

Notice of Race

Key West Rendezvous Regatta 2008

May 12th – May 19th, 2008
A WFPHRF Boat of the Year Event for
Sarasota Bay, Sun Coast, Charlotte Harbor and Southwest Florida

Hosted by Clearwater Yacht Club, Gulf Coast Sailing Club, Naples Yacht Club, Naples Sailing and Yacht Club, Platinum Point Yacht Club, Punta Gorda Sailing Club and Sarasota Yacht Club.

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 The organizing authority is the Clearwater Yacht Club (CYC).
- 1.3 WFPHRF Class Rules may be found at www.westfloridaphrf.org

2. ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 Open to any single-hulled, self-righting, enclosed cabin sailing boat that holds a current, valid WFPHRF rating and to all offshore multi-hull yachts that have a current, valid WFPHRF rating. All boats must meet the WFPHRF Category One (1) Safety, Crew and Equipment Requirements.
- 2.2 All boats shall have a minimum overall length of 24 feet.
- 2.3 Owner and/or skipper shall be a member of a yacht club, sailing club or sailing association affiliated with the US Sailing Association. The term "skipper" means the person, whether or not the owner of the boat, who is designated on the entry form as "skipper", who is in charge of the boat and will be responsible for its handling and safety, the conduct of its crew while ashore as a guest of any host yacht club, sailing association, sailing club or any participating commercial facilities, and shall be responsible for compliance with the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions.
- 2.4 All boats shall carry a workable VHF radio capable of receiving and transmitting on channels 16 and 72, and receiving weather broadcasts.
- 2.5 The minimum crew, including the skipper, shall be four (4) persons for the Clearwater and the Sarasota starts, and three (3) for the Boca Grande, and Naples starts. Minimum crew for Key West to Naples is three (3) persons.
- 2.6 Cruiser and Racer/Cruiser entrants intending to use a spinnaker or a "cruising spinnaker" under the provisions of the WFPHRF Class Rules shall notify the race committee in writing of their intention before the applicable Skippers Meeting. If notice is not given, the default for Racer/Cruisers will be spinnaker and for Cruising class will be non-spinnaker

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 the boat's current, valid WFPHRF Rating Certificate along with proof of current US Sailing membership if applicable.
- 3.2 The entry fee for Clearwater, Sarasota, Boca Grande or Naples to Key West is three hundred dollars (\$300.00) if postmarked by April 15th, three hundred and fifty dollars (\$350.00) if postmarked by April 27th, or four hundred dollars (\$400.00) if paid before the applicable Skippers meeting. No entries will be accepted after the Skippers meetings. **All apparel orders must be received by April 15th – no apparel will be sold at registration or in Key West.** U.S. Sailing members may deduct ten dollars (\$10.00) if proof of current membership accompanies the application. The entry fee for the Key West to Naples Race is forty-five dollars (\$45). If not registering on line (on line is preferred), please send entry form, check payable to "Yachting Committee", copies of US Sailing membership card and current WFPHRF rating certificate to Marcia Nichols, Registrar, 14880 Shipwatch Trace, # 1913 Largo, FL 33774. Entry fees are non-refundable.
- 3.3 For rating information, contact West Florida PHRF, Phone (727) 462-0450 or administrator@westfloridaphrf.org

4. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 Sailing Instructions will be available at the Skippers Meetings in Sarasota, Clearwater, Punta Gorda, Key West and Naples. As a courtesy only, Preliminary Sailing Instructions may be posted at <http://www.clwyc.org/KeyWest08/>; however, the official instructions are the printed copies available at the Skippers Meetings.

5. REGISTRATION, CREW LIST AND SKIPPERS MEETING

- 5.1 A representative of a boat WHOSE ENTRY HAS BEEN ACCEPTED for Boca Grande to Key West will register at the Punta Gorda Isles Civic Association, Punta Gorda, Florida, 33955 at 1900 Monday, May 12th. The Clearwater to Key West registration will be between 1800 and 2000 on Tuesday, May 13th at Clearwater Yacht Club, 830 South Bayway Blvd., Clearwater, FL 33767, phone (727) 447-6000. Participants in the Sarasota to Key West competition will register at the Sarasota Yacht Club, 1100 John Ringling Boulevard, Sarasota, FL 34236, phone (941) 365-4191 on Tuesday, May 13th at 1900. Entrants in the Naples to Key West Race will register at 1800 at the Key West kickoff party on Tuesday, May 13th at the Naples Boat Club, 909 10th Street South, Naples, Florida, 34102, phone (239) 430-4994. Registration for the Key West to Naples race will be immediately prior to the Skippers meeting.
- 5.2 The Skippers Meeting for the Boca Grande to Key West Race will be at 1900 on Monday, May 12th at the Punta Gorda Isles Civic Association. The Clearwater to Key West Skippers Meeting will be held at Clearwater Yacht Club at 1900 on Tuesday, May 13th, and the Sarasota Bay Skippers Meeting will occur at the Sarasota Yacht Club at 1900 on Tuesday, May 13th. The Naples to Key West Skippers meeting takes place at 1800 on TUESDAY, May 13th at the Naples Boat Club. There will be an informal skippers meeting for the Key West to Naples race near the start/finish line at 1030 on Sunday, May 18th.
- 5.3 An accurate and complete crew list shall be provided prior to all Skippers meetings.

6. CLASSES AND DIVISIONS

- 6.1 Minimum of one boat to make a class.
- 6.2 Classes are: WFPHRF Spinnaker, WFPHRF Non-Spinnaker, WFPHRF Cruising, WFPHRF Racer/Cruiser and WFPHRF Multihull as defined in the WFPHRF Class Rules. Further division of classes may be dictated by the number of entries received.
- 6.3 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 divisions.

7. START

- 7.1 The first Warning signal will be on Wednesday, May 14^h at 0955 in Clearwater, 0955 on Wednesday, May 14^h in Sarasota, Wednesday, May 14^h at 1255 in Boca Grande and on Wednesday, May 14^h at 1855 in Naples. The first warning for the Key West to Naples Race shall be at 1125 on Sunday, May 18th.

8. COURSES

- 8.1 CLEARWATER TO KEY WEST From the vicinity of the Clearwater Pass Green Flasher "1" (Clearwater Pass Green Flasher "1" is not a mark of the course), leave John's Pass and Pass-a-Grille sea buoys to port. Leave Egmont Channel FL G 6 sec "11" and R"12" FL R 6 sec Bell to port. Leave all additional Florida West Coast sea buoys including Smith Shoal Light to port, thence to Key West Northwest Channel sea buoy G "1" FL G 2.5 sec Bell leaving it to port; then along the Northwest Channel to the finish line in the vicinity of the Key West Bight Channel as more fully described in the sailing instructions. Rated course distance is 216 nautical miles.
- 8.2 The Sarasota to Key West Race shall begin just west of the mouth of Big Pass in the vicinity of 27 15.728N, 82 34.663W. Leave all coastal government marks including Smith Shoal Light to port, thence to Key West Northwest Channel sea buoy "1" FI G 2.5 sec bell, leaving it to port, then along the Northwest Channel to the finish line in the vicinity of the Key West Bight Channel as more fully described in the sailing instructions. Rated course distance is 169 nautical miles.
- 8.3 The Boca Grande to Key West Race shall begin in the vicinity of Boca Grande R "2" FI R 6 sec Bell. Leave all coastal government marks to port (except Smith Shoal Light which is not a mark of the Boca Grande course) to Key West Northwest Channel sea buoy "1" FI G 2.5 sec bell, leaving it to port, then along the Northwest Channel to the finish line in the vicinity of the Key West Bight Channel as more fully described in the sailing instructions. Rated distance is 132 nautical miles.
- 8.4 The Naples to Key West Race shall begin in the vicinity of "1" FI G 2.5 sec bell at Gordon Pass. Leave all coastal government marks to port including Smith Shoal Light to Key West Northwest Channel sea buoy "1" FI G 2.5 sec bell, leaving it to port, then along the Northwest Channel to the finish line in the vicinity of the Key West Bight Channel as more fully described in the sailing instructions. Rated course distance is 95 nautical miles.
- 8.5 The Key West to Naples Race shall follow the reciprocal of the Naples to Key West race course except that Smith Shoal Light is not a mark of the course and the finish shall be between the Naples Pier and a nearby orange mark. Rated distance is 97 nautical miles.

9. ADVERTISING This regatta is designated Category "C".

10. SCORING

- 10.1 Corrected times for boats racing in Spinnaker, Non-Spinnaker, Racer/Cruiser and Cruising classes will be calculated using time on distance based on the boat's WFPHRF "OWC" rating. The multi-hull class scores will be calculated using the WFPHRF rating and time on time formula.
- 10.2 Boats in the Racer/Cruiser Class will declare which rating they will use during the race as specified in NOR 2.6 and the WFPHRF RULES APPENDIX F Racer/Cruiser. IE. Full Racing Spinnaker, Cruising Chute, or Non-Spinnaker. The rating adjustment applied will be as specified in the class rules.
- 10.3 Boats in the True Cruising class may declare their intended use of a Cruising chute during the race as specified in NOR 2.6 and the WFPHRF CLASS RULES: APPENDIX E-CRUISE CLASS RACING. Boats declaring that they will be sailing with a Cruising chute will have their WFPHRF Non-Spinnaker offset deducted from their OWC rating.

11. TIME LIMITS Boats still racing after the following times shall be scored Did Not Finish:

- Naples to Key West - 0600 on Friday, May 16th.
- Boca Grande to Key West – 1400 on Saturday, May 17th.
- Sarasota to Key West – 1400 on Saturday, May 17th
- Clearwater to Key West - 1400 on Saturday, May 17th.
- Key West to Naples - 1900 on Monday, May 19th.

12. PRIZES

- 12.1 Trophies will be awarded based on the number of entries in each division as follows: three entries, one trophy; four entries, two trophies; five or more entries, three trophies. Specialty prizes may also be given.

13. DOCKAGE

- 13.1 Clearwater: Free rafting will be available beginning on Sunday, May 11th. Please contact the CYC Dockmaster, Jim St. Pierre, at (727) 447-6000 or VHF channel 16. Additional dockage is available at Clearwater Municipal Marina, (727) 462-6954.
- 13.2 Naples: Dockage is available at Naples Yacht Club. Contact Joe Barrett at (239) 597-2266 or (239) 777 1880.
- 13.3 Recommended dockage at Punta Gorda is at Burnt Store Marina. For information, contact Bob Anderson, (941) 505-8933 jnyonpg@comcast.net. Or Don Levy ktout19@comcast.net
- 13.4 Sarasota Yacht Club and Bird Key Yacht Club have dockage for boats starting in Sarasota. Contact Cindy Clifton, Sarasota Yacht Club cindy.swan@verizon.net, phone 941-365-5694, fax 941-953-3831.
- 13.5 Key West: Early reservations are recommended. The Galleon Marina (800) 662-7462 has reserved a block of slips on a first come first served basis. You must mention the Key West Rendezvous Regatta to the Dockmaster in order to make a reservation. Other arrangements may be made with Conch Harbor Marina (305) 294-2933; A & B Marina (800) 223-8352; Key West Bight Marina (305) 296-3838; Key West Yacht Club (305) 296-3446; and Key West Hilton Resort and Marina (305) 294-4000.

14. OTHER INFORMATION

- 14.1 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."
- 14.2 Clearwater Yacht Club has limited parking facilities and unfortunately must restrict parking in its parking lot to Clearwater Yacht Club Members only.
- 14.3 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION MAY BE OBTAINED FROM: R. Fairlie Brinkley, Regatta Chairman fairlie@fairliebrinkley.com (727) 512-3264; Joe Barrett, Gulf Coast Sailing Club, Naples Joe@dolphinmortgage.com (239) 597-2266, or cell (239) 777-1880; Lodge McKee, Naples Yacht Club lodge@premiermail.net (239) 434-2424; Cindy Clifton, Sarasota Yacht Club cindy.swan@verizon.net, phone 941-365-5694, fax 941-953-3831; Bob Anderson, Punta Gorda Sailing Club, (941) 505-8933 jnyonpg@comcast.net or Don Levy ktout19@comcast.net