

2024 Caterwaul Regatta

April 26 - 28, 2024

St. Andrews Bay Yacht Club

Panama City, Florida USA

NOTICE OF RACE

Venue and Organizing Authority

The 2024 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 Friday, April 26, 2024, through Sunday, April 28, 2024. 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 any "Eligible Competitor" (hereinafter defined) sailing an A Class Catamaran (A Cat).
- 3.2. Eligible Competitors 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 and online payment of the entry fee is required for this event. Payment of the entry fee shall be submitted at www.regattanetwork.com. Competitors are not considered registered unless they are an Eligible Competitor who has completed the Official Registration and Entry forms and paid the entry fees in accordance with this document.
- 3.3. Late entries may be accepted at 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.
- 3.5 Eligible Competitor
 - 3.5.1 As used herein, the term "Eligible Competitor" shall mean (a) a person who is a confirmed current member in good standing of the United States A-Class Catamaran Association (the USACA"), or (b) in the case of a person who is both (i) not a member of USACA and (ii) not a resident of the United States, then in such case Eligible Competitor means a person who is a confirmed current member in good standing of their country of residence's national A-Division Catamaran Association (a "National Association"), or (c) in the case of a person who is both (i) not a member of USACA and (ii) is a resident of a country which has no National Association recognized by the International A-Division Catamaran Association (the "IACA"), then in such case Eligible Competitor means a person who is a confirmed current member in good standing of IACA.
 - 3.5.2 The Organizing Authority will determine the eligibility of each person to participate in the event by confirming the status of a person's membership in USACA, the National Association or IACA, as applicable, with an officer of the applicable association, and the Organizing Authority shall be entitled to rely upon the information provided by such officer. The decision of the Organizing Authority as to the eligibility of a person to participate in this event shall be final and not subject to redress.

3.5.3 If a person who is not an Eligible Competitor submits an Official Registration and Entry Form, it will be deleted by the Organizing Authority, and thereafter the Organizing Authority, using the email address submitted in connection with such ineligible form, will notify such person that they are ineligible to register for this event.

4. Fees

4.1. Entry fees for this event are as follows: If paid prior to April 13, 2024 -\$125 USD; if paid on or after April 13, 2024-\$150 USD. The entry fee includes one social pass for the competitor to the regatta's social activities. A competitor who wishes to be accompanied by a guest or guests to the regatta's social activities shall purchase a social guest ticket for each guest. Social Guest tickets may be purchased online at www.regattanetwork.com, or may be purchased on site at the event. The price of a Social Guest ticket is as follows: If paid prior to April 13, 2024 - \$35 USD; if paid on or after April 13, 2024 - \$40 USD.

4.2 Refund Policy. To receive a refund less the Regatta Network fee charged to the Organizing Authority, all refund requests must be submitted via email to panamacityregatta@gmail.com no later than 12:01am CDT on April 13, 2024. No other refunds will be processed.

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 26, 2024:

Check-In 1300 to 1500.

Practice Race, First Warning 1530.

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

Saturday, April 27, 2024:

Check-In 0800 to 0900

Skipper's Meeting 0930, followed by brief safety meeting for RC

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

Regatta Banquet Dinner 18:30 (Sailing Center Lawn or TBA).

Sunday, April 28, 2024:

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

No races started after 14:00.

After Racing Refreshments (Sailing Center 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 All boats will be scored together to determine the overall winner of the regatta. In addition to being included in the overall scoring, every boat will be classified within one of two divisions: (i) Classic or (ii) Foiling, and iff there are five or more boats within the same division, boats in that division will be scored as a separate division.

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 division will be based on pre-registration in each division.

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 by emailing jenny@stabyc.com.

12.2. For further information, please contact:

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