



# Pensacola Yacht Club



INTERNATIONAL MOTH CLASS



NEW YORK YACHT CLUB  
**AMERICAN  
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 The **MOTHER** of ALL REGATTAS 

BAY OF PENSACOLA  
Feb 23 – 26, 2023

# RACE DOCUMENT

The I Mother of All Regattas - Bay of Pensacola for International Moth Class and Waszp Class is organized by the Pensacola Yacht Club in conjunction with American Magic.

#### Note

**[DP]** the penalty for an infringement to this rule can be at the discretion of the Protest Committee less than the disqualification.

**[NP]** denotes that a breach of this rule may be grounds for a protest by a boat (this modify RRS 60.1).

### 1. RULES

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- 1.1. The events will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021 - 2024*.
- 1.2. The Race Management Guidelines of the International Moth Class Association will apply. Failure to follow this guideline will not be ground for redress. *(This changes RRS 62.1 (a).)*
- 1.3. No National prescriptions will apply.

### 2. CHANGES TO THE RULES

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- 2.1. Any change of the rules will be posted on the Official Notice Board Online two (2) hours before the first warning signal of the day it will take effect, except that any change to the format or schedule of races will be posted by 1900hs on the day before it will take effect.
- 2.2. No printed copy will be provided by the OA of Race Documents or any changes.

### 3. CODE OF CONDUCT

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- 3.1. **[DP]** Competitors and support persons shall comply promptly with any requests from race officials.

#### 3.2. [DP] SUPPORT BOAT ZONE

- 3.2.1. Support Boats shall not be positioned:
  - 3.2.1.1. Closer than 100 meters of any boat racing
  - 3.2.1.2. Within 100 meters to leeward of the starting line and its extensions from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have left the starting area, or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment
  - 3.2.1.3. Between any boat racing and the next mark of the course;
  - 3.2.1.4. Within 100 meters of any mark while boats are in the vicinity of that mark;
  - 3.2.1.5. Within 100 meters of the finishing line and marks while boats are finishing

### 4. COMMUNICATIONS

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- 4.1. The Online Notice Board is located at [https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/25938#\\_home](https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/25938#_home)
- 4.2. Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

### 5. ADVERTISING

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- 5.1. Sailors may be required to wear bibs and boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority (OA) as permitted by the World sailing Advertising Code.

### 6. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

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- 6.1. Competitors shall comply with World Sailing Eligibility Code (Regulation 1.9)
- 6.2. The regatta is open to boats of the International Moth Class and Waszp Class that comply with the Class Rules.
- 6.4. The helmsperson named on the boat entry form shall be the same for all races.
- 6.5. Eligible competitors shall enter by completing the online entry process:  
[https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet\\_registration\\_form.php?regatta\\_id=25938](https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_registration_form.php?regatta_id=25938)
- 6.6. **Online entries will close on February 22<sup>nd</sup>.** (registration is confirmed only after the payment).

### 7. FEES

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- 7.1. The entry fee is \$50 to be paid at the moment of the registration on line.

- 7.3. **Cancellation policy:** For registration annulation before February 22<sup>th</sup>, the entry fee paid will be refunded 90% (10% is the cost for registration management). No entry fee will be refunded after that day.

## 8. SCHEDULE

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- 8.1. The program is as follows:

| Date                 | Time  | Event                |
|----------------------|-------|----------------------|
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb | 13.00 | First Warning Signal |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb | 13.00 | First Warning Signal |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> Feb | 13.00 | First Warning Signal |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb | 12.00 | First Warning Signal |

- 8.2. There will be no warning signal made after 15.00 hrs on Feb 26<sup>th</sup>.

## 9. VENUE

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Pensacola Yacht Club  
1897 Cypress St.  
32502 Pensacola, FL

## 10. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

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- 10.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole in the Pensacola YC lawn.  
10.2. When the class flag is displayed ashore with a sound signal it means: 'The warning signal will be made not less than **45** minutes after class flag is displayed.'  
10.3. When Flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the RRS Race Signal AP.

## 11. CLASS FLAG

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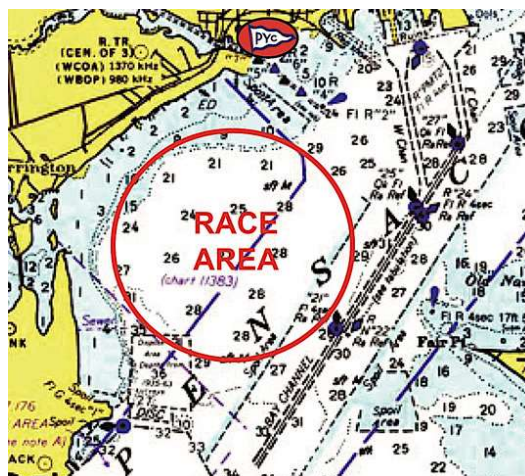
- 11.1. The Class flag used in accordance of RRS 26 for each class will be as follows:

Moth International – INTERCO Flag E (echo) 

Waszp Class – INTERCO Flag K (kilo) 

## 12. RACE AREA

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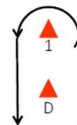
### 13. THE COURSES

13.1. The courses to be sailed will be as follows:



#### INTERNATIONAL MOTH COURSE

Start – I – Leeward Gate – I – Leeward Gate – I – Finish



#### WASZP COURSE

Start – I – Leeward Gate – I – Finish



### 14. MARKS

14.1. Course marks I, D, 2s, 2p will be orange inflatable tetrahedrons. Finishing mark will be red inflatable buoy.

#### 14.2 DARLING MARK (D):

14.2.1 A MARK that is positioned in line with and between the windward MARK (I) and the Leeward Gate. The imaginary line between the MARK I and the DARLING MARK is considered part of the MARK.

14.2.2: It shall be left to port on both the upwind and the downwind legs.

14.2.2 The location of the Darling Mark or the failure of the Race Committee to set the Darling Mark shall not be ground for a boat to request redress. *(This changes RRS 62.1 (a))*

14.3 The Starting line marks will be the RC Signal vessel and a yellow inflatable tetrahedron.

14.4 The finishing marks will be a RC Vessel with a blue flag and a red buoy.

14.5 The RC will make every effort to set a gate to windward and to leeward; However, if a mark of a gate or the Darling Mark is absent, boats shall round the single mark to port.

### 15. THE START

15.1. The starting line will be between the staff displaying an orange flag on the RC Signal Vessel and the windward side of the pin starting mark.

15.2. To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed not less than three minutes before the warning signal is displayed.

15.3. A boat starting later than 4 minutes after the starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. *(This change rules A5.1 and A5.2.)*

15.4. [NP][DP] At the time of displaying the Orange Flag, competitors shall be positioned below the starting line and its extensions.

15.5 [SP][NP] RRS 23.1 is changed to apply from the Warning Signal for a Class.

### 16. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

16.1. There will be no change of course after a race has started.

### 17. THE FINISH, TIME LIMITS & TARGET TIMES

17.1. The finishing line will be between the staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee signal boat and the finishing mark.

17.2. [NP][DP] After finishing, competitors shall be positioned below the starting line and its extensions until the finish window for that race expires. *(This changes R55 28.1)*

17.3 The time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish a race will be 50 minutes after the start.

- 17.4 Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes, and not thereafter retiring, being penalized, or given redress, will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired, see Scoring). *(This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10)*
- 17.5 The time target for a race is 30 minutes. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. *(This changes rule 62.1(a).)*

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## 18. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 18.1 RRS 44.1 is changed as follows:  
A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while racing.
- 18.2 Unless the course is shortened to finish at the windward mark, penalties while in the zone of a gate may be delayed and taken as soon as possible. *(This changes RRS 44.2.)*

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## 19. HEARING REQUEST

- 19.1. Hearing request shall be filled and delivered within the appropriate time limit.
- 19.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the Race Committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later. The resulting time will be posted at the Official Notice Board Online *(This changes RRS 61.3)*
- 19.3. Notices will be posted on:  
[https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet\\_notice\\_board.php?regatta\\_id=25938&es=1](https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_notice_board.php?regatta_id=25938&es=1)  
no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
- 19.4. Within the protest time limit, the RC shall post on the Official Notice Board Online the boats that are disqualified or penalized under A5. A boat so notified may request for redress within 30 minutes after that posting.
- 19.5. Notices of protests by the Race Committee or Jury will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).
- 19.6. For infringements of rules other than those in RRS Part 2, the Jury may award a penalty of less than disqualification.

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## 20. SCORING

- 20.1. Twelve (12) races are scheduled. Three (3) races are required to constitute the Regatta.
- 20.1. The scoring will be as follows:
- When fewer than 7 races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores.
  - When from 7 to 12 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

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## 21. BERTHING

- 21.1. Boats shall be kept in the assigned places at the boat park.

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## 22. SAFETY REGULATIONS [NP][DP]

- 22.1 [NP][DP] RRS 40 and the preamble to Part 4 are changed as follows:
- 22.1.1 The first sentence of RRS 40.1 is deleted and replaced by: "Each competitor shall wear a USCG approved personal flotation device (PFD), or a personal flotation device that conforms to regulations of their own country, properly secured at all times while on the water except when temporarily adding or removing clothing."
- 22.1.2 Add to the preamble of Part 4, after 'racing': "...except rule 40.1 as amended by 22.1.1"
- 22.2. If a boat is NOT intending to race or retires from a race they must notify the Race Officer at the beginning of the day or, when they return to shore, as soon as possible.

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## 23. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT [DP]

- 23.1. Helm Substitution. Any change to the nominated helm entered for the event constitutes a new entry and will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.
- 23.2. [NP] Foil changes: A boat shall not change her rudder or daggerboard or the T-foils used on them while afloat. These changes may only be made while ashore.

- 23.3. Identification on Sails: Under exceptional circumstances, the Race Committee may permit a boat to use sails carrying a sail number other than that required by RRS Appendix G. Such permission shall be requested in writing at least two hours before racing with the sail. This changes rule 77 and Appendix G. All sail numbers shall be clearly visible to the race committee.

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## 24. PRIZES

- 24.1. Prizes will be awarded to the top 3 sailors for each class.  
24.2. The Organizing Authority will publish additional prizes (category, gender).

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## 25. MEDIA RIGHTS, CAMERAS, AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

- 25.1. By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant the Organizing Authority and their sponsors, the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time at their discretion, any motion pictures and live, taped, or filmed television and other reproductions of the athlete during the period of the competition without compensation.  
25.2. Boats may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment, or positioning equipment as specified by the Organizing Authority.  
25.3. The top three (3) competitors, as well as the individual race winners, may be required to attend a media press conference each day.  
25.4. Competitors may be required to be interviewed during the regatta.

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## 26. RISK STATEMENT

- 26.1. RRS 3 states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone." Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor and their responsible adult agrees and acknowledges that:
- a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event.
  - b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their property whether afloat or ashore.
  - c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions.
  - d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate.
  - e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities; The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practicably provided in the circumstances

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## 27. INSURANCE

- 27.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of €1,500,000 per incident or the equivalent.

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## 28. CLEAN REGATTA

- 28.1. The regatta is run accordingly to Sailors for the Sea standards of a "clean regatta".

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## 29. HOSPITALITY AND EARLY ARRIVAL

- 29.1. Boats, Trailers, and Cars will be hosted on the Yacht Club property.

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## 30. FURTHER INFORMATION

### REGATTA CHAIR

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