



NOTICE OF RACE

2026 CHOCTAWHATCHEE BAY CHALLENGE CUP



October 3, 2026
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. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions (SIs) will be available electronically online at the official noticeboard.

3. COMMUNICATION

3.1. The official notice board is located at

<https://nextsailor.com/regatta/2026CBCC>

3.2. On the water, the race committee may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The VHF channel will be defined in the SIs.

4. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

4.1. The race is open to all boats with an EZ Racing Rule rating.

4.2. Eligible boats may register electronically at

<https://nextsailor.com/regatta/2026CBCC>

5. FEES

The entry fee is \$20 per boat.

6. CLASSES

6.1. All boats will compete as a single fleet.

6.2. At least three boats from each club must compete to constitute a team.

7. SCHEDULE

7.1. A total of three (3) races may be attempted.

7.2. Events:

Friday, October 2	5:00 PM	Late Registration at Fort Walton Yacht Club
	6:00 PM	Skipper's meeting
Saturday, October 3	11:55 AM	First Warning
	ASAP	Awards following the last race (Lounge)

8. COURSES

8.1. The racing area will be located on the waters of the Choctawhatchee Bay. The courses will be Windward/Leeward with dropped marks, or Random Leg course(s), or a combination of both.

8.2. The exact courses will be defined in the SIs.

9. PENALTY SYSTEM

Any changes to RRS 44.1 will be outlined in the SIs.

10. SCORING

- 10.1. The Low Point System of Appendix A of the RRS will apply.
- 10.2. One race is required to be completed to constitute a regatta.
- 10.3. Scoring will be by club team with team size determined by the club with the fewer number of boats.
- 10.4. RRS A2 is changed so that a team series score shall be the total of her individual boat scores.

11. PRIZES

- 11.1. The winning club team will be awarded the Bay Challenge Trophy

12. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 12.1. RRS 3 States the following: ‘The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.’ By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform, and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury.

13. BERTHING

- 13.1. The Fort Walton Yacht Club dock space has been coordinated to make room for CBCC racing boats to occupy from Friday afternoon to Saturday evening.
- 13.2. Please contact the Office for reservations, local knowledge, and arrangements to dock, anchor, or provide a launch for transport.

14. FURTHER INFORMATION

FWYC nextSailor website <https://nextsailor.com/regatta/2026CBCC>
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