



Clearwater Yacht Club

NOTICE OF RACE CLEARWATER CHALLENGE 2014

This is a WFPHRF Gulf Boat of The Year Event

Hosted by Clearwater Yacht Club

November 1, 2014

1.0 **Rules**

1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in THE RACING RULES OF SAILING (RRS). West Florida PHRF (WFPHRF) Class Rules that may be found at www.westfloridaphrf.org

1.2 The organizing authority is the Clearwater Yacht Club.

2.0 **Eligibility**

2.1 Open to any boat that holds a current, valid WFPHRF rating certificate and meets WFPHRF Category 4 safety and crew limits.

2.2 All boats shall carry a workable VHF radio capable of receiving and transmitting on channels 16, 69 and 72, and receiving weather broadcasts.

3.0 **Entries and Fees**

3.1 Entries can be made online (preferred) at www.clwyc.org in the regattas tab under Clearwater Challenge 2014, or by printing and completing the Official Entry Form. Entries made using the Entry Form shall be accompanied by an EXACT COPY of a valid WFPHRF Rating Certificate for the registered boat, along with proof of current US Sailing membership (if applicable).

3.2 The fee for entries before October 24, 2014 is \$90.00. US Sailing members may deduct ten dollars (\$10) if proof of current membership accompanies the application. Entries made or received after 24:00 October 24, 2014 will be LATE entries subject to a late total entry fee of \$115.00.

3.3 Entry fee includes one polo shirt, Friday night Rum/Vodka party with entertainment, continental breakfast Saturday mornings, and a keg of beer Saturday after racing.

3.4 **ENTRY DEADLINE IS 1700 ON THURSDAY October 30, 2014.**

3.5 RATING INFORMATION: West Florida PHRF, at administrator@westfloridaphrf.org

4.0 **Sailing Instructions**

4.1 Sailing Instruction will be available at registration

5.0 **Classes and divisions**

5.1 Minimum of one (1) entry to make a class. If there are less than three (3) entries for any class, that class may race with another class.

5.2 Classes are Spinnaker, Non-Spinnaker, Racer/Cruiser, and Cruiser.

5.3 A further division of classes may be dictated by the number of entries received.

5.4 One-Design classes with five (5) or more entries received by October 14, 2014 will compete in the above classes, but will be scored separately.

5.5 **DIVISIONS WILL BE ASSIGNED BASED ON A COMBINATION OF RATING, DISPLACEMENT AND SAILING CHARACTERISTICS OF EACH BOAT. AN ATTEMPT WILL BE MADE TO FOLLOW BOAT OF THE YEAR DIVISION BREAKS.**

6.0 **Registration and Skippers Meeting**

6.1 **A REPRESENTATIVE OF A BOAT WHOSE ENTRY HAS BEEN ACCEPTED SHALL REGISTER** between 1730 and 1900 on Friday October 31, 2014 at the Clearwater Yacht Club Dry Dock (lower level). The Skippers meeting is at 1930 on Friday, October 31, 2014 at the Clearwater Yacht Club Dry Dock.

7.0 **Start**

7.1 The start for all classes will be in the Gulf of Mexico, Just North of Clearwater Pass, depending on weather conditions. The first warning signal will be at 0955 on Saturday November 1, 2014.

8.0 Courses

8.1 Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker classes will sail windward/leeward courses. All other classes will sail a distance course of set marks and as more fully described in the sailing instructions.

9.0 Not Used

10.0 Scoring

10.1 Three races are scheduled for the Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker classes. For all other classes, a total of one race is scheduled. One race must be completed to constitute a series.

10.2 Corrected times will be calculated based on the boat's WFPHRF rating as shown on the WFPHRF website on October 31, 2014 and the distance of the course sailed. Classes sailing on the windward/leeward course will use buoy rating; all others will use RLC rating.

11.0 Prizes

11.1 Trophies will be awarded to the first, second and third place winners in each class.

11.2 Trophies will be awarded to One-Design Classes with five (5) or more entries received by October 14, 2014.

11.3 The following Perpetual Trophies will be awarded but permanently housed at Clearwater Yacht Club:

CLEARWATER CUP: inscribed with the name of the Spinnaker Class winner.

ARTHUR B. JOHNSTON TROPHY: inscribed with the name of the Non-Spinnaker Class winner.

NAVIGATOR TROPHY: presented by Florida Council of Yacht Clubs to the navigator of the boat winning her division by the largest number of points over the second place boat in the same division. **THIS WILL BE SCORED ON POINTS! If only one race is sailed, this will be determined on corrected time.**

12.0 Rafting

12.1 Dockage is available starting Thursday October 30, 2014 at the Clearwater Yacht Club docks.

13.0 Use of Facilities

13.1 The Clearwater Yacht Club members and staff welcome the participants of Clearwater Challenge 2014 and every effort will be made to provide our guests with comfortable surroundings. Carpooling is encouraged. Parking on the Club premises is limited to CYC members. Provisions have been made to allow for pick-up and drop-off of regatta participants and gear at dockside.

13.2 All skippers and crew of registered yachts are eligible for Regatta Memberships for use at Clearwater Yacht Club during the regatta.

14.0 Safety

14.1 Competitors compete in this regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority, host clubs, sponsors, their associates and appointees 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.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT THE SIDE CHANNEL RUNNING NORTH FROM THE MAIN CHANNEL COMING IN CLEARWATER PASS IS SHOALING IN QUITE SEVERELY. IT IS RECOMMENDED TO ALLOW ADDITIONAL TIME AND TAKE THE MAIN CHANNEL EAST TO THE INTERCOASTAL WATERWAY, THEN NORTH AND THEN WEST BACK ALONG THE CLEARWATER CAUSEWAY AND BACK AROUND TO THE YACHT CLUB.