

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS



# 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. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the FWYC bulletin board.

### 3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1100 on the day it will take effect.

### 4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

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

### 5. SCHEDULE

- 5.1 One (1) race is scheduled.  
5.2 Race Day Events:  
    Check-In: 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM  
    Skippers Meeting: 11:05 AM  
    First Warning: 11:55 AM

### 6. CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1 Two Class Flags will be used for separate starts  
6.2 The Class Flags will be as follows:  
    A Fleet & B Fleet – Pink;   C Fleet & M Fleet – Green

### 7. THE 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 Courses will be available at the Skippers Meeting.

### 8. MARKS

- 8.1 The starting and finishing marks will be inflatable buoys unless briefed otherwise at the Skippers meeting.

### 9. THE START

- 9.1 The Starting order will be the Pink Class followed by the Green Class.  
9.2 There will be a delay between the Pink Class Start and the Green Class Flag  
9.3 The delay will be approximately 1 minute (Starts are not rolling)  
9.4 Unless otherwise specified at the Skippers Meeting, the starting line will be between the starting mark at the port end and the Smack Point flagpole at the starboard end.  
9.5 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.  
9.6 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. CHANGE OF COURSE

There are no provisions to shorten the course or alter legs on the course.

## **11. THE FINISH**

- 11.1 Unless otherwise specified at the Skippers Meeting, the finishing line will be between the finishing mark at the starboard end and the Smack Point flagpole at the port end.

## **12. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES**

- 12.1 There are no time limits 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. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 13.1 Protests forms are available on the bulletin board and must be filed within one (1) hour after the last boat finishes. The protest period time limit, and the times and locations of protest hearings will be posted on the FWYC bulletin board

## **14. SCORING**

- 14.1 One (1) race is required to be completed to constitute a regatta.

## **15. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 15.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- 15.2 If conditions should warrant, engines may be used briefly in the vicinity of the bridge.
- 15.3 For courses that pass beneath the MidBay Bridge, boats shall pass within one (1) span of the center span.

## **16. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

- 16.1 The race committee will broadcast/monitor VHF channel 72.
- 16.2 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 Fleet winner names will be engraved on the MidBay Bridge Perpetual Trophy.
- 17.2 Additional awards will be presented based on the number of entries per fleet.
- 17.3 The awards ceremony will take place as soon as possible after the final race of the regatta.

## **18. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

- 18.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS Rule 4, Decision to Race. The Fort Walton Yacht Club will not accept any responsibility for material damage, personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with the regatta.