



Clearwater Yacht Club

NOTICE OF RACE CLEARWATER CHALLENGE 2009

This is a WFPHRF Sun Coast Boat of The Year Event.

Hosted by Clearwater Yacht Club
October 30, November 1, 2009

1. Rules

- 1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in THE RACING RULES OF SAILING (RRS). (West Florida PHRF (WFPHRF) Class Rules that may be found at www.westfloridaphrf.org
- 1.2 The organizing authority is the Clearwater Yacht Club.

2. Eligibility

- 2.1 Open to any boat that holds a current, valid WFPHRF rating certificate and meets WFPHRF Category 4 safety and crew limits.
- 2.2 All boats shall carry a workable VHF radio capable of receiving and transmitting on Channels 16, 69 and 72, and receiving weather broadcasts.

3. Entries and Fees

- 3.1 Entries shall be made online (preferred), or by printing and completing the Official Entry Form. Entries made using the Entry Form shall be accompanied by an EXACT COPY of a valid WFPHRF Rating Certificate, along with proof of current US Sailing membership (if applicable).
- 3.2 The fee for entries received on or before October 15, 2009 is one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00). The entry fee for entries between October 16 and October 29 is one hundred seventy five dollars (\$175.00). Entries made on Friday, October 30 will pay an entry fee of two hundred dollars (\$200.00). US Sailing members may deduct ten dollars (\$10) if proof of current membership accompanies the application.
- 3.3 **ENTRY DEADLINE IS 1900 ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2009.**
- 3.4 RATING INFORMATION: West Florida PHRF at www.westfloridaphrf.org, email administrator@westfloridaphrf.org

4. Sailing Instructions

- 4.1 Sailing Instructions will be available at registration.

5. Classes and Divisions

- 5.1 Minimum of one (1) entry to make a class. If there are less than three (3) entries for any class, that class may race with another class.
- 5.2 Classes are Spinnaker, Non-Spinnaker, Racer Cruiser, Cruiser and Multihull.
- 5.3 A further division of classes may be dictated by the number of entries received.
- 5.4 One-Design Classes with five (5) or more entries received by October 15, 2009 will compete in the above classes, but will also be scored separately.
- 5.5 **DIVISIONS WILL BE ASSIGNED BASED ON A COMBINATION OF RATING, DISPLACEMENT AND SAILING CHARACTERISTICS OF EACH BOAT. AN ATTEMPT WILL BE MADE TO FOLLOW BOAT OF THE YEAR DIVISION BREAKS.**

6. Registration and Skippers Meeting

- 6.1 **A REPRESENTATIVE OF A BOAT WHOSE ENTRY HAS BEEN ACCEPTED SHALL REGISTER** between 1730 and 1900 on Friday, October 30 at Clearwater Yacht Club Dry Dock (lower level). Each skipper or his/her representative must register. Skippers meeting is at 1930 on Friday, October 30, at Clearwater Yacht Club Dry Dock.

7. Start

7.1 The start for the Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker Classes will be in the Gulf of Mexico, **North** of Clearwater Pass. All other classes will start in the Gulf of Mexico **South** of Clearwater Pass. The first warning signal will be at 0955 on both Saturday, October 31, and Sunday, November 1.

8. Courses

8.1 Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker Classes will sail windward/leeward courses. All other classes will sail triangular or rectangular courses as more fully described in the sailing instructions.

9. Scoring

9.1 Five races are scheduled for the spinnaker and non-spinnaker classes of which a maximum of three races may be sailed on one race day. For all other classes four races are scheduled of which a maximum of two races may be sailed on one race day. One race must be completed to constitute a series and no race will be started after 1400 on Sunday, November 1.

9.2 Corrected times will be calculated based on the boat's WFPHRF rating as shown on the WFPHRF web site on October 30, 2009 and the distance of the course sailed. Classes sailing on the windward/leeward course will use BOUY rating; all others will use the RLC rating.

11. Prizes

11.1 Trophies will be awarded to the first, second and third place winners in each class.

11.2 Trophies will be awarded to One-Design Classes with five (5) or more entries received by October 15.

11.3 The following Perpetual Trophies will be awarded, but permanently housed at Clearwater Yacht Club:

CLEARWATER CUP: inscribed with the name of the Spinnaker Class winners.

ARTHUR B. JOHNSON TROPHY: inscribed with the name of the Non-Spinnaker Class winners.

NAVIGATOR TROPHY: presented by Florida Council of Yacht Clubs to the navigator of the boat winning her division by the largest number of points over the second place boat in the same division.

COOK'S TROPHY: Cruising class boat with highest overall points.

12. Rafting

Yachts will be rafted on a first come first served basis at the Clearwater Yacht Club docks beginning on Saturday, October 24. Launch service will be available for yachts anchoring in the harbor. Dockage is complimentary from October 24 to November 7.

13. Use of Facilities

The Clearwater Yacht Club members and staff welcome the participants of Clearwater Challenge 2009 and every effort will be made to provide our guests with comfortable surroundings. Car pooling is encouraged. Parking on the Club premises is limited to CYC members. Provisions have been made to allow for pick-up and drop-off of regatta participants and gear at dockside.

14. Safety

Competitors compete in this regatta entirely at their own risk. See **RRS 4, Decision to Race**. The organizing authority, host clubs, sponsors, their associates and appointees 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.