



NOTICE OF RACE

2023 Mardi Gras Regatta

Pensacola Yacht Club

Saturday - February 25, 2023

1. RULES

- 1.1. This regatta shall be governed by rules as defined in the current *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2. The race(s) will be sailed under the current Pensacola Bay General Sailing Instructions (PBGSI) available online at: [Pensacola Bay General Sailing Instructions \(PBGSI\)](#)
- 1.3. Supplemental Sailing Instructions (SSI's) will be available online no later than 1800 on Friday, February 24th.

2. ELIGIBILITY, ENTRY AND FEE

- 2.1. Open to all PHRF and One Design boats with a minimum length of 19'.
- 2.2. Online registration can be found at <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/25914>.
- 2.3. Boats not registered before 1700 on Friday, February 24th, are not eligible for entry into the regatta and will not be scored.
- 2.4. PHRF entries must have a valid PHRF Rating Certificate or accept a temporary, provisional rating as assigned by the Race Committee (RC).
- 2.5. Entry fee for all classes: \$35/Boat

3. CLASSES

- 3.1. Classes may include PHRF and One-Design Classes (such as Vipers and Fish Class). Each class shall have no less than 3 started boats to compete as a class. Any PHRF class with more than 8 boats may be divided into sub-classes at the discretion of the RC.
- 3.2. PHRF Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker classes will be sailed under GYA PHRF handicapping.

4. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 4.1. Notices to Competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board (ONB) on the Blue Porch. Competitors will be informed by text or email (indicated in the registration form) when a Notice to competitors is posted on the ONB.

- 4.2. Changes to the rules will be posted on the ONB before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted no later than 2000 on the day before it will take effect.
- 4.3. For an on the water change to the sailing instructions: "L" flag shall be displayed. The change will be announced on the designated VHF channel. (This changes RRS Race Signals)

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from a flagpole on the Pensacola Yacht Club (PYC) lawn.
- 5.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP. (This changes RRS Race Signals)

6. Communication

- 6.1. [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on channel 72. Channels 68, 69, and 71 may be used.
- 6.2. On the water, the Race Committee (RC) shall make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio channel 72.
- 6.3. [DP] From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency or as required by a rule, a boat shall not make voice nor data transmissions and shall not receive voice nor data communication that is not available to all boats.
- 6.4. The RC may broadcast on the designated VHF Channel:
 - 6.4.1. The course, bearing and distance information before the warning signal, start times, course changes and any other information important to racing.
 - 6.4.2. Individual recalls and boats penalized under RRS 30.2 or RRS 30.3 using bow/sail numbers. (This changes RRS 29.1, 30.2 and 30.3).
- 6.5. Any failure of a boat to receive or properly interpret the information or an action of the RC acting under NoR 6.4 will not be grounds for request a redress (This Changes RRS 62.1 (a)).

7. SCHEDULE

- 1100 Skippers Meeting in Blue Bar at PYC
- 1255 Warning Signal for Start of Racing

ASAP Following racing: Scoring and Awards will be announced at the bar in PYC.

8. VENUE AND COURSES

- 8.1. The sailing area will be Pensacola Bay approximately south of the Bayou Chico Channel entrance.
- 8.2. The courses sailed will be harbor courses as described in the PBGSI.

9. TIME LIMIT

- 9.1. Boats failing to finish within 60 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes or 2.5 hours after her start, whichever is later, and not thereafter retiring, being penalized, or given redress, will be scored TLE without a hearing (This changes RRS 63.1)

10. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 10.1. The Scoring Penalty, Rule 44.3, will apply.

11. SCORING

- 11.1. The Low Point Scoring System, Appendix A (RRS), shall be used except there will be no discarded races.
- 11.2. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for finishing place two (2) more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Time Limit (This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10).

12. PRIZES

- 12.1. Award Presentations will be at Pensacola Yacht Club following the race.
- 12.2. Trophies will be awarded as follows:
Spin Class awarded to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places
Non-Spin Class awarded to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places
All other Classes with 3 or more boats will be awarded 1st place

Boat with Best Overall Presentation of their Mardi Gras Spirit

13. FURTHER INFORMATION

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