



2026 RS Aero Midwinter Regatta

The Organizing Authority is
Fort Walton Yacht Club (FWYC)



March 27–29, 2026
Fort Walton Yacht Club (FWYC)
180 Ferry Road
Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548

Notice of Race

Posted October 31, 2025

1. RULES

- 1.1 Races will be governed by *The Racing Rules of Sailing* and the *RS Aero Class Rules*, available at <https://www.rsaerosailing.org/index.asp?p=documents>.
- 1.2 RRS 40.1 applies. “Each competitor shall wear a personal flotation device except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment.” Flag Y will not be displayed.
- 1.3 The US Sailing Prescriptions in the Preamble to Part 5, Section B, and RRS 63.1(b) are deleted.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available at Registration after 16:00 on 3/26/2026.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The official notice board is located at the window on the back porch.
- 3.2 WhatsApp will be used for courtesy notifications (see QR code below).

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the RS Aero Class whose skippers are current members of the North American RS Aero Association or their equivalent national Class Association. Non-members can join online at <https://www.rsaerosailing.org/index.asp?p=membership>.
- 4.2 Subclasses will be established based on the number of entries in each rig size. A minimum of four (4) entries is required to constitute a subclass. **Rig sizes must be declared no later than February 27, and no changes will be permitted within thirty (30) days of the start of the regatta.**
- 4.3 Registration will be done online at <https://nextsailor.com/regatta/2026RsAeroMidwinters>.
- 4.4 The deadline is 3/26/2026
- 4.5 If a fleet has fewer than five boats entered, it may be started with another fleet.

5. FEES

- 5.1 The entry fee is \$125 and includes a shirt and a meal ticket. Extra shirts and meal tickets may be purchased at registration.
- 5.2 Entries received after 3/19/2026 will be charged an additional \$25. Entries will close at 1800 on Thursday, 3/26/2026.

6. ADVERTISING

Advertising shall be permitted in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20.

7. SCHEDULE (Eight races are scheduled)

Thursday, March 26

1200 Clinic(s) and/or coaching.
1600-1800 Registration

Friday, March 27

1000 Competitors briefing
1155 First Warning Signal; Three (3) races are scheduled.

Saturday, March 28

1025 First Warning Signal; Three (3) races are scheduled.
1700-until After Race food and drink.

Sunday, March 29

1025 First Warning Signal; Two (2) races are scheduled but three (3) races could be run if fewer than three were completed on a previous day.
1500 No race to start after. Awards ASAP after racing.

8. CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

8.1 All boats and sails shall comply with current RS Aero Class Rules. Spot checks by the measurement committee may be performed on any boat at any time during the event.

9. RACING AREA

9.1 The racing area will be in Choctawhatchee Bay.

10. SCORING

10.1 Each boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score, except that no scores will be excluded if fewer than six (6) races are completed. This changes RRS A2.1.

10.2 One (1) race shall constitute a series.

10. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

All support and coach boats must be capable of communicating with the Race Committee on VHF channels 16, 68, 69, 71, and 72. They shall respond to any Race Committee requests for assistance in providing rescue and safety for competitors.

11. RISK STATEMENT

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. Neither the Organizing Authority nor the Host Club will accept any liability for property damage, personal injury, or death in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the regatta. See RRS 3.

12. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with minimum coverage of US\$300,000.00 per event or the equivalent.

13. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd & 3rd Places per class if the class has five or more entered.

14. FURTHER INFORMATION

Regatta Chair: John D. Farris – patssun@yahoo.com – 850-305-9653

Principal Race Officer: William Zehner – wjzohner2@gmail.com – 850-628-4047

Chief Judge: John D. Farris – patssun@yahoo.com – 850-305-9653

Class Measurer: David Rickard – djr@ipulseip.com

Yacht Club Contact: office@fwyc.org – 850-243-7102

15. WhatsApp QR Code.

