



Clearwater Yacht Club

NOTICE OF RACE

CLEARWATER CHALLENGE

2021

This is a WFPHRF Gulf Boat of The Year Event

Hosted by Clearwater Yacht Club

October 2, 2021

1.0 **Rules**

The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in THE RACING RULES OF SAILING (RRS) and West Florida PHRF (WFPHRF) Class Rules, that may be found at www.westfloridaphrf.org

The organizing authority is the Clearwater Yacht Club.

2.0 **Eligibility**

Open to any boat that holds a current, valid WFPHRF rating certificate and meets WFPHRF Category 4 requirements and crew limits.

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**

Entries can be made online at www.clearwateryachtclub.org under the regattas tab, or directly at www.regattanetwork.com/event/23146.

The entry fee is \$65.00. US Sailing members may deduct ten dollars (\$10) if proof of current membership accompanies the application.

Entry fee includes a regatta burgee, a goody bag for each Skipper and two drink tickets per crew member in attendance for the Captain Morgan party on Friday night October 1, 2021, at 1900 hours.

ENTRY DEADLINE IS 1700 ON THURSDAY September 30th, 2021.

RATING INFORMATION: West Florida PHRF, at administrator@westfloridaphrf.org

4.0 **Sailing Instructions**

Sailing Instructions will be available, no later than September 25th, 2021, at www.clearwateryachtclub.org under the regattas tab,

5.0 **Classes and divisions**

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.

Classes are Spinnaker, Non-Spinnaker, Racer/Cruiser, Cruiser.

Further division of classes may be dictated by the number of entries received.

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

The skippers meeting will be held on Friday October 1, 2021, at 18:45 hours at Clearwater Yacht Club.

7.0 Start

The start for all classes will be in the Gulf of Mexico, in the vicinity of Clearwater #1. The first warning signal will be at 0955 on Saturday October 2, 2021.

8.0 Course

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 and/or tetrahedron marks. The course will be to the north of Clearwater Pass, finishing back at Clearwater #1.

9.0 Scoring

One race must be completed to constitute a series.

Corrected times will be calculated based on the boat's WFPHRF rating as shown on the WFPHRF website on October 1st, 2021 and the distance of the course sailed. All classes will use the RLC rating.

10.0 Prizes

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

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 based on elapsed time.**

11.0 Rafting

Free dockage is available starting Friday October 1, 2021, through Sunday October 3, 2021 at the Clearwater Yacht Club docks.

12.0 Use of Facilities

The Clearwater Yacht Club members and staff welcome the participants of the Clearwater Challenge. 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.

13.0 Safety

Competitors compete in this regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority, 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.

14.0 Insurance

Each participating boat is required to hold adequate insurance, including third party insurance. It is the owner's sole responsibility to ensure insurance is adequate to participate in this event.