



# BLUEWATER BAY SAILING CLUB



## NOTICE OF RACE

### 2025 BBSC Blue Nose Race Saturday, January 25th

#### 1. RULES & SCORING

1.1. The regatta will be governed by *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).

1.2. Prior to start, each boat will be:

1.2.1. Safely anchored, engine OFF, sails DOWN, all crew below decks, hull numbers displayed (as required), current registration and/or documentation onboard. At the start signal the following will happen:

1.2.1.1. Crew emerges from below-decks wearing PFDs.

1.2.1.2. Start engines, or raise sails, or both, and break anchor.

1.2.1.3. Proceed to the starting line and safely do the following:

1.2.1.3.1. Boats with a wheel start the race using the emergency tiller.

1.2.1.3.2. Display a Type IV PFD to the race committee.

1.2.1.3.3. Display a serviceable fire extinguisher to the race committee.

1.2.1.3.4. Demo the boat's sound producing device.

1.2.1.3.5. Show that you have a valid and unexpired day signal (Distress Flag, Smoke, or Day/Night Flares).

1.2.1.3.6. STYLE POINTS: Safely deploy (fire) an expired smoke or day/night flare.

NOTE: Lighting, or launching smoke or a flare is optional, but highly encouraged if you've never done it. Use gloves. Race committee has already coordinated with the USCG, Florida Fish & Wildlife, and local authorities to let them know about our safety exercise and expect an advisory call on channel 16 from the race committee prior to the race.

1.2.2. After starting, safely stow emergency gear as conditions permit.

1.3. Boats with a wheel will use the emergency tiller at some point during the race.

1.4. Every boat shall practice a man overboard drill during the race using a floating object (not a real person).

#### 2. COMMUNICATION

2.1. This Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions, and notices to competitors will be available upon release electronically online at the official noticeboard at:

<https://nextsailor.com/regatta/2025BN> (QR Code above) and also posted in hardcopy on the BBSC corkboard in LJ Schooner's Oyster Bar (in the big-screen TV area).

#### 3. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

3.1. The race is open to all boats. The Fleet Captain will assign you a rating if your boat does not have one.

3.2. Register for the race electronically at the link in 2.1 (above), or in-person prior to the competitor's meeting.



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3.3. Fees: The entry fee is \$10 per boat for this race, or one-time \$200 for the 2025 season.

## 4. CLASSES

4.1. One Class, X-Class

4.1.1. X-Class will use a back-calculated rating based on prior performance in BBSC events. Contact the Fleet Captain (info below) for details.

## 5. SCHEDULE

5.1. Saturday:

9:00 AM	In Person Registration @ L.J. Schooner's Pavilion
10:00 AM	Competitor's Meeting
11:55 AM	First Warning
4:00 PM	Results & Awards @ Schooner's inside big-screen room.

## 6. COURSE

6.1. The race will be a random leg course on the waters of the Choctawhatchee Bay & connecting bayou(s).

## 7. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

7.1. 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 each skipper is responsible for the safety of his/her vessel and crew.

## 8. FURTHER INFORMATION

8.1. Race page on nextSailor: <https://nextsailor.com/regatta/2025BN>

\*\*\*Or scan the QR Code at the top of the page\*\*

8.2. Dockage for visiting boats, or shuttle back/forth from anchor: Coordinate with the BBSC Fleet Captain at [PHRF-Fleet-Captain@bbsc.com](mailto:PHRF-Fleet-Captain@bbsc.com) or call/text (702) 686-9042

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