

2020 MILLE LACS KITE CROSSING

February 28 to March 1, 2020

NOTICE OF RACE

Organizing Authority ("OA") & Host: Mille Lacs Kite Crossing ("MLKC")

1. Rules.

- 1.1 All races will be governed by the *Rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, including Appendix F - Kiteboard Competition Rules ("RRS").
- 1.2 If the Notice of Race ("NOR") conflicts with the Sailing Instructions ("SI's"), SI's will control. No changes may be made to NOR or SIs without prior written approval of the MLKC.
- 1.3 References. The following is added to Preamble to RRS Appendix F: "Kiteboard or Snowkite may involve competitors flying a kite from a board or skis. For purposes of clarification, "Snowkite" or Kiteboard (i.e., a person hooked up to a kite on skis or snowboard) is considered a competitor as it is used in Appendix F and in this NOR and the SIs.

2. Safety.

- 2.1 All competitors must check-in prior to the Racers Meeting on Saturday Feb. 29, 2020. A competitor that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee ("RC") as soon as possible.
- 2.2 While racing, each competitor shall have adequate life-saving equipment and shall at all times:
 - wear a helmet,
 - use a kiting leash,
 - have the standard safety equipment needed to detach from a kite,
 - any additional equipment as directed by the OA or the SIs, and
- All competitors must immediately abandon racing to aid any other competitor that falls through ice or becomes injured in furtherance of RRS 1.1:

RRS 1.1 Helping Those in Danger

A competitor shall give all possible help to any person in danger.

3. Eligibility, Entry & Fees.

- 3.1 Competitors must be fully-paid at the time of racing.
- 3.2 Invited classes are: (a) Pro-Am; (b) Mens Open Ski; (c) Women's Open Ski; (d) Men's Open Snowboard; and (e) Women's Open Snowboard, (f) Juniors Open Ski, (e) Juniors Open Snowboard
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4. Schedule.

- 4.1 There will be one (1) race on either Saturday, February 29 or Sunday March 1, at the discretion of the Race Committee and MLKC.
- 4.2 A Racers Meeting will be at 9:00am Saturday Feb 29 and Sunday March 1, and shall be on the ice adjacent to the Slingshot tent.. Races will be cancelled, at the discretion of the Race Officer or the

OA, for

- lack of ice on lake;
- blizzard, white out conditions, fog or lack of visibility;
- any unsafe ice, wind or weather conditions; and
- lack of wind or too much wind.

5. **Sailing Instructions.** The NORs, and SIs will be provided on millelacs-kitecrossing.com

6. **Venue, Racing Area & Courses.**

6.1 Event venue will be in Garrison Bay on Lake Mille Lacs.

6.2 Racing location will be the frozen water of Lake Mille Lacs.

6.3 The course will be a mark or set of marks as determined by the MLKC officials on the day of racing.

7. **Identification.** **RFID tags** must be worn on the outside of all gear and at all times while racing.

8. **Scoring & Prizes.**

8.1 MLKC will capture the timing of each competitor. Individual times will be posted on the Gopher State Website after the completion of the award ceremony

8.2 MLKC will provide awards for First, second and third place finishers in each of the classes. Additional awards may be provided at discretion of MLKC officials

9. **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY AND RELEASE.**

9.1 Snow kiting is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury, including without limitation bodily injury, permanent disability and death. Competitors, guests, support personnel, RC, Race Officer, and volunteers participate in each race entirely at their own risk. See RRS *Rule 4*, "Decision to Race".

RRS 4 Decision to Race

The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.

9.2 Snow kiting is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor, participant and spectator agrees and acknowledges that:

- a. They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport of flying kites on ice from skis or boards (including bodily injury, permanent disability and death) and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves and their equipment to such inherent risk while taking part in the event;
- b. They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their equipment and their other property;
- c. They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss caused by their act(s), error(s) or omission(s);
- d. By participating, they are satisfied that their equipment is in good order, equipped to compete in the event and they are fit to participate; and
- e. The provision of a Race Officer, RC, Judges, Snow Kiting Liaisons, and/or other officials and volunteers by the OA, *if any*, does not relieve participants of their own responsibilities.

- 9.3 ORGANIZING AUTHORITY, SNOW KITING LIAISONS, RACE COMMITTEE, RACE OFFICER, PROTEST COMMITTEE, SNOW KITING FLEET, SPONSORS, WAYZATA SAILING FOUNDATION (WSF), WAYZATA COMMUNITY SAILING CENTER (WCSC), HOST CLUB AND VENUE (AND EACH OF THEIR RESPECTIVE OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, PERSONNEL, EMPLOYEES, CONTRACTORS, OFFICIALS, MEMBERS, GUESTS, VOLUNTEERS, AGENTS, REPRESENTATIVES AND ALL OTHER PERSONS IN THEIR CAPACITY OF ASSISTING A RACE OR RELATED EVENT OR ACTIVITY) (COLLECTIVELY, “**RACE ORGANIZERS**”) WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE OR LIABLE FOR ANY ACTION, CLAIM, LIABILITY, LOSS, DAMAGE, ACCIDENT OR INJURY (INCLUDING BODILY INJURY, PERSONAL INJURY, PERMANENT DISABILITY OR DEATH) (COLLECTIVELY, “DAMAGES”) TO ANY COMPETITOR, PARTICIPANT, SPECTATOR, PERSON, SNOW KITE, KITEBOARD, BOAT OR PROPERTY (I) SUSTAINED IN CONJUNCTION WITH OR PRIOR TO, DURING, OR AFTER EACH RACE; OR (II) ARISING, RELATING OR RESULTING FROM USE OF RACE FACILITIES OR PARTICIPATION IN A RACE OR ASSOCIATED EVENT OR ACTIVITY, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW.
- 9.4 BY PARTICIPATING, EACH PARTICIPANT FOREVER RELEASES, DISCHARGES AND WAIVES ANY AND ALL ACTIONS, SUITS AND CLAIMS WHATSOEVER AGAINST **RACE ORGANIZERS** FOR ANY **DAMAGES** TO ANY COMPETITOR, PARTICIPANT, SPECTATOR, PERSON, SNOW KITE, KITEBOARD, BOAT OR PROPERTY (I) SUSTAINED IN CONJUNCTION WITH OR PRIOR TO, DURING, OR AFTER EACH RACE; OR (II) ARISING, RELATING OR RESULTING FROM USE OF RACE FACILITIES OR PARTICIPATION IN A RACE OR ASSOCIATED EVENT OR ACTIVITY, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW.
- 9.5 PARTICIPANT FURTHER RELEASES ALL **RACE ORGANIZERS** FROM ANY **DAMAGES** WHATSOEVER ON ACCOUNT OF ANY OF THEM GIVING ASSISTANCE, AID, CARE, ADVICE, RESCUE, FIRST AID, TREATMENT OR SERVICES.
- 9.6 Every competitor MUST sign a waiver prior to racing.
10. **Insurance.** Each competitor will be insured with valid third-party liability insurance (covering bodily injury, personal injury and property damage in connection with activities herein) in an amount not less than **\$300,000**. By choosing to participate, each competitor has agreed that he/she has such insurance in place. Third-party personal liability policies are often included in an individual’s home owner’s policy or renter’s policy, so be sure to check with your insurance provider or insurance agent as to your level of coverage. Each competitor will present proof of insurance upon request. OA is not responsible for collecting or verifying the status or validity of such certificates.
11. **Governmental Rules.** All participants must comply with all applicable governmental rules, regulations and directions.
12. **Publicity & Photographer’s Rights.** As a condition of participation, each participant (on behalf of him/herself) grants **RACE ORGANIZERS** and their designated photographers the perpetual, irrevocable right, license and permission to use, publish and distribute the participant’s name, photographs, video, images, finishes, results and statements of them and their snow kiting in all forms and media worldwide (including without limitation Internet) for any purposes whatsoever (including

without limitation advertisement, promotions, public sale of pictures, etc.) without compensation or further permission.

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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (“SIs”)

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1. RULES

- 1.1. All races will be governed by the *Rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, including Appendix F - Kiteboard Competition Rules (RRS)
 - 1.1.1. US Sailing Prescriptions 63.2 and 63.4 will not apply. This changes RRS 63.2 and 63.4.
 - 1.1.2. RRS F4-44.2 is changed to replace the word ‘hull’ with ‘ski’ and/or ‘board’. This changes F4-44.2.
- 1.2. Competitors must comply with, and adhere to, the Safety Requirements in the Notice of Race [NP].
- 1.3. References.
 - 1.3.1. “Kiteboard(s)”, “boat(s)”, “competitor(s)”, and “participant(s)” all mean the same thing.
 - 1.3.2. Wherever the *rules* specify “hull” or “boat”, it means “skis” and/or “board”. This changes all the *rules*.
 - 1.3.3. The notation ‘[DP]’ in a rule in the NOR or SIs means that violation of this Rule may, at the discretion of PC, be subject to a lesser, or no, penalty. This changes RRS *Rule* 64.1(a) and RRS Appendix A4.2.
 - 1.3.4. The notation ‘[NP]’ in a rule in this NOR or SIs means the rule may not be protested by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a)

2. IDENTIFICATION OF COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Failure to wear the correct assigned RFID tag will result in a score of Did Not Start (“DNS”) or Did Not Finish (“DNF”) depending on whether competitor’s RFID tag was captured at the starting area. This changes RRS F9 G1(a).

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS.

Notices to competitors from the Race Officer will be orally announced at the Racers meeting prior to race time in or around the area where vendors and others congregate on on Lake Mille Lacs for the event (“Kiting Village”). If racers opted in to the MLKC text blasting service, Racers will receive notifications throughout the day regarding timing and schedule changes

4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTION(S).

Any change to the SIs will be communicated orally at the time it will take effect.

5. SCHEDULE.

See Notice of Race.

6. RACING AREA.

See Notice of Race.

6.1. COURSES & MARKS

- 6.1.1. The finish line will be the same as the start line.
- 6.1.2. The diagrams in Attachment A – Official Description of Marks and Courses – describe the courses and marks, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 6.1.3. At the Racers Meeting, held again in the Kiting Village, the selected course for the event will be shown on a whiteboard.

6.2. Obstructions.

- 6.2.1. In the Definition of Obstruction of Appendix F, “10 metres” is changed to “30 metres”. This changes Definition of Obstruction in Appendix F.
- 6.2.2. At any time, a Race Officer may (for safety or any other reason) verbally announce to competitors that a specified area(s) (e.g., areas of Traffic, Traffic roads, ice rinks, fishing areas, ice boat courses, etc.) will be designated as an obstruction(s) and/or continuing obstruction(s) subject to RRS 19, 20 and Appendix F-20. This changes the Definition of Obstruction and RRS 19, 20 and Appendix F2-20.

6.3. THE START

- 6.3.1. All classes shall start together in a combined start, there shall be a one-hour (1 hour) window in which to cross the starting line.
- 6.3.2. Competitors shall make reasonable efforts to NOT start at the same time as this may create an unsafe situation and cause the RFID reader to not work properly. Open class is encouraged to let the ProAm riders cross the start line first. [NP]
- 6.3.3. Allow 5 seconds between you and the previous competitor crossing the startline to ensure chip reading accuracy.

6.3.4. The starting line will be between the orange cones downwind of the Chip Timing Trailer.

6.3.5. A competitor that does not start within sixty (60) minutes after the starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1, A4 and A5.

6.3.6. THE FINISH. The finish line will be the same as the start line.

7. PENALTIES

7.1. In Appendix F4-44.2, the phrase “hull in the water” shall be replaced with “boat on the ice”. This changes Appendix F4-44.2.

7.2. As an alternative to a boat taking a one-turn penalty made pursuant to Appendix F-44.2, a boat may choose to take a 20% scoring penalty pursuant to RRS *Rule* 44.3 except that a verbal hail of acknowledgement shall be all that is required instead of flying a yellow flag. This changes RRS *Rule* 44.3.

7.3. Appendix V2 allowing for a boat to take of a 30% scoring penalty after racing shall apply.

8. TIME LIMITS

8.1. Competitors failing to finish within 2 hours after the first competitor crosses the finish line will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

9. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

9.1. **Protest and requests for redress shall be discussed with 1 or more race operators** within 1 hr of races ending or other appropriate time limit specified in RRS.

9.2. A protest hearing may be conducted by a single judge, which person may also provide evidence and serve as a witness in the protest.

10. SCORING. There shall be one (1) race; one (1) race is required to be completed to constitute the Crossing.

11. SAFETY REGULATIONS. See Notice of Race.

12. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY AND RELEASE. See Notice of Race.