



## American Cancer Society and Fiesta of Five Flags Regatta

Including the Pensacola Bay Championship #7 and PYC Championship #2

**April 20, 2024**

Hosted by: Pensacola Yacht Club

### NOTICE OF RACE

#### 1. RULES

- 1.1 This regatta shall be governed by rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 The race(s) will be sailed under the current Pensacola Bay General Sailing Instructions (PBGS) available online at: [2024 Pensacola Bay Sailing Instructions](#).
- 1.3 Supplemental Sailing Instructions, if used, will be available online no later than 1800 on April 19, 2024.

#### 2. ELIGIBILITY, ENTRY AND FEE

- 2.1 Open to all PHRF boats (racing) and ORR-EZ boats (cruising)
- 2.2 Online Registration to be found at [Regatta Network](#).
- 2.3 Boats not registered before 0930 on Saturday, April 20, are not eligible for entry into the regatta and will not be scored.
- 2.4 Entries must have a valid Rating Certificate for their class or accept a temporary, provisional rating as approved by the RC.
- 2.5 The fee for the event is \$45. The fee includes a \$15 tax deductible donation to the American Cancer Society. Thank you for your donation.
- 2.6 Additional donations to the American Cancer Society are encouraged and can be made at registration or by phone to PYC at (850) 433-8804 to adjust a boat's current handicap rating upward. An adjustment of three seconds will be made for each \$10 in additional donations. These adjustments will apply to scoring for awards. Each skipper is encouraged to ask their crewmembers to pitch in a little for this most worthy cause.

### **3. CLASSES**

- 3.1 Classes may include PHRF (racing) and ORR-EZ (cruising). Each class must 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 Race Committee (RC).

### **4 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS.**

- 4.1 Notices to Competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board (ONB) on the Blue Porch at Pensacola Yacht Club. Competitors may also 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 0830am 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 72. (This changes RRS Race Signals)

### **5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from a flagpole in the Pensacola Yacht Club 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. (This changes Class Rule C5.2 (3))
- 6.2 On the water, the Race Committee (RC) may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio channel 72.
- 6.3 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 the course, bearing and distance information before the warning signal, start times, starting infractions, and information important to racing. Failure of the transmission, failure of any boat to receive or properly interpret this information, or any errors or omissions on the part of the hailed messages shall not constitute grounds for granting redress. (This changes RRS 62.1(a))
- 6.5 Individual recalls and boats penalized under RRS 30.2 or RRS 30.3 may be broadcast on the designated VHF channel using bow/sail numbers. (This changes RRS 29.1, 30.2 and 30.3)
- 6.6 Failure of the RC to make any broadcast or to time it accurately will not be grounds for a request for redress. (This changes RRS 62.1(a))
- 6.7 The RC may broadcast any course changes over the designated VHF channel. Failure of a boat to hear such notification or failure to broadcast will not be grounds for redress. (This changes RRS 62.1(a))

## 7. SCHEDULE

April 20, Saturday:

0930 On-Line Registration Closes

1045 Competitors meeting at PYC Watson Sailing Center

1155 Warning signal for first race of the day

Awards - ASAP following the racing, awards will be given at PYC

Two races are scheduled for the racing fleet. One race may constitute a regatta for the racing fleet or any sub-classes of the racing fleet. One race will be scheduled for the cruising fleet.

## 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 may include triangle and/or windward/leeward with dropped marks (See the PBGSI for details.) for the racing fleet. Cruising fleet shall sail a government marks course using a signal boat line start and standard starting sequence (non-pursuit).

## 9 TIME LIMIT

9.1 The time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish a race will be 2.0 hours after her start for the racing fleet and 3.0 hours for the cruising fleet.

9.2 Boats failing to finish within 45 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).

## 10. PENALTY SYSTEM

10.1 The Scoring Penalty, Rule 44.3, will apply.

## 11. SCORING

11.1 The low-point scoring system of RRS Appendix A shall be used except there will be no discarded races. This changes RRS A2.

11.2 Scoring for the regatta will be based on adjusted PHRF (racing) and ORR-EZ (cruising) ratings.

11.3 A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for her finishing place 2 more than the points scored by the last boat that finished according to NOR 9.2.

11.4 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series for the regatta.

11.5 Scoring for the Pensacola Bay Championship Series #7 and PYC Championship Series #2 will be based on a boat's unadjusted handicap rating.

## 12. PRIZES

12.1 Prizes will be given for the regatta as follows:

5 or more boats in a division: 1st – 3rd place.

3-4 boats in a division: 1st place.

The Amanda Werner Trophy will be awarded to the overall regatta champion.

Trophy presentations will be at PYC ASAP following racing.

## 13. FURTHER INFORMATION

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