

# SAILING INSTRUCTIONS



## MIDBAY BRIDGE REGATTA



April 12, 2025  
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

The race committee will broadcast/monitor VHF channel 72.

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

Signals made ashore will be displayed at the Smack Point flagpole.

When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 5 minutes" in the Race Signals for AP.

### 4. SCHEDULE

Race Day Events:

Registration/Check-In	10:30 AM – 11:00 AM	Patio
Skippers Meeting	11:00 AM	Patio
First Warning	11:55 AM	
Awards	ASAP after sailing	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

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. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

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.

### 9. 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

### 10. 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.

### 11. SAFETY REGULATIONS

If conditions should warrant, engines may be used briefly in the immediate vicinity of the bridge.

For courses that pass beneath the MidBay Bridge, boats shall pass within one (1) span of the center span.

Multihull competitors shall wear a personal flotation device. The "Y" flag will not be displayed. This changes RRS 40.1.