

**Notice of Race**  
**The 41st Annual Fall "Kick Off" Regatta at Bradenton Yacht Club**  
**The Organizing Authority is The Bradenton Yacht Club, Palmetto, FL**  
**September 23 & 24, 2023**

**1 Rules**

- 1.1** The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current *Racing Rules of Sailing*, the West Florida PHRF(WFPHRF) class rules (PHRF Fleets only), and the one-design class rules (where applicable).
- 1.2** A one-design class may choose to waive enforcement of individual class rules, provided written notice of this intention is provided to the Organizing Authority prior to 1200 hours on Friday September 22, 2023
- 1.3.** RPS 63.7 is replaced with "If there is a conflict between a rule in the Notice of Race and one in the "Sailing Instructions," the "Sailing Instructions" shall apply.

**2 Advertising**

- 2.1** Competitors may be required to display easily-removable sponsor advertising on their boats.

**3 Eligibility and Entry**

- 3.1** The regatta is open to any mono-hull and multi-hull boat that holds a current WFPHRF Certificate. PHRF classes will include Multi-hull, Spinnaker, Non-Spinnaker, Racer/Cruiser, and Cruising classes, and to any one-design boat that is safe to sail in the open waters of Tampa Bay meeting the eligibility requirements of its respective class.
- 3.2** Any class must have 4 or more entries. If there are not enough boats for a class, those boats will be placed in the appropriate alternate class. Decisions regarding the appropriate class in which to place such boats will be solely the responsibility of the Organizing Authority.
- 3.3** PHRF boats will meet WFPHRF Category 4 safety and crew requirements.
- 3.4** All boats shall display sail numbers being designated International, USA numbers, or Hull numbers. In the event two boats have the same number, the race committee may assign a suffix. Failure to display the suffix may result in disqualification. If a problem arises on the course with this suffix, the skipper must identify his boat when he/she crosses the finish line. Class designations and insignias do not constitute conforming sail numbers.
- 3.5** Eligible boats must enter **online by completing the [YachtScoring.com](https://www.yachtscoring.com) entry form** with their current WFPHRF rating certificate or One-Design measurement certificate by the **deadline of 1200 hours on Friday, September 22, 2023.**
- 3.6** Cruising spinnakers are permitted for the Cruising Classes.
- 3.7** The Cruising Classes shall declare their intent to use a Cruising spinnaker by 1800 Thursday, September 21, 2023 by email to Bob Armstrong, Regatta chairman at RJA265@aol.com. Use of a Cruising Spinnaker will result in a 50% reduction in the non-spinnaker offset as noted on the PHRF certificate.
- 3.8** One-design classes may choose to waive the requirement for measurement certificates at the discretion of the class, provided that written notice of this intention is provided to the Organizing Authority by 1800 hours on Thursday, September 21, 2023.
- 3.9** Depending upon the number of entries, classes may be divided into two or more divisions. The final decisions for eligibility and class divisions shall be solely the responsibility of the Organizing Authority.
- 3.10** The boat must be owned by a member in good standing of a recognized yacht club, sailing club, or organization.
- 3.11** The regatta is a Suncoast and Sarasota Bay Yachting Association Boat of the Year event for PHRF classes.

#### 4 Fees

**4.1** Registration Fee is \$75.00 through Sept 19th, 2023 at 18:00, \$85.00 thereafter. Registration will close at 1200 hours on Friday, September 22, 2023. Fees include Friday evening beer, Saturday and Sunday Breakfast including biscuits, scrambled eggs, sausage and coffee and 2 dinner tickets. The Memphis Rub Band is back again this year by popular demand and will play from 5-8 pm on Saturday. There will be a keg available after Saturday's race and after race keg and awards on Sunday.

Optional Saturday night dinner including wings, Swedish meatballs, penne ala vodka, salad and spring rolls can be purchased for \$15. Both regatta competitors and non-competitors are invited to join the poolside activities.

#### 5 Schedule of Events

<b>5.1</b> Friday, September 22, 2023	Skippers meeting at BYC: 1800 prompt
<b>5.2</b> Saturday, September 23, 2023	Breakfast buffet: 0730-0930 hours
	First Warning Signal: 1100 hours
	Band poolside: 1700 hours
	Dinner poolside: 1730 hours
<b>5.3</b> Sunday, September 24, 2023	Breakfast buffet: 0730-0930
	First Warning Signal: 1100 hours
	Awards-Poolside: 1500 hours

#### 6 Number of Races:

- For the PHRF Spinnaker, Non-spinnaker, and Multihull Classes, up to three races are scheduled for Saturday, September 23, 2023.
- The Cruising Class and Racer/Cruiser class will have up to two races on Saturday, September 23th, 2023.
- The One-design classes will race as many races as practical on Saturday, September 23th, 2023.
- There will be no additional starts for all classes after 1600 on Saturday.
- For the PHRF Spinnaker, Non-spinnaker, and Multihull Classes, up to two races are scheduled for Sunday, September 24, 2023.
- The Cruising Class and Racer/Cruiser class will have one race on Sunday, September 24th, 2023.
- The One-design classes will race as many races as practical on Sunday, September 24th, 2023.

#### 7 Sailing Instructions

**7.1** The sailing instructions will be available on or before Friday, September 22, 2022 on the Yacht Scoring web site. They will also be available at the Captains meeting.

#### 8 Venue

**8.1** Bradenton Yacht Club will be the hosting facility.

**8.2** The location of the race area will be in the Lower Tampa Bay.

#### 9 Courses

**9.1** The courses to be sailed will be contained in the Sailing Instructions.

**9.2** Courses will consist of windward-leeward courses for PHRF Spinnaker, Non-Spinnaker, and Multi-Hull classes on Saturday and an RLC course around government marks on Sunday. A distance race may also be considered for Sunday for Spinnaker, Non-spinnaker and Multi-hull.

**9.3** One-design classes will race windward-leeward courses.

**9.4** Cruising Class and Racer/Cruiser fleets will sail random leg courses both days.

## **10 Penalty Systems**

**10.1** For the Cruising Class, Racer-Cruiser, PHRF Spinnaker, PHRF Non-spinnaker, and Multihull fleets, the scoring penalty, RRS Rule 44.3 (a), (b), (c), will apply.

**10.2** For One-design classes, rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

## **11 Scoring**

**11.1** The series will be scored using the Low Point system of Appendix A with all races counting. This modifies RRS2.

**11.2** One race shall constitute a series.

**11.3** The WFPHRF RLC Rating will be used for Racer/Cruisers and Cruising Class. The Buoy rating will be used for Spinnaker, Non-Spinnaker and Multihull classes when a windward-leeward course is used and an RLC rating will be used if a windward-leeward-triangle or random leg course is used.

## **12 Berthing**

**12.1** Rafting will be available at the BYC wall. BYC will use as much wall space as possible as well as utilize empty berths to accommodate boats. Reservations are recommended with the BYC Dockmaster at 941-374-2310.

**12.2** Additional berthing may be available for a fee at Twin Dolphin Marina (941-747-8300) and Regatta Point Marina (941-729-6021).

Skippers should contact these marinas directly to make arrangements for dockage,

## **13 Haul-Out Restrictions**

**13.1** Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

## **14 Green Marina / Plastic Pools**

**14.1** Bradenton Yacht Club (BYC) is a Green Marina. Use of chemicals and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around keelboats at any time while berthed at BYC between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the regatta if berthed elsewhere. Discharge of black water, oil, fuel, or other contaminants are prohibited while berthed at BYC.

## **15 Radio Communications**

**15.1** Except in the event of an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats, except as modified by the Sailing instructions. This restriction also applies to cellular telephones.

## **16 Prizes**

**16.1** Prizes will be given as follows. Classes will be divided into divisions according to the number of entries. First, Second, and Third place trophies will be given for each division.

## **17 Disclaimer of Liability**

**7.1** Disclaimer of liability: Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS4, Decision to Race. Neither the organizing authority nor the host organization, nor the sponsors will accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

**18 For further information:** Please contact Bob Armstrong at 941-224-7991 or [rja265@aol.com](mailto:rja265@aol.com)