

2023 Spring Caterwaul Regatta
April 28 -30, 2023
St. Andrews Bay Yacht Club
Panama City, Florida USA
NOTICE OF RACE

Venue and Organizing Authority

The 2023 Spring Caterwaul Regatta (the "Caterwaul") will be held at the St. Andrews Bay Yacht Club, 218 Bunkers Cove Road, Panama City, Florida. The event racing dates are Saturday, April 29 through Sunday, April 30, 2023. Racing will take place on St. Andrews Bay. St. Andrews Bay Yacht Club, Inc. is the Organizing Authority.

1. Rules

- 1.1. This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), and subject to the current US Sailing Prescriptions except when noted herein and this event's Sailing Instructions per RRS 88.2.
- 1.2. The US Sailing Prescription to RRS 40 is deleted for this event and replaced with the following: A personal flotation device approved by the US Coast Guard must be worn at all times while afloat, except for brief periods while adjusting clothing.
- 1.3. The International individual competitors' Class Rules will apply, except as changed by this NOR or the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.4. RRS 44.1 and 44.2 are each changed so that a boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2. This event's Sailing Instructions may also change other racing rules.

2. Advertising & Video/Photographer's Rights

- 2.1. Advertising is not limited for the regatta as described in ISAF Regulation 20.
- 2.2. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority.
- 2.3. Competitors give rights and permission for video footage or photographs of themselves or their boat to be published in any media for press, editorial or advertising purposes.

3. Eligibility and Entry

- 3.1. The regatta shall be open to (i) all catamaran sailboats under 22 feet in length which have a current Basic Portsmouth Number (D-PN) assigned under the Portsmouth Yardstick handicap rating system as published by the United States Sailing Association ("USSA). Five or more boats within the same class shall constitute a separate class and shall be scored as a separate class for eligibility to race an A cat, the competitor must be a member in good standing of the applicable National A cat association.
- 3.2. Eligible racers may enter by paying the entry fee and completing and submitting the Official Registration and Entry Forms. The Official Registration and Entry Forms are available at www.regattanetwork.com. Online registration is required for this event. Payment of the entry fee may be submitted online or can be mailed or delivered to St. Andrews Bay Yacht Club, Attn: Caterwaul Regatta, 218 Bunkers Cove Road, Panama City, FL 32401. Competitors are not considered registered until all completed Official Registration and Entry forms and entry fees are submitted to the Organizing Authority.
- 3.3. Late entries may be accepted in the discretion of the Organizing Authority after explanation by the competitor of any extenuating circumstances to be considered.
- 3.4. By entering this event, the competitor attests to conforming to the competitor's Class Rules. The Organizing Authority may weigh, measure or inspect any boat and or her equipment and sails before, during or after the races.

4. Fees

- 4.1. Registration fees for this event are as follows: For a double-handed boat: If paid prior to April 21, 2023 - \$125 USD If paid on or after April 21, 2023 - \$150 USD. For a single-handed boat: If paid prior to April 21, 2023 - \$100 USD If paid on or after April 21, 2023- \$125 USD.
The single-handed boat entry fee includes one social pass for the regatta's social activities. The doublehanded boat entry fee includes two social passes for the regatta's social activities. Additional meal passes for family and guests will be available on-line at time of registration, or for purchase from regatta

organizers at check-in.

5. Schedule

5.1. The Final Racing Schedule. Social Calendar & Sailing Instructions will be available at check-in. All times given are Central Daylight Time.

5.2. The Tentative Racing and Social Schedule for the regatta is:

Friday, April 28:

Check-In 1300 to 1500.

Practice Race, First Warning 1530.

Welcome Reception (light snacks, cash bar) 1800 (StABYC Lounge).

Saturday, April 29:

Check-In 0800 to 0900

Skipper's Meeting 0930

First Warning 11:00, with back-to-back races scheduled.

Regatta Banquet Dinner 18:30 (Upstairs Ballroom or Dining Room - TBA).

Sunday, April 30:

First Warning 10:00, with back-to-back races scheduled.

No races started after 14:00.

After Racing Refreshments (on the lawn)

Awards Presentations as soon as possible following conclusion of racing.

6. Sailing Instructions

The Sailing Instructions will be available at on site Check-In.

7. Penalty System

RSS 44.1 and 44.2 are amended by substituting "one turn" for "two turns".

8. Scoring

8.1 Five or more boats within the same class shall constitute a separate class and shall be scored as a separate class. All boats which do not qualify to be scored as a separate class shall be scored together as an Open Fleet. Boats participating in the Open Fleet will be scored using the Portsmouth Yardstick handicapping system, Basic Portsmouth Number (D-PN) methodology. Portsmouth handicap ratings will be applied to a boat's times to determine the boat's finishes in the Open Fleet. The winner of the largest class shall be the Overall Winner of the Caterwaul Regatta.

8.2 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

8.3 As many races as practicable will be run. There is no maximum number of races. When fewer than six races have been completed; a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When six or more races have been completed; a boat's score will be the total of her races scores excluding her worst score.

9. Radio Communications

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.

10. Prizes

Trophies for each class will be based on pre-registration in each class.

11. Disclaimer of Liability

11.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. (See RRS 4, Decision to race). The Organizing Authority 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.

11.2. The safety of a boat and its crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the Skipper who must ensure that the boat is fully sound, thoroughly seaworthy, and manned by an experienced and physically able crew. Neither the establishment of regulations or inspection of a boat in any way limits or reduces the complete and unlimited responsibility of the Skipper.

11.3. St. Andrews Bay Yacht Club and their employees and volunteers do not accept responsibility for loss of life or injury to participants or others, or for the loss or damage to any vessel in any way or from any cause during or relating to this event.

11.4. The skipper shall be responsible for the conduct of his crew. In the event of a serious breach of conduct, the destruction of property or the failure to comply with a reasonable request of any Race Officer or Committee Member, the Skipper will be responsible for all damages and the boat may be subject to disqualification from the regatta.

12. RVs and Further Information

12.1 No tent camping will be allowed on the St. Andrews Bay Yacht Club grounds. Parking for RVs on the St. Andrews Bay Yacht Club grounds is available, space permitting, by confirmed advance reservation only, and shall be \$30/night. To request a confirmed reservation, please contact Jenny Davis (see contact information, below).

12.2 For further information please contact:

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