



BLUEWATER BAY SAILING CLUB



NOTICE OF RACE

2026 BBSC Blue Nose Race **Saturday, March 7th**

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 in the following configuration:
 - 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. Display a Type IV PFD to the race committee.
 - 1.2.1.3.2. Display a serviceable fire extinguisher to the race committee.
 - 1.2.1.3.3. Demo the boat's sound producing device.
 - 1.2.1.3.4. Show that you have a valid and unexpired day signal (Distress Flag, Smoke, or Day/Night Flares).
 - 1.2.1.3.5. 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/1116> (QR Code above)

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.
- 3.3. Fees: The entry fee is \$10 per boat for this race, or one-time \$200 for the 2026 season.



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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	In Person Registration @ L.J. Schooner's Pavilion
10:00	Competitor's Meeting
11:55	First Warning
16:00	Results & Awards @ Schooner's Fantail.

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/1116>

8.2. Dockage for visiting boats, or shuttle back/forth from anchor: Coordinate with the BBSC Fleet Captain jsiberski@gmail.com, or call/text (702) 686-9042

9. REVISIONS: 1