

Notice of Race

The 35th Annual Fall "Kick Off" Regatta at Bradenton Yacht Club
The organizing authority is The Bradenton Yacht Club, Palmetto, FL,
September 15, 16, and 17th 2017

1 Rules

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing including the West Florida PHRF (WFPHRF) class rules (PHRF Fleets only), and the one-design class rules (where applicable).

1.2 A one-design class may choose to waive enforcement of individual class rules, provided written notice of this intention is provided to the Organizing Authority prior to 1800 hours on Friday September 15, 2017.

2 Advertising

2.1 Competitors may be required to display easily-removable sponsor advertising on their boats.

3 Eligibility and Entry

3.1 The regatta is open to any mono-hull boat that holds a valid and current WFPHRF Certificate with a rating between -100 and 355 of the Spinnaker, Non-Spinnaker, Racer/Cruiser, or Cruising classes and that is self-righting, and has an enclosed cabin and self-bailing cockpit, to any Ocean Racing Multihull (with WFPHRF rating), and to any one-design boat that is safe to sail in the open waters of Tampa Bay meeting the eligibility requirements of its respective class.

3.2 Any class must have 4 or more entries. If there are not enough boats for a class, those boats will be placed in the appropriate alternate class. Decisions regarding the appropriate class in which to place such boats will be solely the responsibility of the organizing authority.

3.3 PHRF boats will meet WFPHRF Category 4 safety and crew requirements.

3.4 All boats shall display sail numbers being designated International, USA numbers, or Hull numbers. In the event two boats have the same number, the race committee may assign a suffix. Failure to display the suffix may result in disqualification. If a problem arises on the course with this suffix, the skipper must identify his boat when he/she crosses the finish line. Class designations and insignias do not constitute conforming sail numbers.

3.5 Eligible boats must enter **online by completing the Yacht Scoring entry form** at: <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=4384> with their current WFPHRF rating certificate or one-design measurement certificate in accordance with the following deadlines: PHRF Spinnaker, Non-Spinnaker, Multihull, Cruising Class, one design and Racer-Cruiser boats must enter **no later than 1800 hours on Thursday, September 14, 2017.**

3.6 One-design classes may choose to waive the requirement for measurement certificates at the discretion of the class, provided that written notice of this intention is provided to the Organizing Authority by 1800 hours on Friday, September 15, 2017.

3.7 Depending upon the number of entries, classes may be divided into two or more divisions. The final decisions for eligibility and class divisions shall be solely the responsibility of the Organizing Authority.

3.8 The boat must be owned by a member in good standing of a recognized yacht club, sailing club, or organization.

4 Fees

Registration Fees are \$95.00 through Sept 9th, after that Registration is \$105 and is payable at the time of registration. Includes one regatta T-shirt, complimentary breakfast for all crew Saturday and Sunday, free beer daily (while it lasts), Captain's bag, pool party with professional DJ on Saturday after races, and complimentary dockage Friday and Saturday nights.

5 Schedule of Events

5.1 Friday, September 15, 2017

Check-in: 1600 to 1830

Weigh-in (for one design classes opting to do so): 1600 to 1830

Competitors' Meeting and Reception: 1900

5.2 Saturday, September 16, 2017

First Warning Signal 1000 hours

Reception / Entertainment Poolside Party 1600

Dinner Poolside 1700 hours

5.3 Sunday, September 17, 2017

First Warning Signal 1000 hours

Awards Presentation 1500 hours (approximate)

6 Number of Races:

6.1 For the PHRF Spinnaker, Non-spinnaker, and Multihull Classes, up to three races are scheduled for Saturday, September 16, 2017, and up to two races are scheduled Sunday, September 17, 2017, weather permitting.

6.2 The Cruising Class and Racer/Cruiser class will have one race each day.

6.3 The One-design classes will race as many races as practical on each day.

6.4 There will be no additional starts for all classes after 1600 on Saturday and 1330 on Sunday.

7 Sailing Instructions

The sailing instructions will be available on Friday, September 15, 2017 at the check-in desk at 1600.

8 Venue

8.1 Landside activities will be at the Bradenton Yacht Club, 4307 Snead Island Rd., Palmetto, Florida.

8.2 The location of the race area will be in the Lower Tampa Bay.

9 Courses

9.1 The courses to be sailed will be contained in the Sailing Instructions.

9.2 Courses will consist of windward leeward or windward leeward triangle courses for PHRF Spinnaker, Non-Spinnaker, and Multi-Hull classes.

9.3 One-design classes will race windward leeward courses.

9.4 Cruising Class and Racer/Cruiser fleets will sail random leg courses.

10 Penalty Systems

10.1 For the Cruising Class, Racer-Cruiser, PHRF Spinnaker, PHRF Non-spinnaker, and Multihull fleets, the scoring penalty, RRS Rule 44.3 (a), (b), (c), will apply.

10.2 For One-design classes, rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

11 Scoring

11.1 The series will be scored using the Low Point system of Appendix A with all races counting. This modifies RRS A2.

11.2 One race shall constitute a series.

11.3 The WFPHRF RLC Rating will be used for Racer/Cruisers and Cruising Class. The Buoy rating will be used for Spinnaker, Non-Spinnaker and Multihull classes when a windward-leeward course is used and an RLC rating will be used if a windward-leeward-triangle course is used.

12 Berthing

12.1 Boats are to berth in the area assigned by the BYC Harbormaster when arriving for the regatta and returning after the race is completed.

12.2 Additional berthing is available for a fee at Snead Island Boat Works (941-722-4450) and Regatta Point Marina (941-729-6021).

Skippers should contact these marinas directly to make arrangements for dockage.

13 Haul-Out Restrictions

Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

14 Green Marina / Plastic Pools

Bradenton Yacht Club (BYC) is a Green Marina. Use of chemicals and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around keelboats at any time while berthed at BYC nor between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the regatta if berthed elsewhere. Discharge of black water, oil, fuel, or other contaminants is prohibited while berthed at BYC.

15 Radio Communications

Except in the event of an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats, except as modified by the Sailing Instructions. This restriction also applies to cellular telephones.

16 Prizes

Prizes will be given as follows. Classes will be divided into divisions according to the number of entries. First, Second, and Third place trophies will be given for each division.

17 Disclaimer of Liability

Disclaimer of Liability: Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. Neither the organizing authority nor the host organization, nor the sponsors will accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

18 For further information, please contact Douglas Peck, Regatta Chair, at 941-545-4405 or peckd@tampabay.rr.com