

The International Swift Solo Class Association is excited to announce the upcoming Swift Solo North American Championships Regatta and Spring Training Camp on the picturesque shores of Fort DeSoto Park in Pinellas county Florida. As many of you already may know Fort DeSoto Park boasts some of the nations finest beaches and surrounding attractions and is a comfortable and inexpensive place to camp out and to sail. It features a lot of open water, very limited motor boat chop, easy beach and ramp launching and plenty of grass on which to park and rig.

This will be the second year that we return to this wonderful venue for our annual spring training camp and championship regatta and we have kept regatta format similar to last years very successful event. The annual Class general meeting will also be held during the regatta portion of the event. Please note that class rule changes will be discussed at the AGM and will come into effect after the meeting and we recommend that you check the proposals and the executive invites all class association members to attend the AGM



Venue: This year we will look forward to improvements at our launch site and greater efficiency in the launching and recovery process. With the permissions of the park superintendent and staff we intend to move the main racing area slightly to the east and we believe that this new course, with no commercial shipping crossings, will increase safety and enjoyment for competitors and spectators alike.





Camping is available within the park and is encouraged. The camp sites are serviced and attractive and there is plenty of things for kids to see and do. We encourage you to bring the whole family along. Campground reservations fill early for the available spots and the electronic booking process starts taking bookings as early as October 2005. First come, first served. Additional accommodation can be found in the local area and close by in Pinellas county.

http://www.floridasbeach.com/ and online campsite booking is at http://www.pinellascounty.org/park/05_Ft_DeSoto.htm

Clinic and Regatta Preliminary Schedule APRIL 11-21 2008

Friday 11th
Saturday 12th
Sunday 13th
Monday 14th
Tuesday 15th
Wednesday 16th
Thursday 17^{sth}
Friday 18th
Saturday 19th

Arrival/Registration/Setup Day
Training clinic & Welcome BBQ
Training Clinic Day 2
Training Clinic Day 3
Lay Day / Bike fun ride / Class AGM
North American Regatta D1
North American Regatta D2
North American Regatta D3
Pack Up

This notice serves therefore as the official, preliminary event announcement for the North American Championship Regatta which will be staged under the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the Swift Solo Class Association rules, except as any of these rules are changed by the Sailing Instructions or any appendices to the Sailing Instructions. The official regatta NOR will be released by end October 2005.

The following notes are intended to help you through the process of submitting early entries.

Registration

A completed Registration/Release Form (PDF) is required for each participant. These forms will be available shortly on the Web site SwiftSolo.org

Clinic and Regatta

Early full registration of \$135.00 must be forwarded to the class association by March 17, 2008 to avoid a \$20.00 late charge. The \$135.00 registration fee includes: all races, training clinic, an official SwiftsSolo T-shirt.

Clinic Only

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Payment Information

Early registration payments can be made by check payable to the International Swift Solo Class Association, The completed Registration/Release, with payment, may be mailed to:

Warren Stevens, Treasurer, International Swift Solo Class 9349 221st Place NE Redmond, WA 98053

We value all comments and suggestions from our competitors; please email them to the Regatta Chairman, bdally6107@aol.com and please stay tuned to the website www.Swiftsolo.org for more exciting information about this event.

Class member comments previous Fort Desoto Regattas and training Clinic.

"The whole experience was incredible, especially the team spirit under tough weather conditions."

"My expectations were exceeded. It was a fantastic experience and great fun too!"

"I had a fabulous time. The natural thrill of being at sea on an amazing boat and enjoying the company of my new mates were major highlights."