



NOTICE OF RACE

11th Annual WetaFest

April 4-7, 2024



**Hosted by Fort Walton Yacht Club
Fort Walton Beach, Florida**

This event is the final leg of the 2024 Florida Championship Series.

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the Weta Class North America (WCNA) Class Rules.
- 1.2 The Organizing Authority will be Fort Walton Yacht Club.

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. Weta Class North America can be joined at www.wetanorthamerica.com/wcnamembership.
- 3.2 Eligible boats may enter by remitting the electronic entry form at https://www.nextsailor.com/regatta/WetaFest_2024 with the required fee.
- 3.3 To be considered an “entrant” in this event, competitors shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees by the end of the check in period at 0930 on April 5, 2024.
- 3.4 There will be two classes of racing: single-handed and double-handed. Two (2) valid entries will constitute a class.

4. FEES

- 4.1 Entry fees received by March 15, 2024: Single-handed class \$160.00, Double-handed class \$210.00.
- 4.2 Entry fees received after March 15, 2024: Single-handed class \$185.00, Double-handed class \$235.00.
- 4.3 Fee includes:
 - Regatta shirt
 - Continental breakfast Friday through Sunday for all competitors
 - Thursday keg
 - Friday Dinner
 - Sunday Burgers & Dogs after racing
 - Awards
 - Extra social tickets are available for \$30 per person

5. SCHEDULE

5.1 Pre-Event Distance Race:

Distance race utilizing government, temporary, and/or club marks.

Thursday, April 4

1000 Regatta Check-in

1100 Skipper's Meeting

1255 First Warning

5.2 Scheduled events:

Eleven (11) races are scheduled to be sailed with no more than four (4) races per day.

Friday, April 5

0900 Regatta Check-in

1000 Skipper's Meeting

1155 First Warning

Saturday, April 6

1155 First Warning

Sunday, April 7

1055 First Warning

No Races will be started after 1400

1600 Awards Ceremony, Back Porch, Burgers and Hot Dogs

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.

6.2 Competitors, while racing, from the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency or to notify returning to shore, shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

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 WCNA.

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 in navigable waters surrounding FWYC.

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.

12.3 When six (6) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score. This modifies RRS Appendix A2.1.

13. PRIZES

13.1 Prizes will be awarded to the top boats in each fleet.

13.2 There will be a separate prize for the winner of the distance race.

13.3 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 3, Decision to Race.

14.2 Competitors acknowledge that sailing involves potential risks. As a condition of their participation in this regatta, competitors release all claims they may have against Weta Class North America and Fort Walton Yacht Club and its officers, directors, members, committees, employees and race officials for damage to property, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta. Competitors shall be responsible for damage or injury caused by their breach of the Racing Rules of Sailing or applicable government rules for the avoidance of collision.

15. FURTHER INFORMATION

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

15.2 Camping is limited to tents at the point.

15.3 Limited space for RVs. Must RSVP. Utility hookups are not guaranteed.

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

15.5 Charter boats may be available with limited availability. Please contact Richard Kiczek for more information.

16. CLASS CONTACTS:

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