



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS 2021 BOWLEGS REGATTA



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CHOCTAWHATCHEE BAY CHALLENGE CUP

OCTOBER 2, 2021
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. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board.
2.2 The online official notice board is located at:
<http://www.nextsailor.com/regatta/Bowlegs-CBCC>
2.3 A ZOOM Meeting will be held for the Skippers meeting:
Topic: Bowlegs / Challenge Cup Skippers Meeting
Time: Oct 1, 2021 06:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)
Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84876743202?pwd=RURlVVaa1RvTEoxZ2ZUdTJDL1ZYdz09>
Meeting ID: 848 7674 3202
Passcode: 685768

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Changes to the sailing instructions will be posted before 12:00 (noon) on the day they take effect.
3.2 Changes made at the skippers meeting, will be posted following the skippers meeting.

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.' This changes RRS race signals AP.

5. CLASSES

- 5.1 All boats will compete as a single Fleet for the Choctawhatchee Bay Challenge Cup.
5.2 The Class Flag will be Pink.

6. SCHEDULE

- 6.1 Three (3) races will be attempted.
6.2 Events:
Friday, October 1
6:00 PM Zoom Skippers Meeting
Saturday, October 2
9:00 AM – 11:00 AM Late Registration
11:55 AM First Warning.
Awards: ASAP following last race

7. CHECK IN

7.1 Prior to the warning signal for the first race of the day, each boat shall sail past the stern of the RC signal boat and hail her sail number until acknowledged by the RC. Failure to do so may result in a 20% penalty in the first race. (DP) This modifies RRS A5.

8. THE 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.
- 8.3 The diagrams in Attachment A shows the race courses
- 8.4 No later than the warning signal, the RC will display the course to be sailed.

9. MARKS

- 9.1 Mark 1(Windward Mark) will be an orange tetrahedron. Mark 1a (offset) will be an orange ball. Mark 2 (Leeward Mark) will be Orange tetrahedron.
- 9.2 The starting and finishing mark will use Mark 2 (Orange Tetrahedron) and the anchored RC boat displaying an orange flag.

10. THE START

- 10.1 Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26.
- 10.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying the orange flag on the RC signal 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 a VHF radio channel provided at the competitor's meeting. The failure of any boat to hear the hail, the untimely hail of some or all OCS boats, the order of the hail, or the failure to hail any or all 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 Orange Flag on the RC boat and Mark 2.

12. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 12.1 For all fleets, RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

13. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 13.1 RRS 61.1 (A) IS CHANGED by ADDING THE FOLLOWING: "A Boat intending to file a protest shall additionally inform the race committee finishing line boat upon finishing or, if unable to finish, at the first reasonable opportunity, and shall include the sail number (s) or otherwise identify the boat(s) involved in the incident." Failure to do so will make the protest invalid.
- 13.2 Protests forms shall be available at FWYC Notice Board.
- 13.3 Protests, request for redress and request for reopening shall be delivered there within the posted protest time limit.
- 13.4 The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the Race Committee signal boat has returned.
- 13.5 The protest time limit shall be posted on the official notice board.
- 13.6 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 will apply.
- 14.2 One (1) race is required to be completed to constitute a regatta.
- 14.3 The Bay Challenge Trophy Scoring will be by club teams with the club 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 may 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 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.
- 16.2 The Race committee will monitor and communicate with competitors using channel 72

17. PRIZES

- 17.1 The winning club team will be awarded the Bay Challenge Trophy.
- 17.2 Bowlegs Awards will be presented for Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker classes.

18. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

18.1 RRS 3 states: '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.

18.2 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. 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.

19. FURTHER INFORMATION

FWYC Web Site	www.fwyc.org	
FWYC Office	office@fwyc.org	850-243-7102
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20. REVISIONS

Attachment A Course Diagrams

