

# Mid-Bay Bridge Sprint Race #1

May 9, 2009

Fort Walton Yacht Club  
Fort Walton Beach, Florida

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### 1. Rules

The race will be governed by the rules as defined in the current revision of the 2009-20012 racing rules of sailing (RRS, its prescriptions and these Sailing Instructions.

All participants are required have an operational VHF radio on board.

Availability of a GPS is strongly recommended

### 2. Entries/Classes

Classes will be Multi Hull, "A" Class (PHRF 110 and less), "B" Class (PHRF 111 to 149), "C" Class (PHRF 150 to 200), "D" CLASS (PHRF 200 and above, and will include Catalina 22s). One boat may constitute a class, participate and "RACE the FLEET" for corrected time "Braggin' Rights". Results WILL count toward Club Championships.

Final classes and class flags will be announced at skippers meeting

### 3. Notice to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the back patio. Any questions concerning the Sailing Instructions will be addressed at the skippers meeting.

### 4. Changes in Sailing Instructions

Any change in the Sailing Instructions will be announced at the skippers meeting.

### 5. Signals Made Ashore

Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole locate on the western lawn or the flagpole at "the point". If a postponement is signaled, sufficient time for boats to prepare and assemble will be allowed prior to warning signal.

### 6. Schedule of Events

Registration: 9:00 - 9:30 AM (NO late registrations will accepted)

Skippers Meeting: 9:45 AM

First Shape: 10:30 AM

Announce Final Results: After last day of racing.

### 7. Racing Area

The racing area will be in Choctawhatchee Bay.

### 8. Courses and Marks

There will be a course to the Mid Bay Bridge and back provided to participants at registration. "D" Fleet and will be provided a shorter course.

All Marks except START/FINISH BALL will be Government Marks.

All Multihull, "A", "B" and "C" class boats must navigate thru/under the Mid- Bay Bridge.

NOTE: If conditions should warrant, engines may be used briefly at the bridge.

### 9. Starting and Finishing Lines; Starting System

The starting system is a five (5) minute sequence as described in RRS Rule 26. Boats whose class preparatory signal has not been made shall stay clear of boats whose preparatory signal has been made.

The starting and finishing lines will be between the orange line flag and the nearby mark.

A boat shall not start later than four minutes after her starting signal.

**10. Recalls**

Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with Rule 29.1. Additionally, the race committee will endeavor to hail sail numbers or name of the boats over early, and will also endeavor to hail when they have returned to the pre-start side of the line, on VHF channel 72.

**11. Protests**

Protests shall be written on forms available in the Fleet Captains office, and delivered to the Fleet Captains's office within the protest time limit, which will end one (1) hour after the individual boats finish time. Because of the time spread of boats finishing, involved parties will be notified concerning the time and place of the protest hearing as quickly as possible.

**12. Scoring**

PHRF TIME on DISTANCE and the Low Point System of Appendix A of the RRS.

**13. Safety and Responsibility**

A boat , which retires from a race, shall notify the race committee before leaving the race course, or if unable to do so, shall notify a regatta official immediately after arriving ashore.

It shall be the sole responsibility of each skipper to decide whether or not to start or to continue a race.

**14. Prizes**

Awards will be certificates for the first three places in each class.