



# SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

## 2021 NIGHT RACE SERIES

August 21, September 18, and October 16, 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 FWYC bulletin board.

### 3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Changes to the sailing instructions will be posted before 20:00 on the day before they will 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. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 Three (3) race days are scheduled:  
August 21, September 18, and October 16, 2021
- 5.2 Events for each race date:

Event	8/21	9/18, 10/16	Location / Notes
Check In	17:30 - 18:30	16:00 - 17:30	Back Porch
Skippers Meeting	18:30	17:00	Back Porch (Optional)
First Warning	19:30	18:00	Choctawhatchee Bay

### 6. CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1 A single pink class flag will be used for all classes.

### 7. COURSES

- 7.1 The racing area will be located on the waters of the Choctawhatchee Bay.
- 7.2 Courses will use Government, Club, or temporary marks.
- 7.3 Courses will be available at the Skippers Meeting.

### 8. MARKS

- 8.1 The starting and finishing marks are defined in the sailing instructions for "The Start" and "The Finish".
- 8.2 Marks will be per these sections unless briefed otherwise at the Skippers meeting.

### 9. THE START

- 9.1 The starting line will be between the FWYC Windsock Flagpole on Smack Point and the Shalimar 'Cigar' water tower.

- 9.2 The race committee will attempt to hail boats on the course side at her starting signal. Failure to hail in a timely manner shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).10.\

## **10. CHANGE OF COURSE**

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

## **11. THE FINISH**

- 11.1 Unless otherwise notified, the finishing line will be between the FWYC Windsock Flagpole on Smack Point and the Shalimar 'Cigar' water tower.
- 11.2 Courses modified with a "T Finish" after their description, will have the finishing line between the FWYC T Dock Flag Pole and the Peak of the Gold Roofed House west of the FWYC on Garnier Bayou.

## **12. PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 12.1 Appendix V, 'Alternative Penalties,' shall apply. This changes RRS 44.1.

## **13. TIME LIMITS**

- 13.1 The time limit for each race is four (4) hours.
- 13.2 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat in her fleet sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

## **14. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 14.1 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat in any class finishes.
- 14.2 Protests forms are available on the bulletin board
- 14.3 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.

## **15. SCORING**

- 15.1 The FWYC High Point Scoring System will apply. This changes rules RRS A4 and RRS A9.
- 15.2 One (1) race must be sailed and completed to constitute a regatta.
- 15.3 No race scores will be excluded. This changes rule RRS A2.

## **16. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 16.1 A boat retiring from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

## **17. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

- 17.1 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.
- 17.2 The Race committee will monitor and communicate with competitors using channel 72

## **18. PRIZES**

- 18.1 Prizes will be awarded based on the number of boats in each fleet.
- 18.2 The Awards Ceremony will take place as soon as possible after the last race of the regatta.

## 19. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 19.1 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.**
- 19.2 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.

## 20. CONTACT INFORMATION

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