



NOTICE OF RACE Flying Scot® Midwinter Championship



March 28th-30th 2025

Hosted by: Fort Walton Yacht Club
180 Ferry Rd NE
Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548

Organizing Authorities: Flying Scot® Sailing Association (FSSA) and Fort Walton Yacht Club

1. RULES:

- 1.1 This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 Participants agree to abide by the RRS and all other rules governing this event and the host club. Payment of the Entry Fee acknowledges agreement and consent to the rule requirement of this paragraph.
- 1.3 US Sailing Prescriptions to RRS 63.1b will not apply.

2. ELIGIBILITY:

- 2.1 The helmsperson shall be a current Active, Life, Junior, Club, or Family Member of the FSSA (www.fssa.com). The FSSA Class Rules define each membership category.
- 2.2 Active, Life, Junior, and Family Members shall sail the boat they have registered with the FSSA, and Club Members shall sail their club's registered club boat.
- 2.3 Any helmsperson borrowing or chartering a boat shall submit the Chartering or Borrowing form (available at www.fssa.com under Documents) by Feb 28, 2025.
- 2.4 If sailing their boat, any co-owner shall submit the Co-ownership Certification Form (available at www.fssa.com under Documents) by Mar 28, 2025. The other co-owner may not enter the same Championship as a helmsperson.
- 2.5 The following shall be completed by the close of registration on Mar 28, 2025, unless otherwise specified below, before a boat's entry will be accepted:
 - 2.5.1 FSSA membership dues shall be paid in full.
 - 2.5.2 Club boat registration fees shall be paid in full to the FSSA.
 - 2.5.3 The registration form shall be completed in full.
 - 2.5.4 All event registration fees shall be paid in full.
 - 2.5.5 If applicable, an approved Co-owner Certification Form shall be submitted to the host club.
 - 2.5.6 An approved Chartering and Borrowing form shall be forwarded to the host club when applicable.

3. REGISTRATION:

- 3.1 Registration must be done online at https://nextsailor.com/regatta/FSMidwinter_2025
- 3.2 Registration shall be completed by 17:00 Mar 28, 2025 and is limited to the first fifty (50) qualified entries.
- 3.3 During registration, entrants shall select the Championship or Challenger Division, subject to the approval of the FSSA National Championships Committee.
- 3.4 Check-in at the onsite registration desk is required, where Sailing Instructions and identifying streamers for the Challenger Division will be provided.

4. FEES:

- 4.1 The "Early Bird" registration fee is \$250 for Skipper plus one. Includes access to the **Vin & Fromage** Welcome Party on Thursday evening; **Sunrise Bites, Coffee, and DIY Lunch** on Friday and Saturday mornings, and admission to the **Exclusive Class Banquet** on Saturday night; the **À La Carte Brunch Experience** on Sunday morning, and the **Fleet Captain's Signature Grab & Go** at the Awards Ceremony on the final day. Additional meals for the event can be purchased online at the time of registration.
- 4.2 Registration after March 21st 2025 will be subject to a late registration surcharge of \$50.

5. SCHEDULE:

- 5.1 A maximum of eight races per division are planned.
- 5.2 The Regatta Schedule below lists events, dates, and times planned for the regatta.

REGATTA SCHEDULE				
Date	Event	Time	Location	
Thursday Mar 27	Onsite Check-In	1300-1730	Clubhouse	
	Welcome Party - <i>Vin & Fromage Soirée</i>	1800	Clubhouse	
Friday Mar 28	<i>Sunrise Bites, Coffee, & DIY Lunch</i>	0800-0945	Clubhouse	
	Competitors Meeting	1000	Clubhouse	
	Fleet Afloat	1100	Choctawhatchee Bay	
	First Warning Signal	1200	Choctawhatchee Bay	
	Post-Race Gathering – Independent Dining	1800	Clubhouse	
Saturday Mar 29	<i>Sunrise Bites, Coffee, & DIY Lunch</i>	0800-0945	Clubhouse	
	Fleet Afloat	1100	Choctawhatchee Bay	
	First Warning Signal	1200	On the water	
	Racing continues		On the Water	
	<i>Exclusive Class Banquet</i>	1800	Clubhouse	
Sunday Mar 30	<i>À La Carte Brunch Experience</i>	0800-0945	Clubhouse	
	Fleet Afloat	1000	Choctawhatchee Bay	
	First Warning Signal	1100	Clubhouse	
	No warning signal after	1300	SI 5.2	
	<i>Fleet Captain's Signature Grab & Go</i>	Waiting4U	Clubhouse	
	Awards Ceremony	ASAP	Clubhouse	

6. MEASUREMENT:

- 6.1 Boats and sails must conform to the Specifications in the Class Rules.
- 6.2 All sail numbers shall match the hull number except for chartered boats, and club boats must be identified as proscribed in Class Rule, Article B-IX.
- 6.3 Each boat must carry the safety equipment required by the FSSA and conform to the FS Class Rules.
- 6.4 Random measurements of boats may be conducted for this regatta. Competitors will be notified at check-in if they have been selected for measurement and what will be measured. The measurement committee will be available to provide assistance to competitors.
- 6.5 Selective measurements may be made during measuring or at the discretion of the measurement committee.

7. VENUE:

- 7.1 The race area will be on Choctawhatchee Bay

8. THE COURSES:

- 8.1 The courses to be sailed will be described in the Sailing Instructions. At a minimum, windward-leeward courses will be included.

9. PENALTY SYSTEM:

9.1 RRS Appendix V, Alternative Penalties, Rules V1 and V2 will be in effect.

10. SCORING:

10.1 Three completed races by each division will constitute a series for that division.

10.2 Each boat's score shall be the total of her race scores, and no score shall be excluded.

11. PRIZES:

11.1 Keeper trophies will be awarded as follows:

11.2 1st through 5th place, Championship Division, skipper and crew.

Perpetual trophy: 1st place, Mary Meno Trophy

11.3 1st through 5th place, Challenger Division, skipper and crew.

Perpetual trophy: 1st place, Brenda Pollack Trophy

11.4 Sportsmanship Award (voted on by helmspersons)

Perpetual trophy: Allen M. Douglas Trophy

12. BERTHING/PARKING/LAUNCHING:

12.1 Boats and trailers shall be kept at their assigned places in the parking lot.

13. SUPPORT BOATS:

13.1 A competitor shall not use support or spectator personnel or their equipment, including tow vessels, while away from the dock unless they have been pre-approved by the Protest or Race Committee or made available to all competitors by an Organizing Authority.

14. RADIO COMMUNICATION:

14.1 The race committee may use VHF radios to communicate with competitors while racing. See Class Rules, Article S-V - Racing Restrictions, Paragraph 7 for more information regarding electronic equipment.

15. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY:

15.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk (see RRS 3 Decision to Race). The Organizing Authorities will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with, before, during, or after the regatta and all associated events.

16. FURTHER INFORMATION:

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

16.2 Camping is limited to tents at the point. NO RVs.

16.3 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.

16.4 Contacts:

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