Sailing Instructions

*60/40 ‘ Round the Island - 2021*

**September 24-26, 2021**

Fort Walton Yacht Club

Fort Walton Beach, Florida

**1.Rules**

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

**2. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS**

Notice to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located at the gazebo (north end of property) at FWYC Friday/Saturday morning and at Key Sailing at Quietwater Beach Saturday night/Sunday morning then returned to the gazebo at FWYC Sunday afternoon.

**3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Changes to the sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board by 0530 on race day.

**4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole adjacent to the gazebo at FWYC Friday/Saturday morning and near the front door of Key Sailing Saturday night /Sunday morning then the flagpole adjacent to the gazebo at FWYC Sunday afternoon. When the AP is displayed ashore, “1 minute” is replaced with “not less than 15 minutes” in the race signal AP. Saturdays race course will be posted by 5:30 PM Friday on the official Notice Board. Either Course #1, in the Gulf, or the shorter Course #2 in the Intercoastal Waterway will be posted.

**5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

Friday, September 24 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM Check in, Late Registration FWYC gazebo

6:00 PM – 7:30 PM Skippers Meeting & Welcome Social FWYC

Saturday, September 25 5:30 AM Coffee on the FWYC Patio

6:25 AM First Warning, Bermuda Start to Follow

6:30 AM First Start

6:00 PM Dinner (Above Key Sailing)

Sunday, September 26 7:25 AM First Warning, Bermuda Start to Follow

7:30 AM First Start

Afternoon Cookout @ Finish Line at FWYC Gazebo

ASAP after finishing Trophy Presentation at FWYC Gazebo

**6. CLASS FLAGS**

6.1 The class flag will be a Pink Flag for a single start (at individual start times).

6.2 The “C” Change of Course flag will be displayed if alternate course #2 is to be sailed.

**7. THE COURSES**

7.1 The racing area will be on the waters of Choctawhatchee Bay, the Gulf of Mexico, Pensacola Bay, and Santa Rosa Sound.

7.2 The course sheets show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order and side on which the marks are to be passed.

7.3 A paddle or motor may be used while passing under bridges if required for safety purposes.

7.4 Course descriptions:

**Saturday Course #1 – Gulf of Mexico - approx. 60 miles:**

START between the FWYC gazebo flagpole and an Orange Tetrahedron located approximately 50 yards north of the flagpole. ‘Round Destin East Pass #17 green lighted day marker to starboard. ‘Round Destin East Pass #13 green buoy to starboard. Pass under the Destin Bridge and ‘round Destin Pass #3 green lighted day marker (at end of Jetty) to starboard. Sail approximately 18.3 NM West in the Gulf of Mexico to the Navarre Pier (second pier) and sail within 500 feet of the south end of the pier. Continue West for approximately 23.6 miles to the Pensacola Pass ‘round #10 red entrance buoy to starboard. Sail North, ‘round #14 Red Entrance buoy to starboard. Sail East to pass under the Pensacola Beach Bridge, round #133 Green buoy to Starboard, sail South-East to round #2 Red Escambia County Fish Bend South Channel Light to Starboard and proceed South-West to the Finish.

FINISH between an Orange Flag on the end of the Key Sailing dock and an Orange Tetrahedron located approximately 50 yards North-East of the Key Sailing dock.

**Saturday Course #2 – Santa Rosa Sound - approx.. 40 miles:**

START between the FWYC Gazebo flagpole and an Orange Tetrahedron located approximately 50 yards north of the flagpole. Sail east ‘round #3 Garnier Bayou green lighted day marker to starboard. Sail south and ‘round #8 inter-coastal red nun buoy to starboard. Sail West along the inter-coastal waterway under 2 bridges: Fort Walton Beach’s Brooks Bridge and the Navarre Bridge.

FINISH between an Orange Flag on the end of the Key Sailing dock and an Orange Tetrahedron located approximately 50 yards North-East of the Key Sailing dock.

**Sunday Course – Santa Rosa Sound approx.. 40 miles:**

START between an Orange Flag on the end of the Key Sailing dock and an Orange Tetrahedron located approximately 50 yards North-East of the Key Sailing dock. Sail East through the inter-coastal under (2) bridges, Navarre and Fort Walton’s Brooks Bridge. ‘Round #8 inter-coastal red buoy to port. Sail North ‘round #3 Garnier Bayou green lighted day marker to port.

FINISH between the FWYC gazebo flagpole and an Orange Tetrahedron located approximately 50 yards North of the FWYC gazebo flagpole.

**8. MARKS**

Courses will utilize Government, Club and/or temporary marks.

**9. THE START**

9.1 There will be a progressive Bermuda start with each boat starting at their assigned start time.

9.2 Saturday the starting line will be between the FWYC gazebo flagpole and an Orange Tetrahedron located approximately 50 yards north of FWYC gazebo flagpole.

9.3 Sunday the starting line will be between an orange flag located at the end of the Key Sailing Dock and an Orange Tetrahedron approximately 50 yards North of the end of the Key Sailing Dock

9.4 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 RRS 62.1 9(a).

**10. THE FINISH**

10.1 Saturday the finish line will be between an orange flag on the end of the Key Sailing dock and an Orange Tetrahedron located approximately 50 yards North of the Key Sailing dock.

10.2 Sunday the finish line is between the FWYC gazebo flagpole and an Orange Tetrahedron located 50 yards north of the flagpole.

**11. TIME LIMITS**

This race will be finished no later than 1800 on Sunday, September 26, 2021.

**12. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

12.1 Protest forms will be available on the FWYC notice board at the gazebo.

12.2 The protest time limit is 30 minutes after each boat’s finish on Sunday.

12.3 Written protests and requests for redress shall be delivered to any onshore Race committee representative with the protest time limit.

**13. SCORING**

13.1 The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply using the 60/40 RTI rating system.

13.2 Individual start times will be assigned at the Skippers Meeting Friday at the FWYC gazebo and posted on the Official Notice Board located at the FWYC gazebo Friday evening and Saturday morning. On Saturday evening and Sunday morning individual start times will be posted at the Key Sailing notice board.

13.2 A boat that is on the course side at her start and does not re-start shall be penalized one (1) place for each 30 seconds over early.

**14. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee by any means as soon as possible.

Race Committee Contacts: FWYC: Rob Brown: 850-420-7451

Pensacola Beach: Jim Jeter 850-974-1832

**15. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS**

The race committee will broadcast/monitor VHF channel 72.

**16. PRIZES**

16.1 Awards will be awarded on Sunday, September 26 at (hopefully) 30 minutes after the last finisher.

16.2 The number of awards presented will be based on the registered entries as of September 1, 2021.

**17. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS Rule 3, Decision to Race. The Fort Walton Yacht Club will not accept any responsibility for material damage, personal injury, of death sustained in conjunction with the 60/40 ‘Round the Island Race.