



Clearwater Yacht Club

NOTICE OF RACE CLEARWATER CHALLENGE 2017

This is a WFPHRF Gulf Boat of The Year Event
Hosted by Clearwater Yacht Club
October 21 – 22, 2017

1.0 **Rules**

- 1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in THE RACING RULES OF SAILING (RRS). West Florida PHRF (WFPHRF) Class Rules that may be found at www.westfloridaphrf.org
- 1.2 The organizing authority is the Clearwater Yacht Club.

2.0 **Eligibility**

- 2.1 Open to any boat that holds a current, valid WFPHRF rating certificate and meets WFPHRF Category 3 safety and crew limits.
- 2.2 All boats shall carry a workable VHF radio capable of receiving and transmitting on channels 16, 69, 71 and 72, and receiving weather broadcasts.

3.0 **Entries and Fees**

- 3.1 Entries can be made online at www.clearwateryachtclub.org under the events tab then regattas tab.
- 3.2 The entry fee is \$95.00. If paid before 2100 October 12, 2017. Entries made or received after 2100 October 12, 2017 will be LATE entries subject to a late total entry fee of \$115.00. US Sailing members may deduct ten dollars (\$10) if proof of current membership accompanies the application.
- 3.3 Entry fee includes one polo shirt, Friday night Rum/Vodka party with live entertainment, continental breakfast Saturday and a keg of beer Sunday after racing.
- 3.4 **ENTRY DEADLINE IS 1700 ON THURSDAY October 19, 2017.**
- 3.5 RATING INFORMATION: West Florida PHRF, at administrator@westfloridaphrf.org

4.0 **Sailing Instructions**

- 4.1 Sailing Instructions will be available at registration

5.0 **Classes and divisions**

- 5.1 Minimum of one (1) entry to make a class. If there are less than three (3) entries for any class, that class may start with another class.
- 5.2 Classes are Spinnaker, Non-Spinnaker, Racer/Cruiser, Cruiser and Multi-hull.
- 5.3 A further division of classes may be dictated by the number of entries received.
- 5.4 Not used
- 5.5 **DIVISIONS WILL BE ASSIGNED BASED ON A COMBINATION OF RATING, DISPLACEMENT AND SAILING CHARACTERISTICS OF EACH BOAT. AN ATTEMPT WILL BE MADE TO FOLLOW BOAT OF THE YEAR DIVISION BREAKS.**

6.0 **Registration and Skippers Meeting**

- 6.1 **A REPRESENTATIVE OF A BOAT WHOSE ENTRY HAS BEEN ACCEPTED SHALL REGISTER** between 1730 and 1900 on Friday October 20, 2017 at the Clearwater Yacht Club Dry Dock (lower level). The Skippers meeting is at 1930 on Friday, October 20, 2017 at the Clearwater Yacht Club Dry Dock.

7.0 **Start**

7.1 The start for all classes will be in the Gulf of Mexico, Northwest of Clearwater Pass. The first warning signal will be at 1400 on Saturday October 21, 2017.

8.0 **Course**

8.1 The Clearwater Challenge course for all classes will be a distance course selected from one of three courses each of a different length based on the weather conditions expected during the race. The start will be in the vicinity of Clearwater #1 and the finish will be back at Clearwater #1. This course options are more fully described in the sailing instructions.

9.0 **Not Used**

10.0 **Scoring**

10.1 One race must be completed to constitute a series.

10.2 Corrected times will be calculated based on the boat's WFPHRF rating as shown on the WFPHRF website on October 22, 2017 and the distance of the course sailed. All classes will use the RLC rating.

11.0 **Prizes**

11.1 Trophies will be awarded to the first, second and third place winners in each class.

11.2 Trophies will be awarded to One-Design Classes with five (5) or more entries received by October 7, 2016.

11.3 The following Perpetual Trophies will be awarded but permanently housed at Clearwater Yacht Club:

CLEARWATER CUP: inscribed with the name of the Spinnaker Class winner.

ARTHUR B. JOHNSTON TROPHY: inscribed with the name of the Non-Spinnaker Class winner.

NAVIGATOR TROPHY: presented by Florida Council of Yacht Clubs to the navigator of the boat winning her division by the largest corrected time over the second-place boat in the same division. **THIS WILL BE SCORED ON CORRECTED TIME.**

12.0 **Rafting**

12.1 Free dockage is available starting the weekend prior to the race through the following weekend at the Clearwater Yacht Club docks.

13.0 **Use of Facilities**

13.1 The Clearwater Yacht Club members and staff welcome the participants of the Clearwater Challenge and every effort will be made to provide our guests with comfortable surroundings. Carpooling is encouraged. Parking on the Club premises is limited to CYC members. Provisions have been made to allow for pick-up and drop-off of regatta participants and gear at dockside.

13.2 All skippers and crew of registered yachts are eligible for Regatta Memberships for use at Clearwater Yacht Club during the regatta.

14.0 **Safety**

14.1 Competitors compete in this regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority, host clubs, sponsors, their associates and appointees will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta.