



NOTICE OF RACE

“WFORC Regatta”

46th Annual West Florida Ocean Racing Circuit October 16-18, 2020

**Sanctioned by the GYA Offshore Council
Hosted by Pensacola Yacht Club**

1. RULES

- 1.1 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).
- 1.2 Appendix A to NOR contains Covid-19 Protocols that affect the conduct of the WFORC at PYC.

2. ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 PHRF boats shall not be less than 20 feet LOA.
- 2.2 PHRF boats must have a current or provisional GYA PHRF Rating Certificate with a rating no greater than 276.
- 2.3 Each competitor is responsible for their boat's compliance with the requirements of their Class and/or the GYA PHRF Certificate.

3. REGISTRATION

- 3.1 Eligible boats may enter by completing the event registration form at www.regattanetwork.com/html/calender.php#. Scroll down to the date of the event to find the link to the registration form.
- 3.2 No onsite registration at Pensacola Yacht Club. Any registration after October 10, 2020 will incur a \$20 late fee.

4. DIVISIONS

- 4.1 There will be a PHRF Fleet, which may be divided into classes by the Race Committee (RC) based on the number of entries and their PHRF ratings.
- 4.2 A minimum of five boats is required to constitute a class.

5. FEES

- 5.1 Entry fee per boat for all classes is \$150. NOTE: A late registration fee of an additional \$20 shall apply for registrations after October 10. Entry fees are non-refundable.

6. EVENTS SCHEDULE

Thursday, October 15th

- 1700- 1800 “Release from Covid-19 Liability Forms” available at tent on the Patio
- 1700 –Welcome with keg beer, drink specials, and Bushwackers on the patio.
- 1800 –Competitors Announcements broadcast from PYC side porch. Social Distancing is required.

Friday, October 16th

- 0830 – 0930 – Take out breakfast bags available for pick-up on Side Porch

1055 – First Warning Signal.

1700 –Keg beer, drink specials, and Bushwackers available on the patio.

1730 – Day 1 Winner Awards announced from PYC Side Porch

Saturday, October 17th

0830 – 0930 – Take out breakfast bags available for pick-up on Side Porch

1055 – First Warning Signal. A distance race is planned if weather is suitable.

1600 – Keg beer, drink specials, and Bushwackers available on the patio.

1730 – Day 2 Winner Awards announced from PYC Side Porch

Sunday, October 18th

0830 – 0930 – Take out breakfast bags available for pick-up on Side Porch

1055 – First Warning Signal.

1600 - Awards Ceremony under the tent on the Patio. Social Distancing is required.

7. SAFETY REQUIREMENTS [DP]

7.1 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>).

7.2 Participating boats are subject to inspection and may be disqualified if these USCG and World Sailing regulations are not met.

7.3 Crews on all boats must check in with the RC Signal Vessel while wearing their PFD at the beginning of each race day.

8. COURSES

8.1 Multiple dropped mark races, plus one distance race using government marks are planned. Course specifics will be defined in the Sailing Instructions.

9. SCORING

9.1 The Low Point System of Appendix A of the RRS will apply.

9.2 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.

9.3 One (1) race must be completed to constitute a Regatta.

10. AWARDS

10.1 The overall winner on corrected time (Spinnaker Class A if so divided) will be awarded the Commodore Ronald F. Richards Memorial Trophy.

10.2 The Dr. Lindsay Riddle Trophy will be awarded to the overall winner of the most competitive PHRF class, if classes are divided, as described in the Sailing Instructions, excluding one-design classes.

10.3 The Commodore John Chappell trophy will be awarded to the winner of Class B, if classes are divided.

10.4 Class awards for first place will be presented to the Day 1 and Day 2 winners on Friday and Saturday respectively.

10.5 Class awards for first, second, and third place overall in the regatta series. The appropriate special awards will be presented on Sunday.

10.6 Classes that did not compete the previous year will receive certificates and recognition, and trophies will be ordered for presentation later.

11. STORAGE

11.1 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 for wet slip and dry storage arrangements.

12. FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT

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Appendix A to 46th Annual WFORC NOR

PYC Competition Event COVID Protocols for WFORC: Effective September 3, 2020

- All competitors and their guests must sign a 'Release from Covid-19 Liability' form. Forms will be available on Thursday and Friday morning in the tent on the patio.
- All participants and guests shall conduct a daily self-screen for COVID-19 including a temperature check. If a temperature of 100.4 or greater is measured, it is an indication they are likely sick with COVID-19 or some other illness and they are requested to immediately withdraw from participation for their own health and the health of others. Should we discover that a participant likely knew they were sick and did not withdraw, there may be consequences regarding future event participation at Pensacola Yacht Club depending on the severity of the effect on others.
- Local masking, social distancing rules and group size restrictions will be enforced.
- The PYC Clubhouse and the pool area are open for PYC members only. Watson Center deck and restroom facilities are available for competitors
- Tables and outside bar service will set up under a tent on the patio. Social distancing will be required at all times when on the patio or under the tent.
- Post-Race Bushwhackers will be served under social distancing guidelines.
- No group meals will be provided. Take out Breakfast will be available on the side porch of the clubhouse. Pre-orders are recommended.
- The only restroom facilities available will be the ones located at the Watson Sailing Center. All PYC Clubhouse facilities are restricted to PYC Members only.
- No formal 'live' competitor or coach meetings will be required or held. Zoom may be used.
- The awards ceremony may be under the tent, with refreshments, masks and social distancing.
- Boats and trailers will be stored in assigned spaces, at socially safe distances apart. Check with PYC Dockmaster, Greg Spitzer before getting parking space.
- **Boats requiring the use of the crane will be launched on a prearranged schedule. Check with PYC Dock master, Greg Spitzer to schedule your launch.**
- Only one boat/crew will be allowed in the launch zone at a time.