



# Clearwater Yacht Club

830 South Bayway  
Clearwater Beach, Florida 33767

Clearwater Challenge  
October 3, 2020

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

*This is a WFPHRF Gulf Boat of The Year Event.*

### 1.0 Rules:

1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and West Florida PHRF (WFPHRF) Class Rules except as modified in these sailing instructions.

1.2. The WFPHRF website is: [www.westfloridaphrf.org](http://www.westfloridaphrf.org) .

### 2. Notices to Competitors:

2.1. Notices to Competitors will be posted on the official regatta notice board located on the lower level of Clearwater Yacht Club. Notices to Competitors will also be emailed to the registrant's email account listed on the registration form.

### 3. Changes to Sailing Instructions:

3.1. Any change in the sailing instructions will be posted before 0800 on the day it will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 2100 on the day before it will take effect.

### 4. Signals Made Ashore:

4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located near the Northwest corner of the CYC clubhouse.

4.2. When flag "AP" is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with "not less than one hour" in race signal "AP".

### 5. Schedule of Races:

5.1. The skippers meeting starts at 1930 Friday October 2, 2020 at Clearwater Yacht Club Dry Dock (lower level).

5.2. Saturday October 3, 2020 - **First Warning 0955**

### 6. Class Flags:

Spinnaker	A	Code Flag Numeral	1
Non-Spinnaker		Code Flag Numeral	1
Racer/Cruiser		Code Flag Numeral	2
Cruiser		Code Flag Numeral	3

### 7. Racing Area:

7.1. The racing area will be in the Gulf of Mexico, North of Clearwater #1 and South of Anclote SW Channel mark #1.

## 8. The Courses:

8.1. Not used

8.2. The attached course diagrams show the courses, the order in which the marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

8.3. Prior to the warning signal of each race, the course and the approximate heading to the first mark will be displayed on a white board from the stern of the race committee signal boat.

8.4. A boat shall not cross the start/finish line except when either starting or finishing a race.

## 9. Marks:

9.1. The marks of the course will be government marks.

9.2. The start line will be in the vicinity of Clwtr #1.

9.3. The **STARTING MARK** will be an orange ball.

9.4. The **FINISH MARK** will be an orange ball.

## 10. The Start:

10.1. Prior to the warning signal of the race, each boat shall pass, **with her mainsail hoisted**, the stern of the race committee signal boat on starboard tack and hail her sail number which will be acknowledged by the race committee. Alternately, a boat may hail the Race Committee on channel 72 and check in via radio. It is the responsibility of each boat to confirm that she has been identified. Boats failing to comply, risk being scored DNC for the race sailed that day.

10.2. The starting line will be between the staff from which an orange flag is displayed on the race committee signal boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.

10.3. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area.

10.4. A boat starting later than four (4) minutes after her starting signal may be scored "Did Not Start" without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1, A4 and A5.

10.5. A boat that is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and who fails to start properly shall have ten (10) minutes added to her elapsed finish time providing she is less than or exactly one (1) minute premature. If greater than one (1) minute premature she shall be scored "DNS". This changes RRS A3.

10.6. The race committee will attempt to hail the sail numbers of OCS boats on the appropriate VHF channel. This changes RRS 41. The failure of any boat to hear the hail, the hail of some but not all OCS boats, the untimely hail of some or all OCS boats or failure to hail any or all boats shall not be grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 63.1.

## 11. Change of the next leg of the course:

11.1. Not used

11.2. Not used

## 12. The Finish:

**12.1.** The finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee boat and the finish mark.

**12.2.** Alternately, if there is no race committee boat flying an orange flag on station, Record your GPS finish time when "CLWTR#1" bears 090 degrees (East) from your position as you pass within 100 yards of the mark. Please call or text your finish time to Ed Proefke at 727-729-1473 within one hour of your finish.

## 13. Time Limit:

**13.1** Not used

**13.2** Boats failing to finish within six (6) hours, or one hundred twenty (120) minutes after the first boat in her division sails the course and finishes, whichever is earlier, will be scored "Did Not Finish" without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, 63.1, A4 and A5.

## 14. Protests and Requests for Redress:

**14.1.** A boat intending to protest shall inform the race committee finish boat immediately after finishing by sailing to the non-course side of the finish boat and clearly announcing her intent to protest. Alternately, If the finish boat is not on station, call Ed Proefke at 727-729-1473 to notify of your intent to protest. This changes RRS 61.1(a).

**14.2.** Protest forms are available on the lower level of Clearwater Yacht Club. Completed forms shall be delivered to the Scorer also located on the lower level, within forty-five (45) minutes after the race committee finish boat docks.

**14.3.** A list of protests will be posted on the official notice board within thirty (30) minutes of the end of the protest time along with the place and time for the hearings. - ***Protest hearings will be scheduled via zoom or telephone conference at a time when all involved competitors can attend the protest hearing This may or may not be on the day of the race. Scoring will be posted as tentative until any protests are heard and resolved.***

## 15. Scoring:

**15.1.** One race is scheduled for all classes.

**15.2.** Not used

**15.3.** Corrected times will be calculated using time on distance based on the boat's **WFPHRF RLC** rating.

**15.4.** Not used

**15.5.** A minimum of one (1) race shall be completed to constitute a series.

## 16. Radio Communication:

**16.1.** All classes are urged to monitor VHF channel 72 as the race committee may attempt to give competitors advance warning of upcoming starting sequences and schedules. This changes RRS 41.

**16.2.** The failure of the race committee to make, or the failure of any boat to hear any radio transmissions shall not be grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 63.1.

## 17. Disposal of Trash:

17.1. Boats shall not discharge trash into the water. The penalty for breaking this rule will be at the discretion of the protest committee.

## 18. Special Rules:

18.1. Not used

## 19. Prizes:

19.1. Prizes will be awarded to the top 3 places in each class or division.

***An awards ceremony will not be held this year. Awards will be mailed to the prize winners.***

## 20. Perpetual Trophies:

201. Perpetual trophies will be inscribed with the names of the winners and will be permanently housed at Clearwater Yacht Club.

20.2. **Clearwater Cup** – inscribed with the names of the Spinnaker class winners.

20.3. **Arthur B. Johnson Trophy** – inscribed with the names of the Non-Spinnaker class winners.

20.4. **Navigator Trophy** – presented by the Florida Council of Yacht Clubs and inscribed with the name of the boat winning her division by the greatest amount of time over the second place winner in the same division.

20.5. **Cooks Trophy** – inscribed with the name of the Cruising class boat with the highest overall points.

## 21. Disclaimer of Liability:

21.1. Competitors participate in this regatta entirely at their own risk. (See RRS 4, Decision to Race). The organizing authority will not accept any liability for damage, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during or after the regatta.

**- Clearwater Yacht Club adheres to the Covid19 protocols as required by govt. entities**

**-While at the club you must wear a mask unless seated at a table or barstool indoors or outdoors**

**- There is no dancing at club functions.**

**- All floor plans have been updated meeting minimum social distancing requirements of 6 ft between chairs at different tables**

**- Tables are kept to a maximum of 10 people**

**- Signage is posted on every entrance door that no one with a fever or symptoms of COVID-19 is to be permitted in the restaurant**

**- No guests are to congregate in bar or open areas. Any guests not practicing proper social distancing are requested to do so**