

# **Florida 300 “Dogfight”**

## ***Instructions for participation***

***Just info here, your official instructions for the race are included in:***

### ***Florida 300 Sailing Instructions(SI)***

## **Your Race: Vero Beach to Cocoa Beach**

### **A Florida 300, Added Feature:**

- 1. The Florida 300 race leg from Vero Beach to Cocoa Beach will be opened for the “dogfight” to include all Catamarans with crew of two (2) from 16 to 22 feet, limited only to boats with a basic Portsmouth D-PN numbers of 76 (Hobie 16) or lower. Allowances will be considered for boat configuration changes as reported by participants. No measurements will be made. (This is considered a fun and enthusiast demonstration participation to the Florida 300 Race. We are encouraging participation in future distance races.)**
- 2. Entry is by completing a registration form and payment of an entry fee of \$75 to the RC. Registration forms may be found at: [www.florida300.com](http://www.florida300.com)**  
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- 3. Schedule: Racing on May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2014 from the beach at Vero Beach South Park. Competitors are advised to arrive in time to be on the Beach, rigged and ready for racing before 9:00am on May 22, 2014. Overnight placement of boats on the beach is permitted. The Park closes at Dark.**

4. All safety equipment required for Florida 300 competitors is required for the Dogfight, with the exception of the 406 mhz EPIRB, which may be omitted, but is still encouraged, but can be replaced by a fully functional SPOT device, capable of 911, RC and home calls. Dogfight participants are encouraged to file a float plan with family, a road support team or otherwise. Follow SI guidance for SPOT devices. Mobil telephone equipment requirements remain at least one each, per boat. Incidents or breakdowns are required to be reported by those involved, to the RC as soon as possible . Contact with RC is by phone 912 507 9983 or 321 544 1512.
5. The Race Start will begin one (1-2) hours ahead of boats competing and having started in Islamorada. First signal for the “Dogfight” will be no earlier than 9:25, Thursday May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2014.
6. Upon arrival at South Park, you may drop your boat onto your or borrowed cat wheels at the north end of the parking lot. From there you may roll your boat to the Race staging area on the north side of the path to the beach. Trailers must be moved to the large parking area across the street from the beach parking lot. Your contact at the beach will be Scot Caviness , Beach Concessionaire, (Chairs, boards, etc., umbrellas and beach Toys) phone 561-248 5695. He will guide you to get to the beach
7. The starting procedure will be the same as Florida 300 and is repeated here for clarity of the Dogfight participants. The full SI is on the race web site: [www.Florida300.com](http://www.Florida300.com). The SI water start follows:

**“11.4 Beach Starts - All boats shall start on land, from a line on the beach approximately parallel to the water’s edge, using the standard five-minute sequence (RRS Rule 26). The starting line shall consist of two orange flags on the beach, approximately parallel to the surf, with start sequence signal flags**

displayed in the water forward and between the start line flags. The class signal in all sequences shall be a red flag. Boats, including crew, may not be on the course side (OCS) of the starting line at the start signal. The Beach Master will take a position, forward of all boats on the line midway the line, communicating with Flag holders. His raised crossed hands will indicate a boat OCS. It shall be the responsibility of each team to heed that signal and moved any OCS boat back into line, ready for start. When there are no boats OCS his hands will be dropped. Boats continuing to be OCS at the starting signal will be penalized 30 minutes without recourse. The RC may divide boats into two or more rows, one behind the other.

**11.5 Postponements (Beach Starts):** The RC may postpone the start for any reason prior to Start by raising signal **AP** which will be signaled by with two (2) sounds (Amends RRS 27.3). “

8. There will be a Ribfest and awards event in Cocoa Beach for an added fee. Tickets will be available at a registration table set up in the Vero Beach South park area.
9. Driving directions to Vero Beach South Park: Follow I-95 from north or south. From I-95 take exit 147 and get onto FL-60 East/20<sup>th</sup> Street. Follow 20<sup>th</sup> Street east for 7.9 miles. Turn right (south) on 8<sup>th</sup> Ave. for 0.4 miles. Turn left (east) on FL 656 East/17<sup>th</sup> Street for 2.0 miles and continue on East Causeway Blvd for 0.3 mile. Turn left onto Ocean Drive 39 feet. Turn right into the South Park parking lot. (1702 Ocean Drive) Proceed to north east end to drop boat and Cat wheels. If you do not have cat wheels, drop boat and check in with Scot Caviness on the beach. Remove vehicle and trailer to parking lot on west side of Ocean Drive. Park using one space for trailer and one for vehicle. Lock both.
10. Expect the Florida 300 competitors to arrive under sail afternoon on Wednesday afternoon, May 21<sup>st</sup>. Expect Chuck Bargeron, phone 912-507

**9983, The Florida 300 Beach Master to arrive ahead of Florida 300 competitors. He will be wearing a Florida 300 T-shirt. He will be your director for beach activities including boat placement for your start. Be prepared to stay clear of the beach starting area until directed to move into position. If you arrive on Wednesday for overnight on the beach, speak to Chuck for boat placement. Remove all pilfer-able items to your vehicle or room for overnight. Most Florida 300 competitors will be staying in the area. You may book as well per your preference. See Hotel info on website [www.florida300.com](http://www.florida300.com) .**

- 11. Your race team leader will take your trailer to Cocoa Beach for retrieving you, your crew and boat. The location for retrieval will be on the north side of the Cocoa Beach Pier, two buildings south of the Best Western Hotel, 5600 N Atlantic Ave, Cocoa Beach, FL 32931. Telephone: 321 783 7621. The finish line will be beach side at the Best Western Hotel, north of the pier. Finish line marks will be in place beachside behind the hotel.**
- 12. Directions to the Best Western: From I-95, Take exit 188 onto FL 404/Pineda causeway, go east for 6.9 miles. Turn left (north) on State road A1A for 10.5 miles. The Best Western Hotel is beach side behind the xx Steakhouse. See hotel info for picture and layout on web site.**
- 13. Please do your homework on a Portsmouth rating (See Registration Form on web site) before arrival. You are encouraged to submit your registration early as discussed in the Sailing Instructions. There is a limit of 20 boats in the “Dogfight”.**