



## NOTICE OF RACE

### 12<sup>th</sup> Annual WetaFest

April 3-6, 2025

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. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1. 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](http://www.wetanorthamerica.com/wcnamembership).
- 2.2. Eligible boats may enter by remitting the electronic entry form at [http://www.nextsailor.com/regatta/WetaFest\\_2025](http://www.nextsailor.com/regatta/WetaFest_2025) with the required fee.
- 2.3. 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 4, 2025.
- 2.4. There will be two divisions of racing: single-handed and double-handed.
  - 2.4.1. Three (3) valid entries will constitute a division.
  - 2.4.2. If there are not enough entries for a division, all entries will be sailed together.

#### 3. FEES

- 3.1. Entry fees received by March 15, 2025:
  - 3.1.1. Single-handed division \$85
  - 3.1.2. Double-handed division \$110
- 3.2. Entry fees received after March 15, 2025
  - 3.2.1. Single-handed division \$105
  - 3.2.2. Double-handed division \$130
- 3.3. Extra social tickets are available for \$30 per person
- 3.4. Fee Includes:
  - 3.4.1. Continental breakfast Friday through Sunday for all competitors
  - 3.4.2. Thursday keg

3.4.3. Sunday Burgers & Dogs after racing

3.4.4. Awards

#### **4. SCHEDULE**

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

Thursday, April 3, 2025

1600-1800 Regatta Check-in at Registration desk

Friday, April 3, 2025

0930 Regatta Check-in at Registration desk

1000 Competitor's Meeting

1155 First Warning

Saturday, April 3, 2025

1155 First Warning

Sunday, April 3, 2025

0955 First Warning

1400 No Warning after this time

1600 Awards (may be earlier if racing completes)

#### **5. MEASUREMENTS**

- 5.1. Sail measurements and boat weighing will not be conducted at this event.
- 5.2. Measurements required by class rules shall be the responsibility of WCNA.
- 5.3. Random spot checks for compliance with WCNA One Design Rules may be made by the Rules Committee.

#### **6. ADVERTISING**

- 6.1. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

#### **7. VHF RADIOS**

- 7.1. 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.
- 7.2. 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.

## 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 at 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.
- 10.2. Courses will be LA or WA as defined in Appendix S of the RRS.

## 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 based on registrations received by the end of the registration period.

## 14. SAFETY

- 14.1. All boats **shall** carry a tow line of at least 30 feet in length.
- 14.2. VHF radios are highly recommended.
- 14.3. A PFD is required on board for each crew member. While wearing a PFD is recommended at all times, if the Race Committee flies the "Y" flag, a PFD shall be worn except when changing clothing.

## 15. RISK STATEMENT

- 15.1. 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.**

## 16. INSURANCE

- 16.1. Each participating boat **shall be insured** with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$100,000 per incident or the equivalent.

## 17. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 17.1. Directions and club amenity information can be found online or by contacting the club office.
- 17.2. Camping is limited to tents at the point.
- 17.3. Limited space for RVs. Must RSVP. Utility hookups are not guaranteed.
- 17.4. 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.
- 17.5. Charter boats may be available with limited availability. Please contact Richard Kiczek for more information.

## 18. CONTACTS

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