

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Choctawhatchee Bay Challenge Cup

Saturday, 26 October 2024

Fort Walton Yacht Club

1. RULES

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

2. COMMUNICATION

- 2.1. The sailing instructions (SIs) will be available electronically online at the official noticeboard.
- 2.2. The online official notice board is located at:
<https://nextsailor.com/regatta/2024CBCC>
- 2.3. On the water, the Race Committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio, channel 72, or as announced at the competitor's meeting.
- 2.4. The competitor's meeting will be in-person at Fort Walton Yacht Club per the schedule written in 6. (below).
- 2.5. Changes to the sailing instructions will be posted before 12:00 on the day they take effect. Changes made at the skipper's meeting will be posted following the skipper's meeting.

3. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

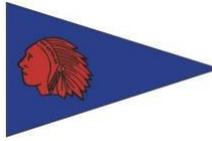
- 3.1. The race is open to all PHRF rated boats.
- 3.2. Eligible boats may register electronically at [nextSailor.com](https://nextsailor.com), at the following Link: <https://nextsailor.com/regatta/2024CBCC>

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the Smack Point flagpole.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than five (5) minutes" in the race signal AP.

5. CLASSES

- 5.1. All boats will compete as a single fleet.
- 5.2. At least three boats from each club must compete to constitute a team.
- 5.3. The class flag will be red.



6. SCHEDULE

- 6.1. Friday, 25 October:
 - 5:00 PM: Late Registration @ Fort Walton Yacht Club
 - 6:00 PM Skipper's meeting
- 6.2. Saturday, 8 October
 - 11:55 First Warning
 - Awards ASAP following the last race

7. CHECK IN

- 7.1. Each boat shall sail past the stern of the RC signal boat and hail her sail number until acknowledged by the RC prior to the warning signal for the first race of the day.

8. COURSES

- 8.1. The racing area will be located on the waters of the Choctawhatchee Bay
- 8.2. The courses will be Windward/Leeward legs with dropped marks as depicted in Attachment A.
- 8.3. The RC shall display the course to be sailed no later than the warning signal

9. MARKS

- 9.1. Mark 1 (Windward Mark) will be an orange tetrahedron.
- 9.2. Mark 1a (offset) will be an orange ball.
- 9.3. Mark 2 (Leeward Mark) will be an orange tetrahedron.

10. THE START

- 10.1. The races will be started in accordance with RRS 26.
- 10.2. The starting line will be between the staff displaying the orange flag on the RC boat and Mark 2.
- 10.3. A boat starting later than five (5) minutes after her starting signal shall be scored Did Not Start (DNS). This modifies RRS 63.1, A4, and A5.
- 10.4. If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line before her starting signal and she is identified, the RC may broadcast her sail number on the pre-briefed VHF radio channel. The failure of any boat to hear the hail, untimeliness of the hail, the order of hail, or failure to hail all or some boats shall not be grounds for redress. This modifies RRS 62.1(a).

11. THE FINISH

- 11.1. The finishing line will be between a staff displaying the blue flag on the RC boat and Mark 2.

12. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 12.1. RRS 44.1 is changed such that a Two-Turn Penalty is replaced by One-Turn.



13. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 13.1. Protest forms are available from the race committee (as conditions and situation permits) and from the Fleet Captain.
- 13.2. Protests, request for redress, and request for reopening shall be delivered to the Race committee or Fleet Captain within the posted protest time limit.
- 13.3. The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the Race Committee signal boat has returned and the RC has returned.
- 13.4. Persons will be notified, and notices will be posted no later than 20 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

14. SCORING

- 14.1. The Low Point System of Appendix A of the RRS will apply.
- 14.2. One race is required to be completed to constitute a regatta.
- 14.3. Scoring will be by club team with team size determined by the club with the fewer number of boats.
- 14.4. RRS A2 is changed so that a team series score shall be the total of her individual boat scores.
- 14.5. The same individual boats will be used for the Bay Challenge Trophy Scoring. Boats will not be interchanged.
- 14.6. No score shall be excluded.

15. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 15.1. A boat retiring from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

16. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 16.1. The RC will transmit/receive with competitors on VHF channel 72.

17. PRIZES

- 17.1. The winning club team will be awarded the Bay Challenge Trophy

18. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 18.1. RRS 3 States the following: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform, and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury, or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia, or other causes.**



19. BERTHING

- 19.1. The Fort Walton Yacht Club dock space has been coordinated to make room for CBCC racing boats to occupy from Friday afternoon to Saturday evening.
- 19.2. Please contact the Office for reservations, local knowledge, and arrangements to dock, anchor, or provide a launch for transport.

20. FURTHER INFORMATION

FWYC nextSailor website <https://nextsailor.com/regatta/2024CBCC>
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21. REVISIONS



ATTACHMENT A: COURSE DIAGRAMS

