



Revised NOTICE OF RACE

Valentine's Regatta / Pensacola Bay Championship #2
Pensacola Beach Yacht Club
Saturday, February 10, 2024

Management and Rules

As the Organizing Authority (OA), PBYC adheres to the US Sailing Code of Conduct for all races. The race will be sailed under the management of the PBYC Race Committee. It will be governed by the current Racing rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of US Sailing, and the 2023 Pensacola Bay Sailing Instructions as amended February 15, 2023 (https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/regatta_uploads/25609/PensacolaBayGeneralSailingInstructions2023Effective2023.2.12.pdf) except as modified by this Notice of Race (NOR), and/or the Sailing Instructions (SI's) for this Regatta.

Eligibility and Classes

Classes will include Racing, Cruising* and Catalina 22 one-design. Race is open to all PHRF and One Design boats with a minimum length of 19'. PHRF and ORR-ez entries must have a valid PHRF or ORR-ez Rating Certificate or accept a temporary provisional rating as assigned by the Race Committee (RC).

*To be eligible for the Cruising Class, vessels must be cruising sailboats with a Sail Area to Displacement (SAD) of less than 20. Sails should not be made of high-tech sail materials (Carbon, Vectran, etc) and should be hank on or roller furling headsails. Cruising laminate sails may be used. Inboard engines or, on smaller boats, an outboard can be used as long as it is left on the transom of the boat. The PBYC Fleet Captain reserves the right to include vessels not meeting all the specifications above on a case by case basis.

Sailing Instructions

The SI's and this NOR will be available on www.regattaman.com and PBYC's Website on the Event page at www.pensacolabeachyachtclub.org.

Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors and changes to the rules and race course(s) will be posted on www.regattaman.com, PBYC's Facebook Page, the Catalina 22 Fleet Facebook page, the Pensacola Bay Cruising Fleet Group on the app What's App, verbally, via text, and with best efforts in a timely manner on the Event page at www.pensacolabeachyachtclub.org.

For an on-the-water change to the sailing instructions, the "L" flag shall be displayed. The change will be announced on the designated VHF channel (This changes RRS Race Signals).

Starts

A pursuit style starting sequence, commonly referred to as a Bermuda start will be used. Starting time will be published on www.regattaman.com no later than 18:00 (6pm) on Friday, February 9.

Venue and Courses

The sailing area will be Pensacola Bay with the starting line between Bayou Chico channel markers #2 and #4. Race courses will be posted on www.regattaman.com.

Communications

All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communication on channel 72. Channels 68, 69, and 71 may be used.

Penalty System

The Scoring Penalty, Rule 44.3 will apply.

Insurance

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$300,000 per incident or the equivalent.

Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The OA will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta.

Schedule

Skippers Meeting Friday, February 9, 2024, 6pm **PBYC Clubhouse**, 655 Pensacola Beach Blvd, 3rd Floor, Pensacola Beach.

First Warning Saturday, February 10, 2024, 1155 hrs, First Start, 1200 hrs.

Awards approximately at 5:00 pm at PBYC clubhouse, 655 Pensacola Beach Blvd, 3rd Floor, Pensacola Beach.

Entries and Fees

Entries are to be submitted via www.regattaman.com

Cost of the Regatta is \$35.00 or \$25.00 with early registration.

Scoring

Racing boats will be scored using GYA PHRF handicapping. Cruising boats will be scored using ORR-ez.

Trophies

Trophies will be awarded for first, second and third place in each class.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT:

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