



Clearwater Yacht Club

NOTICE OF RACE CLEARWATER CHALLENGE 2020

This is a WFPHRF Gulf Boat of The Year Event
Hosted by Clearwater Yacht Club
October 3, 2020

Covid-19 Practices/Conditions

- *Clearwater Yacht Club has limited facilities available during this time and is observing local, state and federal guidelines for protection and safety.*
- *All members, competitors, and crew are required to observe social distancing and mask wearing as per guidelines in effect at the time of the regatta*
- *If the rum/vodka party is not held Friday evening October 2, 2020, The skippers meeting will be held via zoom and connection information will be forwarded to the registered skippers*
- *Results will be posted on the web and emailed to all registered skippers*
- *Prizes will be mailed to the recipients*

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 4 requirements 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 regattas tab.

3.2 The entry fee is \$50.00. US Sailing members may deduct ten dollars (\$10) if proof of current membership accompanies the application.

3.3 Entry fee includes one polo shirt which will be mailed to the skipper. The rum/vodka party will be held, practicing social distancing, if conditions allow on Friday night October 2, 2020 at 1800 to 1900 hours. Status will be emailed to the skippers by Thursday October 1, 2020.

3.4 **ENTRY DEADLINE IS 1700 ON THURSDAY October 1, 2020.**

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.
- 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 **In the event the rum/vodka party can be held on Friday night with everyone social distancing, the skippers meeting will be held at 1930 hours in the dry dock at Clearwater Yacht Club. If the party is not held, the skippers meeting will be held online at 6:00 PM Friday October 2, 2020. Connection information will be emailed to the registered skippers.**
- 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 0955 on Saturday October 3, 2020.
- 8.0 **Course**
- 8.1 The Clearwater Challenge course for all classes will be a distance course. The start will be at Clearwater #1. The marks of the course will be Government marks. The course will be from Clearwater #1 to Anclote SW #1 and back to Clearwater #1 and is 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 2, 2020 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.
- 11.3 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 greatest time differential over the second-place boat in the same division. **THIS WILL BE SCORED ON TIME.**
- 12.0 **Rafting**
- 12.1 Free dockage is available starting Friday October 2, 2020 prior to the race through Sunday October 4, 2020 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 **Clearwater Yacht Club has limited facilities available at this time.**
- 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.