



**NOTICE OF RACE**  
**2017 'ROUND THE ISLAND 50/50**



**September 15 - 17, 2017**  
 Fort Walton Yacht Club  
 Fort Walton Beach, Florida

**1. RULES**

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

**2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 2.1 The regatta is open to all multihull sailboats 14 feet or more in length with a mast height not exceeding 48 feet above the water.
- 2.2 Eligible boats may enter by submitting the entry form and remitting the required fees.
- 2.3 Online registration can be found at [www.nextsailor.com/regatta/95](http://www.nextsailor.com/regatta/95)

**3. FEES**

- 3.1 The Entry Fee is \$50.00 per boat. It will be \$75 per boat after September 1, 2017. The entry fee includes all Social events and one (1) T-Shirt for the skipper.
- 3.2 A Social Fee of \$35.00 is required for each additional sailor and guest. This fee includes a Friday Welcome Social at the Fort Walton Yacht Club Gazebo, Saturday Coffee on the FWYC Patio, Fort Pickens BBQ at the Battery Worth Picnic Pavilion, Sunday Coffee at the Battery Worth Picnic Pavilion, and Food and Refreshments at the FWYC Finish Line Gazebo and one (1) T-Shirt.
- 3.3 FREE camping for entries as identified on pre-registration (reservations have been made by regatta organizer). FREE Gear transport to Fort Pickens Saturday and back to FWYC Sunday for all entries. Note that Fort Pickens charges an entry fee of \$15 per vehicle at the gate for anyone arriving by land. ([www.nps.gov/guis](http://www.nps.gov/guis)). See regatta link at [www.fwyc.org](http://www.fwyc.org) for suggestions on gear to send on the truck (loading Friday evening and Saturday morning) and gear to be carried on the boat.

**4. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

Friday, September 15	4:30 PM – 6:00 PM	Check-In and Late Registration at the Gazebo
	6:00 PM – 7:30 PM	Skippers Meeting & Welcome Social at the Gazebo
Saturday, September 16	5:30 AM	Coffee on the FWYC Patio
	6:55 AM	First Warning, Bermuda Start to Follow
	7:00 AM	First Start
	6:00 PM	BBQ at Fort Pickens Battery Worth Pavilion
Sunday, September 17	6:30 AM	Coffee at the Battery Worth Pavilion
	7:25 AM	First Warning, Bermuda Start to Follow
	7:30 AM	First Start
	After finishing	Food and refreshments at the FWYC Gazebo

**5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

The Sailing Instructions will be available at Check-In.

**6. VENUE**

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

**7. THE COURSES**

- 7.1 The racing area will be on the waters of Choctawhatchee Bay, the Gulf of Mexico, Pensacola Bay, and Santa Rosa Sound and will cover a total distance of approximately 100NM.
- 7.2 The courses will be described in the sailing instructions.

## **8. SCORING**

- 8.1 The Portsmouth rating system with added distance coefficient will be used to determine a boat's staggered starting time.
- 8.2 A boat's finishing position will be her race score.
- 8.3 A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 8.4 No score will be excluded.

## **9. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 9.1 Safety is paramount at all times.
- 9.2 All competitors shall wear an adequate personal flotation device while on the water, other than during brief periods while adding or removing clothing. The "Y" flag will not be displayed during the races. This changes rules 27.1 and 40.1.
- 9.3 The equipment in Attachment 1 is strongly recommended
- 9.4 A boat that retires from a race shall notify a Race Committee representative as soon as possible.

## **10. PRIZES**

- 10.1 Awards will be presented on Sunday, September 17, 2017, 30 minutes after the last boat finishes but no later than 4:00 PM.
- 10.2 The number of awards will be based on the registered entries as of September 1, 2017

## **11. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS Rule 4, Decision to Race. The Fort Walton Yacht Club will not accept any responsibility for material damage, personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with the regatta.

## **12. FURTHER INFORMATION**

Regatta Web Site	<a href="http://www.nextsailor.com/regatta/95">www.nextsailor.com/regatta/95</a>	
FWYC Web Site	<a href="http://www.fwyc.org">www.fwyc.org</a>	
FWYC Office	<a href="mailto:office@fwyc.org">office@fwyc.org</a>	850-243-7102
Regatta Chair Linda Wright	<a href="mailto:fleetcaptain@fwyc.org">fleetcaptain@fwyc.org</a>	850-543-8111

# Attachment 1

## Safety Recommendations

Each boat *should* have the following on board:

<b>VHF radio receiver</b> rated submersible and floats	<b>Cell phone or Satellite phone</b> (sealed)
Marine Compass	Righting Line at least 8 mm in diameter - beach cats
Adequate drinking water	Navigational charts and devices for safe piloting
Adequate food, energy bars, and snacks to maintain crew stamina	Tools and spare parts including a knife for each crewmember
First Aid kit	One hand held flare, whistle and PLB for each crewmember
GPS - rated submersible	