



## NOTICE OF RACE

# 2021 THOMAS MEMORIAL REGATTA

July 24, 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. 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/ThomasMemorial>
- 3.2 The on-site notice board will be located on the NW corner of the FWYC Back Patio.
- 3.3 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 Boats without a PHRF certificate will be assigned one based on US Sailing and GYA data.
- 4.3 PHRF Fleet classification: A (less than 100), B (101-150), C (151 and above), and M (any multihull).
- 4.4 Eligible boats may register electronically at the following web page:  
<http://www.nextsailor.com/regatta/ThomasMemorial>

### 5. FEES

- 5.1 The entry fee is \$15.00 per boat.

### 6. SCHEDULE

- 6.1 A single race is scheduled for each fleet.
- 6.2 Events:  
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM Registration & Check-In  
12:05 PM Skippers Meeting  
12:55 PM First Warning

### 7. COURSES

- 7.1 The racing area will be located on the waters of the Choctawhatchee Bay.
- 7.2 Courses will utilize Government, Club, and/or temporary marks.
- 7.3 Courses will be available prior to the Skippers Meeting

### 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. PRIZES

- 10.1 The winning boat will be engraved on the Lenny Thomas Perpetual Trophy.
- 10.2 Additional awards will be determined by the number of boats competing.
- 10.3 The Awards Ceremony will take place as soon as possible after the last boat finishes.

## 11. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 11.1 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.**
- 11.2 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.

## 12. FURTHER INFORMATION

FWYC Web Site	<a href="http://www.fwyc.org">www.fwyc.org</a>	
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