

NOTICE OF RACE

MIDBAY BRIDGE REGATTA



May 15, 2021 & August 7, 2021
Fort Walton Yacht Club
Fort Walton Beach, Florida



1. RULES

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

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The sailing instructions will be available electronically online at the online official noticeboard and on the FWYC Notice Board

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The online official notice board is located at http://www.nextsailor.com/regatta/FWYC_Midbay.
3.2 On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The regatta is open to all PHRF rated boats.
4.2 PHRF fleets: A (less than 100); B (101 to 150); C (151 and above); M (Multihull).
4.3 Multihull boats must be over twenty-one (21) feet in length.
4.4 A minimum of three (3) boats will constitute a fleet.
4.5 Eligible boats may enter the event by registering online at http://www.nextsailor.com/regatta/FWYC_Midbay

5. FEES

The entry fee is \$20 per boat for the regatta.

6. SCHEDULE

- 6.1 Two (2) race days are scheduled. May 15, 2021 and August 7, 2021
6.2 Race Day Events:
Check-In: 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM
Skippers Meeting: 11:05 AM
First Warning: 11:55 AM

7. COURSES

- 7.1 The racing area will be located on the waters of the Choctawhatchee Bay.
7.2 Courses will be to/through the MidBay Bridge and back using Government, Club, or temporary marks.
7.3 For courses that pass under the MidBay Bridge, boats shall navigate through the center span only.
7.4 Courses will be provided at least one (1) hour prior to the Skippers Meeting via the online official noticeboard as well as the FWYC Notice Board.

8. PENALTY SYSTEM

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

9. SCORING

- 9.1 The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply.

10. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 10.1 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.

11. PRIZES

- 11.1 Fleet winner names will be engraved on the MidBay Bridge Perpetual Trophy.
- 11.2 Additional awards will be presented based on the number of entries per fleet.
- 11.3 The awards ceremony will take place as soon as possible after the race.

12. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 12.1 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.

- 12.2 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.

13. FURTHER INFORMATION

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