Classes, Divisions & Equipment**
 - 6.1 USW NRT Competition will be scored in the following classes: **Formula, Kona, Hybrid, and Open**. Other classes will be available if there is sufficient interest.
 - 6.2 Island Style Classic competition will be held in the following A Fleet divisions: **Formula Men (12.5), Formula Women (11), Hybrid Men, Hybrid Women, Open Unlimited, Open Limited Men (7.5), Open Limited Women (7.5), and Kona** (Note, the open unlimited and open limited classes are combined for NRT scoring)
 - 6.3 Island Style Classic competition will be held in the following Sport Fleet divisions: **Formula Sport Men (12.5), Formula Sport Women (9.5), Hybrid Sport Men, Hybrid Sport Women, Open Limited Sport (7.5), and Clydesdale 190lb + (9.5)**
 - 6.4 In classes that are split into separate A-fleet and Sport fleets, normally only those competing in the A-fleet receive NRT Ranking Points. For example, if there is choice such as Hybrid A and Hybrid Sport and those classes are racing separately with different starts and/or courses then only the A-fleet Hybrid races qualify for NRT Ranking Points. However, if they were racing together using the same start and course and Hybrid Sport was only a division of Hybrid then all current USW members racing in the Hybrid Class, regardless of division would receive Ranking Points
 - 6.5 A minimum of **five** competitors is normally required to constitute a division.
 - 6.6 Junior divisions will be held depending on the number of participants (18yrs or less).
 - 6.7 For the U.S. Windsurfing Masters/Seniors North American Championships their will be the following age breaks in the above mentioned classes
 - 6.8 **Age Breaks:** 35-44, 45-54, 55-64, 65-74, 75 and up. If there are less than five competitors in an age class, that class may be combined with another age class
 - 6.9 **Slalom Races** will be held if conditions warrant. Divisions will be determined by the make up of the participants. We will try to loan equipment to sailors unable to bring their own small gear.
7. **Prizes**
 - 7.1 Trophies shall be awarded to the first 3 in each class, unless that class has less than 5 competitors.
8. **Measurement.**
It is the responsibility of each competitor to ensure that his/her sailboard and equipment conforms to Class Rules. Measurement and equipment checks can be made throughout the event.
9. **Sail Numbers**
All sails shall have unique and legible sail numbers. Sailors with sail numbers that are not legible will not be scored. Numbers must be a minimum of 10" in height. All sail numbers must be verified with a race official before being allowed to race. The same sail number must be on all sailor's sails.
10. **Liability**
Competitors take part in all races at their own risk. The Organizing Authority, US Windsurfing, ISAF, FW Class, IWA 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. Participation in this event, supporting events and in each race in them is at the sole discretion of the sailor and at his/her own risk.

11. Courses
Courses shall be described in the Sailing Instructions.

12. Scoring

- 12.1 All competitors who fail to finish and receive a score for at least one race will be removed from the results sheet
- 12.2 DNF, DNC, DSQ and any other scoring result that yields the equivalent of a did not compete will be scored number of competitors in results sheet (after purging according to Rule 5.a) plus 1
- 12.3 First place gets 1 point
- 12.4 All competitors in a class compete together using the same start and course and will be scored by class independent of division
- 12.5 There will be 1 throw-out allowed for every four races completed with a maximum of 3 throw-outs

13. Sailing Instructions /Event Program
The Sailing Instructions and the Event Program containing social events will be available at registration.

14. Television and Media
In consideration to being permitted to participate in or the event, competitors automatically grant the Organizing Authority 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 reproduction of them, taken during the period of the event.

15. Activity Schedule

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>
Friday, February 24	5pm to 8pm	Early registration and welcome party	Sarasota Sailing Squadron
Saturday, February 25	8am to 9:30am	Late registration	Sarasota Sailing Squadron
	10am	Skipper meeting	
	11am	First possible start	
	6PM (proposed)	Dinner	Sarasota Sailing Squadron
Sunday, February 26	9am	Skipper meeting	Sarasota Sailing Squadron
	10am	First possible start	
	3pm	Last possible start	

If conditions allow a LONG DISTANCE race may be held

16. Kona Charters may be available. Stay tuned.

17. Registration & Entries Fees for Competitors and Non-Competitors

- 17.1 Competitors must check-in at the early or late registration.
- 17.2 Competitors may enter in advance by registering online at <http://www.mswindsurfing.com> web site.
- 17.3 Non-competitors accompanying racers are encouraged to pay the non-competitor fee. It entitles them to: Event bag, and all meals
- 17.4 **Competitor Entry Fees**
All classes entry fee..... **\$80.00**
- 17.5 **Jr. Competitor Entry Fees (18 and under).....\$ 50.00**
- 17.6 **Non-Competitor Fee.**
Can be paid at event registration **\$ 40.00 Discounts for families with Children under 12.**

18. Information

For information e-mail: JackFL7@verizon.net, visit <https://www.mswindsurfing.com> for on-line registration and information updates. Call Laurel's cell at 941 587-1009