



## NOTICE OF RACE

# WetaFest



April 16-18, 2021, **Version 1.1**  
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Hosted by Fort Walton Yacht Club  
Fort Walton Beach, Florida

The organizing authority will be the Weta Class North American Association

This event is the final leg of the 2021 Florida Championship Series

## **DUE TO COVID-19, THIS REGATTA MAY BE CANCELLED OR POSTPONED**

(See Section 15 for Policies and Procedures)

### **1. RULES**

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) for 2021 -2024* and the *Weta Class North American (WCNA)* rules.

### **2. ADVERTISING**

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

### **3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

3.1 The regatta is open to all Weta Class Trimarans whose skippers are paid Weta Class members.

3.2 Eligible boats may enter by remitting the entry form together with the required fee.

3.3 Registration shall be completed electronically.

3.4 The online registration link is available at:

<https://www.nextsailor.com/regatta/WetaFest2021>

3.5 There will be two classes of racing: single-handed and double-handed. Two valid entries will constitute a class.

### **4. FEES**

4.1 Entry fees are as follows: Single-handed class - \$175.00, Double-handed class - \$225.00.

4.2 Fee includes Regatta Apparel (Swag), Friday Dinner & Keg, Sunday Burgers & Dogs after racing.

4.3 Extra social tickets are available for \$30 per person.

4.4 Brown-bag lunches are available for purchase each day, \$7 per person.

### **5. SCHEDULE**

5.1 Eleven (11) races are planned.

5.2 Scheduled events:

Friday, April 16

1100 Virtual Skipper's Meeting (VHF Channel 72)

1155 First Warning

1700 Panel Discussion, Back Porch, ~~Low Country Boil~~ / Respect Social Distancing

Saturday, April 17

1100 Virtual Skipper's Meeting (VHF Channel 72)

1155 First Warning

1700 Panel Discussion ~~Back Porch FWYC Gazebo~~, Low Country Boil / Respect Social Distancing

~~Note, The FWYC is hosting a member wedding in the afternoon and evening. The event will be in the clubhouse and back porch area of the club.~~

Sunday, April 18

1000 Virtual Skipper's Meeting (VHF Channel 72)

1055 First Warning

No Races will be started after 1400

1600 Awards Ceremony, Back Porch, Burgers and Hot Dogs, Respect Social Distancing

## 6. VHF RADIOS

6.1 The Race Committee may use VHF radios to inform competitors of safety information and to hail boats that are on-course side of the starting line (OCS) at the start and general information to assist in the management of the event. No transmissions will be allowed by any competitor while on the water.

## 7. MEASUREMENTS

7.1 Sail measurements and boat weighing will not be conducted at FWYC.

7.2 Measurements required by class rules shall be the responsibility of the WCNA Association.

## 8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

8.1 The sailing instructions will be available electronically via the race website. Copies will be available at the regatta headquarters.

## 9. VENUE

9.1 Regatta headquarters will be the FWYC, 180 Ferry Road NE, Fort Walton Beach, Florida 32548.

## 10. THE COURSES

10.1 The racing area will be east of FWYC on the waters of the Choctawhatchee Bay.

## 11. PENALTY AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT

11.1 Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

## 12. SCORING

12.1 The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply.

12.2 Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a regatta.

### **13. PRIZES**

13.1 Prizes will be awarded to the top three boats in each fleet and first overall.

13.2 The WCNA will present the Florida Championship Series awards.

### **14. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

14.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS Rule 4, Decision to Race. The Weta North America Class Association and the Fort Walton Yacht Club will not accept any responsibility for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

### **15. COVID 19 POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

15.1 Due to COVID-19, this Regatta may be cancelled or postponed.

15.2 All participants (skipper and crew) are required to sign and return the FWYC Event Waiver before the first race of the Regatta. Failure to do so will result in being disqualified from the Regatta. The Waiver can be found on The regatta website, or at: <http://fwyc.org/files/waiver/FWYCEventWaiver.pdf>

15.3 The Waiver can be filled out electronically, or by printing and signing. Please return the completed Waiver to:

[fleetcaptain@fwyc.org](mailto:fleetcaptain@fwyc.org)

15.4 The FWYC will be adhering to Federal, Local, and State Requirements with respect to COVID-19 restrictions and guidelines.

15.5 All FWYC policies for social distancing, masks, and occupancy within buildings shall be adhered to by all regatta participants and travelers.

15.6 Competitors are not required to attend any social activities offered. The skippers meeting will be virtual via VHF radio to prevent unnecessary contact.

### **16. FURTHER INFORMATION**

16.1 Directions and club amenity information can be found online or by contacting the club office.

16.2 Camping and RV

- Due to ongoing repairs from Hurricane Sally, camping and RV space may be limited. Please contact the Fleet Captain for availability. A small fee may be imposed for electrical hook up if available.

16.3 Boat storage

- Boats and Trailers may be stored at the FWYC 1 week prior to and 1 week after the event. Please Contact the Fleet Captain to coordinate this effort with our Dry Storage Manager.

16.4 Contacts:

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| FWYC Front Office         | <a href="mailto:office@fwyc.org">office@fwyc.org</a>             | 850-243-7102 |
| Fleet Captain –Rob Brown  | <a href="mailto:fleetcaptain@fwyc.org">fleetcaptain@fwyc.org</a> | 850-420-7451 |
| Weta Class – Bob Hodges   | <a href="mailto:bobh@tecengr.com">bobh@tecengr.com</a>           | 504-451-4739 |
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- Updated Schedule to move Friday Evening Meal to Saturday.
- All events now occur on back porch
- Wedding has been canceled.

Other notes to competitors, not specifically documented:

- Fort Walton yacht Club is open 100% for Operation as of 04/13/21.
- Masks are not required for Members and Guests.
- Masks are encouraged and not discouraged.
- Please continue to monitor your own health and be respectful of others.