

2024 Weta North American Championship

Notice of Race



November 7-10, 2024
Fort Walton Yacht Club
Fort Walton Beach, Florida



1. RULES

- a. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) and the *Weta Class North America* (WCNA) Class Rules.
- a. The Prescriptions of US Sailing will apply except for RRS 63.1 and 63.2.
- b. Weta Class North America (WCNA), in conjunction with Fort Walton Yacht Club (FWYC), will be the organizing authority.

2. ADVERTISING

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

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- a. The regatta is open to all skippers who are paid WCNA Full members. Weta Class North America can be joined at www.wetanorthamerica.com/joinwcna
- b. Competitors who charter or borrow a Weta for this regatta may join WCNA as an Associate Member.
- c. Eligible boats may enter online via NextSailor at: <https://www.nextsailor.com/app/page/regatta/753>
- d. To be considered an "entrant" in this event, competitors shall complete all registration requirements, including proof of insurance, and pay all fees by the end of the check-in period at 1800 on Thursday, November 7, 2024.
- e. There will be two Divisions of racing: **Single-Handed and Double-Handed**. Three (3) valid entries will constitute a Division.

4. FEES

- a. Entry fees are as follows:
Single-Handed Division - \$185 - Double-Handed Division - \$235
- b. After midnight, October 24, 2024, a late registration fee of \$50 additional applies to both divisions.
- c. Registration fee includes for each boat:
 - i. Regatta shirt for each competitor (short sleeve)
 - ii. Friday night dinner for all competitors
 - iii. Saturday night lasagna dinner for all competitors
 - iv. Continental breakfast on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday for all competitors
 - v. Beer for all competitors (until we run out)
 - vi. Sunday burger lunch
- d. Additional items available for purchase on NextSailor before midnight on October 24th, 2024:
 - i. Additional regatta short sleeve T-shirts - \$25
 - ii. The non-competitor social pass includes meals for \$50

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5. SCHEDULE

- a. Eleven (11) races are scheduled to be sailed, up to four (4) daily races daily.

- b. **Schedule of Events**

Thursday, November 7

Arrive at Club and Rig

1600-1800 Skipper Check-In (No onsite registration)

Friday, November 8

0730-0900 Continental Breakfast for all competitors

1000 Competitor's meeting

1100 First Warning Signal

1800-2000 Dinner on FWYC front porch (guest tickets available)

Saturday, November 9

0730-0900 Continental Breakfast for all competitors

1000 First Warning Signal

1700 Social on FWYC front porch

1800 Lasagna dinner on FWYC front porch (guest tickets available)

Sunday, November 10

0730-0900 Continental Breakfast for all competitors

1000 First Warning

1400 No warning signal will be made after this time, except if due to a General Recall.

Awards will follow as soon as possible after racing. FWYC's world-famous **Grab & Go** burger burn will be available after racing (guest tickets available)

6. MEASUREMENT

- a. Sail measurements and boat weighing will NOT be conducted at this event. However, an assigned class officer could conduct spot checks for WCNA One-Design Rules compliance. Measurement and equipment compliance required by the *WCNA One-Design Rules* shall be the responsibility of competitors.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- a. Sailing instructions will only be available online and at registration.

8. VENUE

- a. Regatta headquarters will be the FWYC, 180 Ferry Road NE, Fort Walton Beach, Florida 32548.
- b. The racing area will be in navigable waters surrounding FWYC.

9. COURSES

- a. The courses will be further described in the Sailing Instructions.

10. PENALTY SYSTEM

- a. The first sentence to RRS 44.1 is changed to: "A boat may take a **One-Turn Penalty** when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 in an incident while racing." The One-Turn Penalty also applies to a rule broken while in the zone.

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11. SCORING

- a. Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a regatta.
- b. The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply.
- c. When six (6) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score. This modifies RRS Appendix A2.1.

12. COMMUNICATIONS

- a. The official Notice Board will be inside the glass in the Castaway Room.
- b. Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications unavailable to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.
- c. The race committee will make announcements to competitors via VHF radio.
- d. All boats are strongly encouraged to carry a VHF radio.

13. PRIZES

- a. Prizes will be awarded to the top boats in each Single-Handed and Double-Handed division.
- b. The number of prizes will be based on the number of registrants as of **October 24, 2024**.
- c. The number of awards in each Division is determined as follows:
 - (1-3) 1 trophy
 - (4-6) 2 trophies
 - (7-13) 3 trophies
 - (14-18) 4 trophies
 - (19+) 5 trophies

14. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY AND INSURANCE

- a. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS Rule 3, Decision to Race. FWYC and WCNA will not accept any responsibility for material damage, personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with, before, during, or after the regatta.
- b. Competitors acknowledge that sailing involves potential risks. As a condition of their participation in this regatta, competitors release all claims they may have against FWYC and WCNA and its officers, directors, members, committees, employees, and race officials for damage to property, personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or before, during or after the regatta. Competitors shall be responsible for damage or injury caused by their breach of The Racing Rules of Sailing or applicable governmental rules for the avoidance of collision.
- c. Each competitor shall present proof of insurance at registration/check-in, and the insurance shall have third-party liability coverage of a minimum of \$100,000 per event.

15. MEDIA RIGHTS

- a. By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the Fort Walton Yacht Club, including US Sailing, and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio, and video recording, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.

16. CHARTERS

- a. Please contact Rick Upson at 954-579-1289, rick@rickssmallsailboats.com, or Hardy Peters at 252-489-3492, hardy@eastcoastsailboats.com for charter boat availability.

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17. FURTHER INFORMATION

- a. Launching of boats will be by dolly.
- b. Directions and club amenity information can be found online or by contacting the club office.
- c. Camping is limited to tents at the point.
- d. Limited space for RVs. Must RSVP. Utility hookups are not guaranteed.
- e. Boats and Trailers may be stored at the FWYC one week before and one week after the event.
- f. Please Contact the Fleet Captain to coordinate this effort with our Dry Storage Manager.

18. CLASS CONTACTS AND INFORMATION

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| a. FWYC Front Office | office@fwyc.org | 850-243-7102 |
| b. Fleet Captain – John D. Farris | fleetcaptain@fwyc.org | 850-305-9653 |
| c. Weta Class – Richard Kiczek | richard.a.kiczek@gmail.com | 850-797-7390 |