NOTICE OF RACE

WetaFest 2014

March 7-9, 2014

Hosted by Fort Walton Yacht Club Fort Walton Beach, Florida

The organizing authority will be the US Weta Class Association.

1. RULES

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

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 1.1 The regatta is open to all Weta Class Trimarans.
- 1.2 Eligible boats may enter by remitting the entry form together with the required fee.
- 1.3 The online registration link is available at http://www.nextsailor.com/app/page/regatta/17
- 1.4 Make checks payable to **Fort Walton Yacht Club** and deliver to the FWYC front office or mail to:

WetaFest

c/o Fleet Captain 180 Ferry Road N.E.

Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548

3. FEES

- 1.5 The entry fee is \$150.00 per sailor.
- 1.6 This fee includes water on the race course, finger food and beer after racing each day, and a Weta National Championship Shirt.

4. SCHEDULE

- 1.7 *Eleven (11)* races will be attempted.
- 1.8 Schedule events:

Thursday, March 6 1600 – 1800 Final Registration and Check in.

1830 Panel Discussion

Friday, March 7 1000 Skippers meeting

First warning, *5 races* will be attempted

ASAP Panel Discussion

Saturday, March 8 1155 First warning, <u>5 races</u> will be attempted

ASAP Panel Discussion

Sunday, March 9 1255 First warning, 1 race will be attempted

ASAP Awards Presentation

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5. MEASUREMENTS

- 1.9 Sail measurements and boat weighing will <u>not</u> be conducted at FWYC.
- 1.10 Measurements required by class rules shall be the responsibility of the Weta Class Association

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available at check-in.

7. VENUE

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

8. THE COURSES

The racing area will be east of FWYC on the waters of the Choctawhatchee Bay using drop marks.

9. PENALTY SYSTEM

Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

10. SCORING

- 1.11 The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply.
- 1.12 Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a regatta.

11. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

1.13 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.

12. PRIZES

- 1.14 Championship prizes will be awarded to the top three boats.
- 1.15 Additional awards will be based on the number of registered entries as of February 28, 2014.

13. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

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

14. CHARTERS

- 1.16 There are no Weta dealers in the immediate area. Participants shall make their own arrangements.
- 1.17 Please contact Dick Hitchcock by email at <u>info@wetaflorida.com</u> or phone (941) 928-9486.

15. FURTHER INFORMATION

1.18 Directions and club amenity information can be found online or by contacting the club office.

1.19 Contacts:

FWYC Front Office	office@fwyc.org	850-243-7102
Weta Class - Cliff Farrah	cfarrah@yachtmercury.com	888-700-0300
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