



Clearwater Yacht Club

NOTICE OF RACE

CLEARWATER CHALLENGE

2022

This is a WFPHRF Gulf Boat of The Year Event

Hosted by Clearwater Yacht Club

October 1, 2022

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/25200

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 commemorative item, a goody bag for each Skipper and two drink tickets per crew member in attendance for the Rum party on Friday night September 30, 2022, at 1900 hours.

ENTRY DEADLINE IS 1700 ON THURSDAY September 29th, 2022.

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

4.0 Sailing Instructions

Sailing Instructions will be available, no later than September 24th, 2022, 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 September 30, 2022, 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 1, 2022.

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 September 30th, 2022 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

The CYC docks are under construction, but every effort will be made to provide rafting facilities starting Thursday September 29, 2022, through Sunday October 2, 2022 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.