



DragonFlite 95/DragonForce 65 Florida Travelers 2023 Sarasota Regatta

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NOTICE OF RACE

Nathan Benderson Park

West Lake

5700 Athletes Drive

Race Format: HMS

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REGISTRATION AND FEES:

The registration for the event is **\$20** for one day, **\$35 dollars** for both days. There is also a \$10 fee for access to the county lake for one or both days. This fee can be paid at check in.

Registration is online only at AMYA web site regattas tab. Theamya.org

The fee includes morning coffee & donuts, lunches and drinks and trophies for top 5.

VENUE:

Nathan Benderson Park, Sarasota, FL 34235

<https://www.nathanbendersonpark.org>

West Lake (also called Green Parrot Lake)

5700 Athletes Drive, Sarasota; enter parking lot on east side of lake, follow path behind lot to South side of lake. Racing will be from the peninsula.

SCHEDULE

Jan. 14	0830 – 0900	Registration
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	0900 – 0930	Skippers’ Meeting
	0930 – 1530	DragonForce 65 Racing. No heat to start after 1530
Jan 15	0900 – 0930	Skippers’ Meeting
	0930 – 1530	DragonFlite 95 Racing. No heat to start after 1530. Awards to follow racing each day.

RACE STAFF:

Race Chairman: Will Parry, Jim Egan
Race Director: Peter Feldman, Bill Hendrickson
Scoring: Richard Lomax, Gary Roby

ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY:

The regatta is open to all boats of the DragonForce 65 and DragonFlite 95 class. All sailors must be a current member of AMYA or their National Authority. Entries are limited to 32 in each class.

SANCA (Suncoast Aquatic Nature Center Associates), managers of Nathan Benderson Park, require a signed waiver in order to participate in the regatta. Waiver forms will be available at registration. \$10 payment for the park can be submitted upon arrival.

ACCOMODATIONS:

Hotels (South of lake)
La Quinta Inn & Suites
Fruitville Rd at Rt 75
Sarasota, FL

Hampton Inn & Suites
Bee Ridge Rd at Rt 75
Sarasota, FL

Home2 Suites
Bee Ridge at Rt 75

1. RULES AND GOVERNANCE:

The event will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024 (RRS) as changed by RRS Appendix E, this Notice of Race (NOR), the Sailing Instructions (SI), the current applicable Heat Management System (HMS) and the Equipment Rules of Sailing (2021-2024). The Sailing Instructions shall prevail in case of conflict with this Notice of Race. **CHANGE TO RULE 90.3(e)** Replace “24 hours” with “15 minutes”.

EQUIPMENT INSPECTION:

There is brief inspection upon arrival.

FREQUENCIES:

No frequency conflicts will be allowed.
Permitted frequency bands are FCC-approved surface bands. Transmitters on 75 MHz must be narrow band certified. Radio frequencies will be allocated on a “first come first served” basis.

Each competitor not using 2.4 Ghz technology is required to have a minimum of three (3) additional frequencies available.

2.4 GHZ radios are permitted and are exempt from rule E2.4 in the RRS.

2. RISK STATEMENT:

RRS 4 of the Racing RRSs of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a heat or to continue racing is hers alone." Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore involves an element of risk. By taking part in any of the events covered by this NOR, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;

b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;

c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;

d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;

e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;

f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances; and

g) All involved in this event is expected to accept any government changes regarding this global pandemic (COVID-19).

3. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:

1. The courses, as well as the Start & Finish lines will be set by the Race Director and noted on the Course Board.

2. A Two (2) minute starting sequence will be used.

3. General Recall will be at the sole discretion of the Race Director.

4. Any boat touching a mark of the course will be required to do a penalty turn after getting clear of other boats.

5. Boats that have fouled another boat will be required to do penalty turn (one tack and one gybe in the same directions) as soon after the incident as possible, after getting well clear of other boats, and E4.3(b) Additional turns until advantage is lost.

6. Any boat claiming a foul: the skipper shall hail twice, the protested boat will hail to accept the penalty turn or their intention to go to a protest hearing. There will be NO arguing. Arguing or un-sportsmanlike conduct will be grounds for scoring the competitor as DNF for a race, or disqualification.

7. Boats wishing to lodge a protest will inform the RD immediately after the race. The protest committee will hear and make a determination when the boats involved are not sailing.

4. SCORING AND RACING SYSTEM:

The regatta will be scored with the Low Point Scoring system as set forth in Appendix A of the RRS. If there are more than 20 competitors for DF65 and more than 20 competitors for DF95 races will be run under the current HMS Race management system. Five races are required to be completed.

Boats finishing in an incorrect heat will not be allowed to sail in their assigned heat for that race and will be scored DNS for their correct heat.

5. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY:

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. 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.

All those entering or taking part in this regatta do so at their own risk and responsibility. WORLD SAILING, AMYA, the hosting Model Yacht Club, Regatta Staff and any other parties involved in the organization of this event disclaim any and all responsibility whatsoever for loss, damage, injury or inconvenience that might occur to persons and goods, both ashore and on the water as a consequence of entering or participating in the event covered by this Notice of Race.

At all times the responsibility for the safety of their boat and themselves including the decision to participate or continue shall rest with the competitors. By entering this event, it is deemed that you accept these conditions. Competitors are advised to ensure that they have adequate insurance that provides coverage for public liability and their possible injury in the Country and County of this event.

6. SAIL NUMBERS:

Sail numbers will be displayed on mainsail and jib according to class rules. In case of a duplication of sail numbers the boat that is registered first will prevail.

7. FOOD:

Light breakfast, Lunches and beverages will be served both racing days.

8. AWARDS:

Top Five.

9. CONDUCT:

Poor competitor behavior can reflect negatively on the sport, and all competitors are advised that their actions will be under scrutiny by race officials. In the event race officials witness any behavior, which they deem to be a breach of good manners or sportsmanship, or which may bring the sport into disrepute, the Race Director assisted by race officials will protest the party (or parties) in accordance with RRS 2 or 69.1.

The RD, all race officials and observers have been directed to record any incidents, which will be dealt with to the full extent available to the Protest Committee. Penalties available to the Protest Committee include exclusion from the race in question or subsequent races, exclusion from the regatta, or other action within the Committee's jurisdiction.