



Notice of Race

The 38th Annual Fall "Kick Off" Regatta at Bradenton Yacht Club

The organizing authority is The Bradenton Yacht Club, Palmetto, FL September 19th, 2020

1 Rules

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in current 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 18, 2020.

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 anyone-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 YachtScoring.com entry form** with their current

WFPHRF rating certificate or One-Design measurement certificate in accordance with the following deadlines: PHRF Spinnaker, Non-Spinnaker, Multihull, Cruising Class, Racer-Cruiser and One-Design boats must enter by the **deadline of 1800 hours on Thursday, September 17, 2020.**

3.6 Cruising spinnakers are permitted for the Cruising Class.

3.7 The Cruising Class shall declare their intent to use a Cruising spinnaker by 1800 Thursday, September 17, 2020. **3.8** 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 Thursday, September 17, 2020.

3.9 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.

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

4 Fees

4.1 Registration Fees are \$25.00 through Sept 17th, 2020 at 18:00. This year due to COVID-19, only trophies will be mailed to the respective winners.

5 Schedule of Events

5.1 Friday, September 18, 2020	ZOOM skipper meeting invitation will be sent to all entrants. Skippers ZOOM meeting: 1900 prompt.
5.2 Saturday, September 19, 2020	First Warning Signal 1300 hours

• Number of Races:

- For the PHRF Spinnaker, Non-spinnaker, and Multihull Classes, up to three races are scheduled for Saturday, September 19, 2020.
- The Cruising Class and Racer/Cruiser class may have two races on Saturday, September 19th, 2020.
- The One-design classes will race as many races as practical on Saturday, September 19th, 2020.
- There will be no additional starts for all classes after 1700 on Saturday.

• Sailing Instructions

7.1 The sailing instructions will be available on Yacht Scoring [YS] before but no later than Friday, September 18, 2020. They will be emailed to each participant that has completed the registration process and provided an email address on YS.

8 Venue

8.1 Due to COVID-19 restrictions there will be no landside activities allowed at the Bradenton Yacht Club.

8.2 The location of the race area will be in the Lower Tampa Bay, west of the Skyway. Spinnaker in the vicinity of # 70 and Cruiser's vicinity of # 2 [entrance to Manatee River]

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 RSA2.

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 Due to COVID-19 restrictions, rafting will not be allowed at the BYC wall. BYC will use as much wall space as possible as well as utilize empty berths to accommodate boats but the owner will have to make reservations with the BYC Dockmaster at 941-374-2310.

12.2 Additional berthing may be 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

13.1 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

14.1 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 are prohibited while berthed at BYC.

15 Communications

15.1 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.

15.2 The Official Bulletin will be Yacht Scoring. All competitors shall have a way to access Y.S. to receive all communications posted.

15.3 The Race Committee may use RRS 90.2[C] to make changes to NOR and /or SI's on the water.

16 Prizes

16.1 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

7.1 Disclaimer of liability: Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS4, 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 Frank Wendt at 941-538-8082 or wendtfm@outlook.com

Special Notice to Competitors in the 2020 BYC Kick-off Regatta

Due to the major changes to this year's Kick-off Regatta brought on by the current health regulations, I want to ensure all potential competitors read the NOR carefully. This is not an addendum to the NOR.

Here are a few highlights:

- This will be a one-day event. This is necessary as we cannot raft boats.

- Docking is limited due to health regulations that prevent rafting. If you would like to secure a berth please contact the BYC Dockmaster at 941-374-2310. They will be on a first come basis.
- When registering please make sure to include an email address. The ZOOM invitation for the skippers meeting as well as the final results will be sent to that address.
- This will be a no-frills regatta this year, hence the lowered entry fee.
- Trophy recipients will have the choice of picking their trophies up at BYC or have them mailed to the address they provide.

Sincerely,

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