

# 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual West Florida Ocean Racing Circuit October 12–15, 2017



Sanctioned by the GYA Offshore Council  
Hosted by Pensacola Yacht Club,  
Organizing Authority



## NOTICE OF RACE

### *The West Florida Ocean Racing Circuit “WFORC Regatta”*

#### **RULES**

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* and the Gulf Yachting Association (GYA) Regulations for Sanctioned Events (available at [www.gya.org](http://www.gya.org)). Sailing Instructions will be available at Registration.

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

PHRF boats shall not be less than 20 feet LOA. PHRF Boats must have a current or provisional GYA PHRF Rating Certificate with a rating no greater than 213. Each competitor is responsible for their boat's compliance with the requirements of their Class and/or the GYA PHRF Certificate. A copy of the PHRF Certificate must be submitted with the registration form or presented during Check-In.

#### **REGISTRATION**

Eligible competitors may enter by completing the Event Registration Form at [www.regattanetwork.com/html/calender.php#](http://www.regattanetwork.com/html/calender.php#). Scroll down to the date of the event to find the link to the registration form. Onsite registration at Pensacola Yacht Club during the Check-In will also be available but as noted under Fees there will be a late charge.

#### **DIVISIONS**

There will be a PHRF Spinnaker Fleet, which will be divided into classes by the Race Committee based on the number of entries and their PHRF ratings. The PHRF Non-Spinnaker Fleet will consist of a single division. A minimum of five boats of the same design (one-design) may constitute a separate class.

#### **FEES**

Entry fee per boat for all classes is \$200.

**NOTE:** A late registration fee of an additional \$20 shall apply for registrations after October 6<sup>th</sup>, including at the onsite Check-In if you haven't registered prior to then. Entry fees are non-refundable.

#### **EVENTS SCHEDULE**

##### **Thursday, October 12th**

3:00 PM – 6:00 PM – Check-In & Late Registration (PYC)

5:00 PM – Welcome Party with keg beer, drink specials on Mount Gay Rum and Bushwackers (PYC)

6:00 PM – Competitors Meeting (PYC)

### **Friday, October 13th**

8:00 AM – Check-In & Late Registration (PYC)

8:00 AM – 9:30 AM Crew Breakfast (PYC Clubhouse)

10:55 AM – First Warning Signal

5:00 PM – Hors d'oeuvres, keg beer, drink specials on Mount Gay Rum and Bushwackers (PYC)

5:30 PM – Day 1 Winners Awards Ceremony (PYC)

### **Saturday, October 14th**

8:00 AM – 9:30 AM Crew Breakfast (PYC Clubhouse)

10:55 AM – First Warning Signal

5:00 PM – Hors d'oeuvres, keg beer, drink specials on Mount Gay Rum and Bushwackers (PYC)

5:30 PM – Day 2 Winners Awards Ceremony (PYC)

### **Sunday, October 15th**

8:00 AM – 9:30 AM Crew Breakfast (PYC Clubhouse)

10:55 AM – First Warning Signal

4:00 PM - Awards Ceremony (time and place subject to change)

### **SAFETY REQUIREMENTS**

Compliance with United States Coast Guard (USCG) Regulations for Safety Equipment is required. All competing boats are also required to comply with World Sailing Offshore Special Regulation B for inshore racing (available at <http://www.sailing.org/specialregs>). Participating boats are subject to inspection and may be disqualified if these USCG and World Sailing regulations are not met. The Protest Committee may assign other penalties. \*Crews on all boats must check in with the Race Committee Vessel while wearing their PFD at the beginning of each race day.

### **COURSES**

Multiple buoy-style races, plus one distance race using government marks, are planned. Course specifics will be posted in the Sailing Instructions.

### **SCORING**

The Low Point System of Appendix A of the RRS will apply, except as follows. For the PHRF Spinnaker Fleet, no race will be discarded if four (4) or fewer races are completed. One race will be discarded if five (5) or more races are completed. For the PHRF Non-Spinnaker Fleet, no race will be discarded if three (3) or fewer races are completed. One race will be discarded if four (4) or more races are completed. For both of these fleets, two (2) races must be completed to constitute a Regatta.

### **AWARDS**

The overall winner on corrected time of Spinnaker Class A will be awarded the Commodore Ronald F. Richards Memorial Trophy. The Dr. Lindsay Riddle Trophy will be awarded to the overall winner of the most competitive PHRF class, as described in the Sailing Instructions, excluding any one-design classes. Class awards for first place will be presented to the Day 1 and Day 2 winners on Friday and Saturday. Class awards for first, second, and third place overall in the regatta series will be presented on Sunday.

### **STORAGE**

Pensacola Yacht Club allows the storage of visiting competitors' boats and trailers for up to one week prior to and after PYC regattas without any storage charge. If storage is required for a longer period, transient storage rates are available. Contact PYC Dockmaster, Greg Spitzer at (850) 433-8804, ext. 108 or via email at [dockmaster@pyc.gccoxmail.com](mailto:dockmaster@pyc.gccoxmail.com) for wet slip and dry storage arrangements.

### **FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT**

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