

AROUND EGMONT KEY CLASSIC REGATTA
BRADENTON YACHT CLUB
PALMETTO, FLORIDA
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2024
REVERSE HANDICAP EVENT

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES:

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The 2021-2024 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.
- 1.2 The US Sailing Prescriptions to RRS 63.2 and RRS 63.4 will not apply.
- 1.3 The current WFPHRF class rules will apply. This is a WFPHRF category 4 event.
- 1.4 This is a pursuit start event.
- 1.5 If there is a conflict between the Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions, RRS or WFPHRF, the Sailing Instructions shall take precedence. This changes RRS 63.7.

2. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY: The Bradenton Yacht Club is the organizing authority.

3. QUALIFYING SERIES: The race is a qualifying event for the SBYA Boat of the Year Series.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY:

- 4.1 The regatta is open to all boats with current WFPHRF ratings.
- 4.2 Eligible boats shall enter online at <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/27563> by completing the registration form, agreeing to the conditions of entry, and paying the entry fee.
- 4.3 Registration closes at 1200 on Friday, February 23, 2024.

5. ENTRY FEE: Non-refundable fee is \$50 and includes breakfast on Saturday and beer Saturday afternoon.

6. SCHEDULE:

Check-In	Friday, February 23, 2024 from 1630-1800
Skipper's Meeting	Friday, February 23, 2024 at 1800
Warning Signal	Saturday, February 24, 2024 at 955

Individual start times will be distributed before the end of the Skipper's Meeting and posted on the Official Notice Board.

Should the race be abandoned for any reason, it may be rescheduled for the following day. Any decision to reschedule will be posted on the Official Notice Board within 1 hour of the abandonment.

7. **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:** The sailing instructions will be available at the Skipper's Meeting and/or Online.
8. **VENUE:** The start shall be located in lower Tampa Bay in the vicinity of Manatee River Marker R2 and will go around Egmont Key and return. The course's rhumb line is approximately 21.2 nm in length.
9. **DIVISIONS:** Divisions will be determined based upon the organizing authority based upon the entries received.
10. **CRUISER CLASS CRUISING SPINNAKERS:** Cruiser Class boats are allowed to use a cruising spinnaker per Appendix E of the WFPHRF Class Rules. The cruising spinnaker must be declared by 1200 on February 23th by sending an email to rja265@aol.com.

11. PRIZES:

Prizes may be awarded to Bradenton Yacht Club following the protest time limit and any protest hearings that may be scheduled that day. If they are not, Bradenton Yacht Club will use other means to get them to the recipients.

1 to 2 boats	1 Award
3 boats	2 Awards
More than 3 boats	3 Awards

12. **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY:** 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.
13. **INSURANCE:** Each participation boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 per incident or the equivalent.
14. **BERTHING:** Dockage will be available at the Bradenton Yacht Club. Rafting may be required. Please contact the Dockmaster at 941-374-2310.
15. **FURTHER INFORMATION:** For further information please contact Bob Armstrong, 941-224-7991, rja265@aol.com.