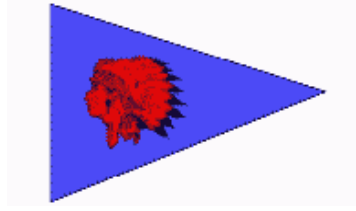


Night Race Series

Fort Walton Yacht Club
Fort Walton Beach, Florida
May 30, July 25, August 29, 2009



Sailing Instructions

1. Rules

The regatta will be governed by the “rules” as defined in the 2009-2012 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), its prescriptions and these Sailing Instructions.

2. Entries/Classes

Anticipated fleets: A Fleet, B Fleet and C Fleet.

A Fleet will consist of boats with PHRF handicaps up to 149.

B Fleet will consist of boats with PHRF handicaps from 150 to 199.

C Fleet will consist of boats with PHRF handicaps from 200 and up.

Final fleets will be determined after registration. A minimum of three (3) boats will constitute a fleet.

3. Notice to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the back patio.

Any questions concerning the Sailing Instructions will be addressed at each skipper’s meeting.

4. Changes in Sailing Instructions

Any change in the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the official notice board before 1830 on each race day.

5. Signals Made Ashore

Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located on the western lawn. If a postponement is signaled ashore, the warning signal will be made not less than 60 minutes after AP is lowered.

6. Schedule of Events – Valid for each race day

	Registration/Check In	1700-1800
	Skipper’s Meeting	1830
	First Warning Signal – A & B Fleet	1855
	First Warning Signal - C Fleet	ASAP After A & B Fleet

7. Class Flags

A & B Fleet Class Flag will be a PINK Flag.

C Fleet will be a GREEN Flag.

8. Racing Area

All courses will be in Choctawhatchee Bay.

9. Courses and Marks; Change Marks

All fleets will start on the same start line.

Courses will be proved at the Skipper’s Meeting each night.

10. Starting and Finishing Lines; Starting System

The starting system is a five (5) minute sequence as described in RRS Rule 26. Boats whose preparatory signal has not been made shall stay clear of boats whose preparatory signal has been made.

The starting and finishing lines will be between the orange line flag and the nearby mark.
A boat shall not start later than four minutes after her starting signal.

11. Recalls

Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with Rule 29.1. Additionally, the race committee will endeavor to hail the sail numbers of boats over early, and will also endeavor to hail when they have returned to the pre-start side of the line, on VHF channel 72.

12. Time Limit

There is no time limit for each fleet. Race Committee will man the finish line until 11:00pm each night. Boats finishing after that time will be required to log their own finish time and submit it to the Fleet Captain. Finish Times can be left in the Fleet Captain's box in the FWYC office.

13. Penalties

The two-turn penalty, Rule 44.2, applies.

14. Scoring and Number of Races

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

15. Safety and Responsibility

Competitors shall check in with the Race Committee prior to the start of the days racing.

A boat, which retires from a race, shall notify the race committee before leaving the racecourse, or, if unable to do so, shall notify a regatta official immediately after arriving ashore.

It shall be the sole responsibility of each skipper to decide whether or not to start or to continue a race.

16. Prizes

Trophies will be awarded for each fleet, depending on fleet size. The Awards Ceremony will take place according to the regatta schedule, ASAP after the final race of the series.