



# Clearwater Yacht Club

830 South Bayway  
Clearwater Beach, Florida 33767

Clearwater Challenge  
October 2, 2021

## 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 which may be found at [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 1845 Friday October 1, 2021 at Clearwater Yacht Club Dry Dock (lower level).

5.2. Saturday October 2, 2021 - **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. The attached course diagram shows the courses, the order in which the marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

8.2. Prior to the warning signal of each race, the designated course letter will be displayed on a white board from the stern of the race committee signal boat.

## 9. Marks:

9.1. The marks of the course will be government marks and or a yellow tetrahedron.

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

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

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

## 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.

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.

## **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 David Billing at 727-560-1752 within one hour of your finish.

## **13. Time Limit:**

**13.1** Boats failing to finish within six (6) hours, or ninety (90) 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 David Billing at 727-560-1752 to notify 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.

## **15. Scoring:**

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

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

**15.3.** 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. Prizes:**

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

**19. Not Used:**

**20. Perpetual Trophies:**

20.1 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 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.

**Course Diagram**

Mark 1 Anclote SW #1 N 28 08.284  
W 082 51.957

Mark 2 Clearwater #1 N 27 58.193  
W 082 50.844

Mark 3 Yellow Tetrahedron N 28 03.90  
W 082 50.08

Course A: Start, 1port, 2/Finish

Course B: Start, 3port, 1port, 2/Finish

Course C: Start, 3port, 2port, 3port, 2/Finish

