



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2021 THOMAS MEMORIAL REGATTA



July 24, 2021
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. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the FWYC bulletin board.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change in the sailing instructions will be posted before 12:00 PM on race day.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the FWYC flagpole on the western lawn.

4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 30 minutes" in the Race Signals for AP.

5. SCHEDULE

5.1 A single race is scheduled for each fleet.

5.2 Events:

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Registration & Check-In (on Patio)
12:05 PM	Skippers Meeting
12:55 PM	First Warning

6. CLASS FLAGS

A pink class flag will be used for all classes in a single start.

7. THE COURSES

7.1 The racing area will be located on the waters of the Choctawhatchee Bay.

7.2 Courses will use Government, Club, or temporary marks.

7.3 Courses will be available at the Skippers Meeting.

8. THE START

8.1 The starting line will be between the windsock on the Smack Point Flagpole and the Shalimar 'Cigar' water tower.

8.2 In the event of individual recalls, the race committee will endeavor to hail offending boats. Failure to broadcast, broadcast in a timely manner, or be heard by the offending boats will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

9. CHANGE OF COURSE

There are no provisions to alter legs on the course.

10. THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between the windsock on the Smack Point Flagpole and the Shalimar 'Cigar' water tower.

11. 10 PENALTY SYSTEM

For the all classes rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

12. TIME LIMITS

- 12.1 There is no time limit for the race.
- 12.2 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat in their fleet sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 36, A4, and A5.

13. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 13.1 Protests forms are available on the bulletin board and must be filed within one (1) hour after the last boat finishes.
- 13.2 The protest period time limit, and the times and locations of protest hearings will be posted on the FWYC bulletin board

14. SCORING

The Low Point System of RRS Appendix A will apply.

15. SAFETY REGULATIONS

A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

16. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 16.1 The race committee will utilize VHF channel 72.
- 16.2 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

17. PRIZES

- 17.1 The winning boat will be engraved on the Lenny Thomas Perpetual Trophy.
- 17.2 Additional awards will be determined by the number of boats competing.
- 17.3 The Awards Ceremony will take place as soon as possible after the regatta.