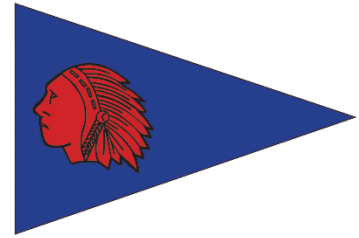




NOTICE OF RACE
2019 Great Bay Race

August 24, 2019

Fort Walton Yacht Club
Fort Walton Beach, Florida.



1. RULES

The regatta will be governed by the rules defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

2. CLASSES AND ELIGIBILITY

The regatta is open to all multihull vessels 14 feet long and longer with a US Sailing Portsmouth Yardstick rating. Boats will be divided into Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker fleets.

3. ENTRY FEES AND REGISTRATION

The Registration Fee is \$15 per person. The entry fee includes burgers, dogs and beer on Saturday following the race. Participants can register in person on August 24th, or online at:

<http://www.nextsailor.com/regatta/GBR2019>

4. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Saturday, August 24	8:30 AM – 9:30 AM	Onsite Check in
	9:30 AM	Skippers Meeting
	10:55 AM	First Warning

5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available onsite at check-in. The courses to be sailed will be contained in the sailing instructions.

6. VENUE

Regatta will be held at Fort Walton Yacht Club, 180 Ferry Road NE, Fort Walton Beach, Florida 32548.

6. COURSE

The race area will be held in Choctawhatchee Bay.

7. SCORING

US Sailing Portsmouth Yardstick ratings will be used. The US Sailing Low-Point scoring system will apply.

8. PENALTY SYSTEM

Rule 44.1 is changed for all boats so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One Turn Penalty (including one tack and one jibe). This changes RRS 44.1.

9. TROPHIES

Trophies will be awarded 1st – 3rd in each overall class.

10. SAFETY

Competitors shall wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved PFD at all times except for brief periods while removing or adding clothing. Wet suits, dry suits and inflatable PFD's do not constitute adequate personal buoyancy. Failure to comply is not grounds for protest, however boats will not be checked in, started, or scored unless all members of the crew complying with this rule.

11. RADIO COMMUNICATION

All vessels are encouraged to have a VHF radio and to monitor the race management channel as well as VHF channel 16. Except in case of emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio transmissions not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

12. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The Fort Walton Yacht Club 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.

16. FURTHER INFORMATION

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