



2021 Dick Hitchcock Memorial Charity Regatta, Benefiting: The Magic Yarn Project

March 12 – March 14, 2021
Notice of Race

Date of Event	March 12 - 14, 2021
1.0 Organizing Authority	The organizing authority is the Gulfport Yacht Club. This event is the third of four events of the 2021 Florida Weta Fleet Championship series.
2.0 Rules	<p>2.1 This regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).</p> <p>2.2 The North American Weta One Design Class Rules are applicable to this event. The class standard and square top main sail are legal for this event and used according to Weta Class Rules.</p>
3.0 Eligibility and Entry	<p>3.1 This event is open to WETA class sailboats, both single handed and double handed divisions.</p> <p>3.2 This event is open to members of the WETA Class North America.</p>
4.0 Registration and Fees	<p>4.1 Registration is by Regatta Network</p> <p>4.2 Registration fees must be paid through Regatta Network. There will be no hand to hand transactions at this event.</p> <p>4.3 Registration fee is \$75 per single handed boat and \$100 per double handed.</p> <p>4.4 Registrations received after February 19 will be charged a \$10 late fee.</p> <p>4.5 Online registration will close March 10</p> <p>4.6 Regatta Fee includes refreshments and one dinner (two dinners for double handed entries).</p> <p>4.7 Donations to TheMagicYarnProject.com, are separate, not included with registration fee.</p>
5.0 Covid protocols in place	<p>5.1 CDC and any local guidelines shall be observed on all GYC grounds</p> <p>5.2 Masks shall be properly worn on all GYC grounds</p> <p>5.3 Social Distancing shall be observed at all times</p> <p>5.4 Social gatherings shall take place outdoors and off the club porch.</p> <p>5.5 Additional precautions may be added at the discretion of</p>

	<p>the Organizing Authority such as temperature checks.</p> <p>5.6 Failure to follow any of the Covid protocols may be grounds for disqualification.</p>
6.0 Schedule of Events	<p><u>Friday, March 12</u> 1200-1700 Registration & Check-In for regatta and GYC open for boats. 1700-1830 Welcome Reception (Following Covid protocols)</p> <p><u>Saturday, March 13</u> 1000 Check-in 1100 Competitors Meeting 1200 Warning signal for all divisions. 3 – 4 races to be attempted Refreshments and meal following racing Florida Fleet Meeting following dinner</p> <p><u>Sunday, March 14</u> 1100 First Warning Signal for all divisions, 2 – 3 races to be attempted 1400 No warning signal after this time Awards to be presented as soon as possible after racing Refreshments and snacks available.</p>
7.0 Sailing Instructions	Sailing Instructions will be available at check in
8.0 Venue	<p>Racing will be in the Boca Ciega Bay</p> <p>Race headquarters will be in the Gulfport Yacht Club</p>
9.0 Scoring	<p>9.1 Two races constitute a regatta</p> <p>9.2 When 5 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. This changes RRS A2.</p>
10.0 Awards	Awards will be given out according to the number of registrants in each division and overall
11.0 Disclaimer of liability	Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority 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.
12.0 Insurance	Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$100,000 per incident or the equivalent. Proof of insurance will be required at registration.
13.0 Launching and Storage	All competing boats may be stored at GYC inside the club gates. Boats must launch from GYC beach. Provisions have been

	made with GYC to allow for storage of boats starting on Sunday, March 7 th . Non-member boats must be removed from GYC on Sunday, March 14 th .
14.0 Parking	Parking is available for trailers and cars outside the main entrance only. Vehicles parked blocking GYC members' boats, or interfering with access to the beach will be towed. Large transport trailers may be stored in the marina parking lot adjacent to the club.
15.0 Accommodations	RV, tent or car camping must be prearranged with the club management. Call GYC to make arrangements. Space is limited. Hotel Accommodations: Check accommodations through Visit St. Pete Clearwater visitstpeteclearwater.com
16.0 Non-profit charitable partner, The Magic Yarn Project	The Dick Hitchcock Memorial Charity Regatta has selected The Magic Yarn Project as its non-profit Charitable partner. Please review the all volunteer charity's mission at: Themagicyarnproject.com Donations can be made at registration, in person, or through their web site.
17.0 Additional information	WETA North America Class, Florida District Chairperson: Cliff Peshek, 813-944-9367, CliffPeshek@Gmail.com Gulfport Yacht Club 4638 Del Rio Way S, Gulfport, FL 33711 727.215.9357 www.gulfportyachtclub.com