NOTICE OF RACE

WetaFest 2014

March 7-9, 2014

Hosted by Fort Walton Yacht Club Fort Walton Beach, Florida

The organizing authority will be the US Weta Class Association.

1. RULES

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

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 The regatta is open to all Weta Class Trimarans.
- 2.2 Eligible boats may enter by remitting the entry form together with the required fee.
- 2.3 There will be two classes of racing: single-handed and double-handed. Three valid entries will constitute a class.
- 2.3 The online registration link is available at http://www.nextsailor.com//regatta/WetaFest2014
- 2.4 Make checks payable to **Fort Walton Yacht Club** and deliver to the FWYC front office or mail to:

WetaFest c/o Fleet Captain 180 Ferry Road N.E. Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548

3. FEES

- 3.1 Entry fees are as follows: single-handed class \$150.00, double-handed class \$200.00.
- 3.2 Fee includes water on the race course, finger food and beer after racing each day, award dinner and a WetaFest Shirt.

4. SCHEDULE

- 4.1 *Eleven (11)* races will be attempted.
- 4.2 Schedule events:

Thursday, March 6	Check in, tuning clinic with Miranda Powrie of Weta	
	1600 - 1800	Final Registration and Check in.
	1830	Panel Discussion
Friday, March 7	1000	Skippers meeting
	1155	First warning, 5 windward leeward races will be attempted
	ASAP	Panel Discussion
Saturday, March 8	1155	First warning, <u>5 windward leeward races</u> will be attempted
	ASAP	Panel Discussion
Sunday, March 9	1255	First warning, 1 distance race will be attempted
	ASAP	Awards Presentation

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5. MEASUREMENTS

- 5.1 Sail measurements and boat weighing will <u>not</u> be conducted at FWYC.
- 5.2 Measurements required by class rules shall be the responsibility of the Weta Class Association
- 5.3 T-handles may be used on shrouds in this regatta.

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

6.1 The sailing instructions will be available at check-in.

7. VENUE

7.1 Regatta headquarters will be the Fort Walton Yacht Club, 180 Ferry Road NE, Fort Walton Beach, Florida 32548.

8. THE COURSES

8.1 The racing area will be east of FWYC on the waters of the Choctawhatchee Bay using drop marks.

9. PENALTY SYSTEM

9.1 Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

10. SCORING

- 10.1 The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply.
- 10.2 Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a regatta.

11. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

11.1 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.

12. PRIZES

- 12.1 Championship prizes will be awarded to the top three boats.
- 12.2 Additional awards will be based on the number of registered entries as of February 28, 2014.
- 12.3 Entries made online by February 14 will receive a Weta t-shirt in addition to the shirt included in entry fee.

13. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

13.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS Rule 4, Decision to Race. The US Weta Class Association and 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.

14. CHARTERS

14.1 There are no Weta dealers in the immediate area. Participants shall make their own arrangements. Please contact Dick Hitchcock by email at info@wetaflorida.com or phone (941) 928-9486.

15. FURTHER INFORMATION

15.1 Directions and club amenity information can be found online or by contacting the club office.

15.2 Contacts:

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