



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2023 Choctawhatchee Bay Challenge Cup

Saturday, 30 September 2023

1. RULES & SCORING

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).

2. COMMUNICATION

- 2.1. The official notice board for NoRs, SIs and NoSs is online at <https://nextsailor.com/regatta/2023CBCC> (also the QR code at the top)
- 2.2. Racing communications will also be posted “hardcopy” on the BBSC corkboard in the side room of L.J. Schooner’s Bar & Grill.
- 2.3. The competitor’s meeting will be in-person at the Bluewater Bay Marina per the schedule written in 6. (below).
- 2.4. Changes to the sailing instructions will be posted as soon as they take effect. Changes made at the skipper’s meeting will be posted following the skipper’s meeting.

3. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 3.1. The race is open to all PHRF rated boats.
- 3.2. Eligible boats may register electronically at [nextSailor.com](https://nextsailor.com), at the links above in 2.1.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the end of the elevated dock that extends westward from the beach-area of the Bluewater Bay Marina Complex.
- 4.2. When flag ‘AP’ is displayed ashore, “1 minute” is replaced with, “not less than 30 minutes” for RRS race signals regarding “AP.”

5. CLASSES

- 5.1. All boats will compete as a single fleet.
- 5.2. At least three boats from each club must compete to constitute a team.
- 5.3. The Class Flag will be described at the competitor’s meeting.

6. SCHEDULE

- 6.1. Friday, September 29th
 - 5:00 PM: Registration & Waivers @ L.J. Schooner’s Pavilion
 - 6:00 PM Competitor’s meeting
- 6.2. Saturday, September 30th
 - 11:55 AM: First Warning
 - Awards ASAP following the race @ L.J. Schooner’s Pavilion



7. CHECK IN

- 7.1. Attendance & participation in the competitor's meeting will constitute as "checked in." Any significant changes of registration information shall be communicated to the race-committee prior to the first warning signal as an "amended check in."

8. RACECOURSE

- 8.1. The racing area will be located on the waters of the Choctawhatchee Bay in the area south of Rocky Bayou, and Boggy Bayou.
- 8.2. The courses will be windward/leeward with dropped marks as depicted in Attachment A.
- 8.3. The RC shall display the course to be sailed no later than the warning signal.

9. MARKS

- 9.1. Mark 1 (Windward Mark) will be an orange tetrahedron.
- 9.2. Mark 1a (offset) will be an orange ball.
- 9.3. Mark 2 (Leeward Mark) will be an orange tetrahedron.

10. THE START

- 10.1. The races will be started in accordance with RRS 26.
- 10.2. The starting line will be between the staff with orange flag on the RC boat and Mark 2.
- 10.3. If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line before her starting signal and she is identified, the RC may broadcast her sail number on the pre-briefed VHF radio channel. The failure of any boat to hear the hail, untimeliness of the hail, the order of hail, or failure to hail all or some boats shall not be grounds for redress. This modifies RRS 62.1(a).

11. THE FINISH (for X-Class)

- 11.1. The finishing line will be between the staff with orange flag on the RC boat and Mark 2.

12. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 12.1. RRS 44.1 is changed such that a Two-Turn Penalty is replaced by One-turn penalty for Part 2 and Rule 31 violations, except two turns when in the zone around a mark.

13. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 13.1. Protest forms are available from the race committee (as conditions and situation permits), and from the Fleet Captain.
- 13.2. Protests, request for redress, and request for reopening shall be delivered to the Race committee or Fleet Captain within the posted protest time limit.
- 13.3. The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the Race Committee signal boat has returned and the RC has returned.
- 13.4. Persons will be notified, and notices will be posted no later than 20 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.



14. SCORING

- 14.1. The Low Point System of Appendix A of the RRS will apply.
- 14.2. One race is required to be completed to constitute a regatta.
- 14.3. Scoring will be by club team, with team size determined by the club with the fewer number of boats.
- 14.4. RRS A2 is changed so that a team series score shall be the total of her individual boat scores.
- 14.5. The same individual boats will be used for the Bay Challenge Trophy Scoring. Boats will not be interchanged.
- 14.6. No score shall be excluded.

15. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 15.1. A boat retiring from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

16. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 16.1. The RC will transmit and receive with competitors on VHF channel 72.

17. PRIZES

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

18. BERTHING

- 18.1. The Bluewater Bay Marina has cleared space for visiting competitors from Friday afternoon to Saturday evening.
- 18.2. Up to 7-foot draft boats can navigate the BWB channel under motor and continue to the T-Dock depending on rise/fall of the Bayou.
- 18.3. Crews & Boats will be available to move crew back/forth from anchorage to the awards.
- 18.4. Contact the BBSC Fleet Captain for reservations, local knowledge of depth, anchorage areas, and transport from anchorage.

19. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 19.1. 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 his/her vessel and crew.

20. FURTHER INFORMATION

- nextSailor website: <https://nextsailor.com/regatta/2023CBCC> (Or QR Code at the top)
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