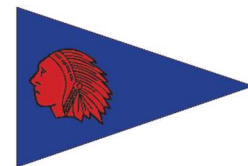




GYA WOMEN'S H CHAMPIONSHIP
November 1-2, 2025
Fort Walton Beach, FL



NOTICE OF RACE
Amended 8/23/2025

Organizing Authority: **Offshore Council**
Hosted by: **Fort Walton Yacht Club**

1 RULES

- 1.1 This event is sailed under the management of the Fort Walton Yacht Club Race Committee.
- 1.2 This event is governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) and the [GYA Regulations for Sanctioned Events](#).
- 1.3 The *US Sailing Prescriptions* in the Preamble to Part 5, Section B, and RRS 63.1(b) are deleted.
- 1.4 Appendix V1 (PENALTY AT THE TIME OF AN INCIDENT) and Appendix T (ARBITRATION) of the RRS will apply.
- 1.5 Protest alleging a breach of a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 shall not be accepted if they are from a boat that was not involved in, and did see the incident. This changes RRS 60.4(a)(2).

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available at registration.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The official notice board is in the windows on the back porch.
- 3.2 On the water, the race committee may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on the VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SI's.
- 3.3 [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 Entrants shall be members of GYA Clubs. There is no limit to the number of entries per club.
- 4.2 Entrants shall register and sail in their boat's EZ spinnaker class.
- 4.3 Eligible boat may enter by registering online at <https://nextsailor.com/regatta/926>

5. FEES

The Entry Fee shall be \$40

6. CREW LIMITATIONS

- 6.1 Skippers shall be female and shall have been members of a GYA club for at least three months prior to the event. There are no age limits.
- 6.2 All crew shall be female (no males are permitted on the boat); at least one half of the crew racing on each boat shall be members of a GYA club.
- 6.3 The skipper shall be the only individual on board while racing to handle the helm. No crewmember shall handle the tiller/hiking stick or rudder except for brief periods of time or in case of an emergency.

7. ADVERTISING

- 7.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA.

8. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SATURDAY November 1

- 8:30-10:30 Registration and Check-In on the Porch
- 10:30 Competitors Meeting on the Porch
- 12:30 Warning Signal all Classes (back-to-back races to follow)

SUNDAY November 2

- 11:30 Warning Signal all Classes (back-to-back races to follow)
- 14:30 No races start after this time
- ASAP After Racing - Trophy Presentation on the Porch

9. Number of Races.

Three (3) races are scheduled; two (2) shall be completed to constitute a series.

10. VENUE

The racing area will be on Choctawhatchee Bay.

11. COURSES

Courses may include a combination of windward-leeward races using drop marks and a distance race around government marks. The specific courses, including diagrams and mark descriptions, will be provided in the sailing instructions.

12. SCORING

The RRS Low Point System shall be used (RRS A4).

13. RISK STATEMENT

RRS 3 states: '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 sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.

14. SAFETY

All boats shall comply with United States Coast Guard and Florida safety equipment regulations. It is the responsibility of each skipper to determine if they should start a race, continue racing, or if wearing a life jacket is appropriate. This does not supersede any class rules or regulations that may require wearing of life jackets while on the water.

14. TROPHIES

14.1 First, Second and Third place trophies will be awarded.

14.2 The overall winning skipper shall be awarded the Pensacola Beach Yacht Club Trophy.

15. FURTHER INFORMATION

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