

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS



MIDBAY BRIDGE REGATTA



April 15, 2023
Fort Walton Yacht Club
Fort Walton Beach, Florida

1. RULES

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).

2. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 2.1 The race committee will broadcast/monitor VHF channel 72.
- 2.2 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.

3. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 3.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the Smack Point flagpole.
- 3.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 5 minutes" in the Race Signals for AP.

4. SCHEDULE

- 4.1 One (1) race is scheduled.
- 4.2 Race Day Events:

Registration/Check-In	10:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Patio
Skippers Meeting	11:00 AM	Patio
First Warning	11:55 AM	
Awards Ceremony	TBD	Lounge

5. CLASS FLAGS

The class flags and starting order will be announced at the Skippers Meeting.

6. MARKS AND LINES

The starting/finishing marks and lines will be announced at the Skippers meeting.

7. THE START

- 7.1 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 7.2 In the event of individual recalls, the race committee will endeavor to hail offending boats. Failure to broadcast, broadcast in a timely manner, or be heard by the offending boats will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

8. CHANGE OF COURSE

There are no provisions to shorten the course or alter legs on the course.

9. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 9.1 There are no time limits for the race.
- 9.2 Boats failing to finish within two (2) hours after the first boat in her fleet sails the course and finishes will be scored *Did Not Finish* without a hearing. This changes RRS 36, A4, and A5.

10. HEARING REQUESTS

Hearing request forms are available on the bulletin board and must be filed within one (1) hour after the last boat finishes. The protest period time limit, and the times and locations of protest hearings will be posted on the FWYC bulletin board

11. SCORING

A boat that is on the course side at her start and does not return to start shall be penalized one (1) place for each five (5) seconds she is over without a hearing. This changes rule A4.2.

12. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 12.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- 12.2 If conditions should warrant, engines may be used briefly in the immediate vicinity of the bridge.
- 12.3 For courses that pass beneath the MidBay Bridge, boats shall pass within one (1) span of the center span.
- 12.4 Multihull competitors shall wear a personal flotation device. The "Y" flag will not be displayed. This changes RRS 40.1.