



NOTICE OF RACE

WetaFest

April 21-23, 2023
Hosted by Fort Walton Yacht Club
Fort Walton Beach, Florida



The organizing authority will be the Weta Class North American Association

This event is the final leg of the 2023 Florida Championship Series

1. RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)* and the *Weta Class North American (WCNA)* rules.

2. ADVERTISING

2.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

3.1 The regatta is open to all Weta Class Trimarans whose skippers are paid Weta Class members.

3.2 Eligible boats may enter by remitting the entry form together with the required fee.

3.3 Registration shall be completed electronically.

3.4 The online registration link is available at:

https://www.nextsailor.com/regatta/WetaFest_2023

3.5 There will be two classes of racing: single-handed and double-handed. Two valid entries will constitute a class.

4. FEES

4.1 Entry fees: Single-handed class \$175.00, Double-handed class \$225.00.

4.2 Fee includes Regatta Apparel (Swag), Friday Dinner & Keg, Sunday Burgers & Dogs after racing.

4.3 Extra social tickets are available for \$30 per person.

4.4 Brown-bag lunches are available for purchase each day, \$7 per person.

5. SCHEDULE

5.1 Eleven (11) races are planned. Scheduled events:

Friday, April 21

1100 Skipper's Meeting

1155 First Warning

1700 Panel Discussion, Back Porch

Saturday, April 22
1100 Skipper's Meeting
1155 First Warning
1700 Panel Discussion Back Porch

Sunday, April 23
1000 Skipper's Meeting
1055 First Warning
No Races will be started after 1400
1600 Awards Ceremony, Back Porch, Burgers and Hot Dogs

6. VHF RADIOS

- 6.1 The Race Committee may use VHF radios to inform competitors of safety information and to hail boats that are on-course side of the starting line (OCS) at the start and general information to assist in the management of the event. No transmissions will be allowed by any competitor while on the water.

7. MEASUREMENTS

- 7.1 Sail measurements and boat weighing will not be conducted at FWYC.
7.2 Measurements required by class rules shall be the responsibility of the WCNA Association.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 8.1 The sailing instructions will be available electronically via the race website. Copies will be available at the regatta headquarters.

9. VENUE

- 9.1 Regatta headquarters will be the FWYC, 180 Ferry Road NE, Fort Walton Beach, Florida 32548.

10. THE COURSES

- 10.1 The racing area will be east of FWYC on the waters of the Choctawhatchee Bay.

11. PENALTY AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT

- 11.1 Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

12. SCORING

- 12.1 The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply.
12.2 Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a regatta.

13. PRIZES

- 13.1 Prizes will be awarded to the top three boats in each fleet and first overall.
13.2 The WCNA will present the Florida Championship Series awards.

14. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

14.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS Rule 4, Decision to Race. The Weta North America Class Association and the Fort Walton Yacht Club will not accept any responsibility for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

15. FURTHER INFORMATION

15.1 Directions and club amenity information can be found online or by contacting the club office.

15.2 Camping is limited to tents at the point. NO RVs.

15.3 Boats and Trailers may be stored at the FWYC one week prior to and one week after the event. Please Contact the Fleet Captain to coordinate this effort with our Dry Storage Manager.

15.4 Contacts:

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