



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2021 DOUBLE HANDED REGATTA

May 22, 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. COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the FWYC bulletin board and electronically at the following web address: [http://www.nextsailor.com/regatta/FWYC Double Hand](http://www.nextsailor.com/regatta/FWYC%20Double%20Hand).
- 2.2 The Race Committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 72.

3. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 3.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the Smack Point flagpole.
- 3.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 5 minutes" in the Race Signals for AP.

4. SCHEDULE OF RACE

Check-In	10:00 – 11:00
Skippers Meeting	11:05
First Warning	11:55
Awards Ceremony	As soon as possible after the last boat finishes

5. CLASS FLAGS

- 5.1 The class flags and starting order will be announced at the Skippers Meeting.

6. RACING AREA

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

7. COURSES

- 7.1 Courses will be available electronically and posted on the FWYC notice board prior to 11:00am, May 22, 2021.

8. MARKS

- 8.1 The starting and finishing mark will be an inflatable buoy unless briefed otherwise at the Skippers meeting.

9. THE START

- 9.1 The starting line will be between the inflatable mark at the port end and the Smack Point flagpole at the starboard end.
- 9.2 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 9.3 If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to hail her sail number. Failure to hail her number, failure of her to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for a redress for request. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

10. THE FINISH

- 10.1 The finishing line will be between the inflatable mark at the starboard end and the Smack Point flagpole at the port end.

11. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 11.1 For all fleets, RRS 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 two (2) hours after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 36, A4, and A5.

13. HEARING REQUESTS

- 13.1 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat in any class finishes. The time will be posted on the official notice board.
- 13.2 Protest forms are available on the bulletin board.
- 13.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 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.

15. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 15.1 Rule 40.1 applies to this regatta. All competitors shall wear a personal flotation device while starting or racing in accordance with rule 40.1. Failure to do so will result in disqualification.
- 15.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

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.

17. PRIZES

- 17.1 Prizes will be awarded to the boats with the highest scores in each fleet.

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

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