

Sailing Instructions

60/40 'Round the Island - 2023

September 22-24, 2023

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

Notice to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located at the gazebo (north end of property) at FWYC Friday/Saturday morning and at Key Sailing at Quietwater Beach Saturday night/Sunday morning then returned to the gazebo at FWYC Sunday afternoon.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Changes to the sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board by 0530 on race day.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole adjacent to the gazebo at FWYC Friday/Saturday morning and near the front door of Key Sailing Saturday night /Sunday morning then the flagpole adjacent to the gazebo at FWYC Sunday afternoon. When the AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 15 minutes" in the race signal AP. Saturdays race course will be posted by 5:30 PM Friday on the official Notice Board. Either Course #1, in the Gulf, or the shorter Course #2 in the Intercoastal Waterway will be posted.

5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, September 22	5:00 PM – 6:00 PM	Check in, Late Registration FWYC gazebo
	6:00 PM – 7:30 PM	Skippers Meeting & Welcome Social FWYC
Saturday, September 23	5:30 AM	Coffee on the FWYC Patio
	6:25 AM	First Warning, Bermuda Start to Follow
	6:30 AM	First Start
	6:00 PM	Dinner at Key Sailing prepared by Café Nola
Sunday, September 24	7:25 AM	First Warning, Fleet Start to Follow
	7:30 AM	First Start
	Afternoon	Cookout @ Finish Line at FWYC Gazebo
	ASAP after finishing	Trophy Presentation at FWYC Gazebo

6. CLASS FLAGS

6.1 The class flag will be a Pink Flag for a single start (at individual start times).

6.2 The "C" Change of Course flag will be displayed if alternate course #2 is to be sailed.

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.

7.2 The course sheets show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order and side on which the marks are to be passed.

7.3 A paddle or motor may be used while passing under bridges if required for safety purposes.

7.4 Course descriptions:

Saturday Course #1 – Gulf of Mexico - approx. 60 miles:

START between the FWYC gazebo flagpole and a cigar shaped water tower north of the flagpole on the point. 'Round Destin East Pass #17 green lighted day marker to starboard. 'Round Destin East Pass #13 green buoy to starboard. Pass under the Destin Bridge and 'round Destin Pass #3 green lighted day marker (at end of Jetty) to starboard. Sail approximately 42 NM West in the Gulf of Mexico to the Pensacola Pass 'round #10 red entrance buoy to starboard. Sail North, 'round #14 Red Entrance buoy to starboard. Sail East to pass under the Pensacola Beach Bridge, round #133 Green buoy to Starboard, sail South-East to round #2 Red Escambia County Fish Bend South Channel Light to Starboard and proceed South-West to the Finish.

FINISH between a blue flag on the end of the Key Sailing dock and a green tetrahedron located approximately 50 yards North of the Key Sailing dock passed to starboard.

Saturday Course #2 – Santa Rosa Sound - approx. 40 miles:

START between the FWYC Gazebo flagpole and cigar shaped water tower north of the flagpole on the point. Sail east 'round #3 Garnier Bayou green lighted day marker to starboard. Sail south and 'round #8 inter-coastal red nun buoy to starboard. Sail West along the inter-coastal waterway under 2 bridges: Fort Walton Beach's Brooks Bridge and the Navarre Bridge.

FINISH between a blue flag on the end of the Key Sailing dock and a green tetrahedron located approximately 50 yards North of the Key Sailing dock passed to starboard.

Sunday Course – Santa Rosa Sound approx. 40 miles:

START between an orange flag on the Race Committee boat and a green tetrahedron located approximately 150 yards east of the Key Sailing dock. Sail East through the inter-coastal under (2) bridges, Navarre and Fort Walton's Brooks Bridge. 'Round #8 inter-coastal red buoy to port. Sail North 'round #3 Garnier Bayou green lighted day marker to port.

FINISH between the FWYC gazebo flagpole and cigar shaped water tower north of the flagpole on the point.

8. MARKS

Courses will utilize Government, Club and/or temporary marks.

9. THE START

9.1 There will be a progressive Bermuda start with each boat starting at their assigned start time.

9.2 Saturday the starting line will be between the FWYC gazebo flagpole and cigar shaped water tower north of the flagpole on the point.

9.3 Sunday the starting line will be between an orange flag on the Race Committee boat and a green tetrahedron located approximately 150 yards east of the Key Sailing dock.

9.4 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).

10. THE FINISH

10.1 Saturday the finish line will be between a blue flag on the end of the Key Sailing dock and a green tetrahedron located approximately 50 yards North of the Key Sailing dock passed to starboard.

10.2 Sunday the finish line is between the FWYC gazebo flagpole and cigar shaped water tower north of the flagpole on the point.

11. TIME LIMITS

This race will be finished no later than 1800 on Sunday, September 24, 2023.

12. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

12.1 Protest forms will be available on the FWYC notice board at the gazebo.

12.2 The protest time limit is 30 minutes after each boat's finish on Sunday.

12.3 Written protests and requests for redress shall be delivered to any onshore Race committee representative with the protest time limit.

13. SCORING

13.1 The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply using the 60/40 RTI rating system.

13.2 Individual start times will be assigned at the Skippers Meeting Friday at the FWYC gazebo and posted on the Official Notice Board located at the FWYC gazebo Friday evening and Saturday morning. On Saturday evening and Sunday morning individual start times will be posted at the Key Sailing notice board.

13.2 A boat that is on the course side at her start and does not re-start shall be penalized one (1) place for every 30 seconds over early.

14. SAFETY REGULATIONS

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

15. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

The race committee will broadcast/monitor VHF channel 72.

16. PRIZES

16.1 Awards will be awarded on Sunday, September 24 at (hopefully) 30 minutes after the last finisher.

16.2 The number of awards presented will be based on the registered entries as of September 1, 2023.

17. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS Rule 3, Decision to Race. The Fort Walton Yacht Club will not accept any responsibility for material damage, personal injury, of death sustained in conjunction with the 60/40 'Round the Island Race.