



NOTICE OF RACE

2026 WEDNESDAY NIGHT FUN RACES



March 11 – October 7, 2026

Fort Walton Yacht Club
Fort Walton Beach, Florida

1. RULES

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

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 The regatta is open to all FWYC members with ORR-EZ rated boats.
- 2.2 Multihulls will be rated with PHRF ratings.
- 2.3 Boats without a certificate will be assigned one based on the lowest rating of known boats in the valid list.
- 2.4 A non-member boat may be entered but is ineligible for series awards.
- 2.5 Expected Fleet classification: A (IR# less than 680), B (IR# 680 and above) and Multihull.
- 2.6 A minimum of three (3) boats during the series will constitute a fleet.
- 2.7 Eligible boats may enter by registering at: <https://nextsailor.com/regatta/2026WNFR>.

3. FEES

- 3.1 The entry fee is \$6.00 per boat per race day.
- 3.2 A discounted entry fee for the entire series is \$145.00 if paid by April 1, 2025.
- 3.3 Entry fee must be paid via Club Charge or Check. No cash will be accepted.

4. SCHEDULE

- 4.1 Dates of racing: every Wednesday in 2026 from March 11 thru October 7.
- 4.2 Number of races: 30 race days are anticipated.
- 4.3 Race Day Events:

Registration/Check-in:	4:30 PM – 5:00 PM	On the patio
Skippers Meeting:	5:00 PM	Optional
First Warning:	5:25 PM	

5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be posted on the FWYC bulletin board and will be available online.

6. THE COURSES

- 6.1 The racing area will be located on the waters of the Choctawhatchee Bay.
- 6.2 Courses will be short to medium distance utilizing Government, Club, and/or temporary marks.
- 6.3 Courses will be available at registration/check-in by 4:45 PM each race day.

7. SCORING

- 7.1 Series scoring will use the High Point System of the Addendum. This changes rules A4.1, A4.2, and A9.
- 7.2 Boats must compete in at least 60% of all sailed races to qualify for overall awards.
- 7.3 Results will be posted on the bulletin board and at <https://nextsailor.com/regatta/2026WNFR>.

8. PRIZES

- 8.1 Awards will be presented at a “Wednesday Night Awards party” after the series ends (date TBD).
- 8.2 Prizes will be awarded for the winners of each series as well as the regatta overall.
- 8.3 Additional prizes may be awarded throughout the series.

9. RISK STATEMENT

RRS 3 Decision to Race states: “The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone”. The Fort Walton Yacht Club will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

10. FURTHER INFORMATION

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ADDENDUM

HIGH POINT SCORING SYSTEM

1. RACE SCORES

- 1.1 Define 'N' to be the number of boats that come to the starting area in a particular race. Each boat starting and finishing and not thereafter retiring, being penalized or given redress will be scored as follows:

<u>Finishing Place</u>	<u>Score</u>
First	N
Second	N - 1
Third	N - 2
Fourth	N - 3
Each place thereafter	Subtract 1 additional point

- 1.2 Boats that do not compete in a race will not be scored.
1.3 Boats that are disqualified will score zero (0) points.
1.4 All other boats that come into the start area will score one (1) point.

2. SERIES SCORES

- 2.1 The series score for each boat will be the sum of her individual race scores.
2.2 Any excluded race counts as a race to qualify a boat for a series score, but not as one of her scored races.
2.3 The qualified boat with the highest series score is the winner, and others are ranked accordingly.

3. TIES AND OTHER RULES

- 3.1 Race ties will be broken using *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) rule A7.
3.2 Series ties will be broken using RRS rule A8.