



# NOTICE OF RACE

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

April 17-19, 2026

Hosted by Fort Walton Yacht Club

Fort Walton Beach, Florida



This event is a leg of the 2026 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.
- 1.3. RRS 60.4(a)(2) is changed as follows: “(2) if it alleges a breach of a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 and is from a boat that was not involved in, and did not see, the incident, or...”

### 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 shall enter by remitting the electronic entry form at <https://nextsailor.com/regatta/WetaFest2026> with the required fee by April 10, 2026.
- 2.3. To be considered an “entrant” in this event, competitors shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees by April 10, 2026.
- 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.

### 3. FEES

- 3.1. Entry fees received by March 21, 2026:
  - 3.1.1. Single-handed division \$85
  - 3.1.2. Double-handed division \$110
- 3.2. Entry fees received after March 21, 2026
  - 3.2.1. Single-handed division \$105
  - 3.2.2. Double-handed division \$130
- 3.3. Extra social tickets are available for \$25 per person

### 3.4. Fee Includes:

- 3.4.1. Regatta swag
- 3.4.2. Continental breakfast Friday through Sunday for all competitors
- 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 16, 2026

1600-1800 Regatta Check-in at Registration desk

Friday, April 17, 2026

0930 Regatta Check-in at Registration desk

1000 Competitor's Meeting

1155 First Warning

Saturday, April 18, 2026

1155 First Warning

Sunday, April 19, 2026

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. COMMUNICATION

- 7.1. The Official Notice Board is located at the window on the back porch.

- 7.2. 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.
- 7.3. 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 windward leeward and described in detail in the Sailing Instructions.

## **11. PENALTY AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT**

- 11.1. Rule 44.1 is changed to: A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 in an incident while racing.

## **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 coverage 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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