

**2017 AROUND EGMONT KEY CLASSIC REGATTA**  
**BRADENTON YACHT CLUB**  
**PALMETTO FLORIDA**  
**SATURDAY MARCH 18, 2017**  
**NOTICE OF RACE and SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**  
**REVERSE HANDICAP EVENT**

**1 RULES**

- 1.1 This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 No national prescriptions will apply.
- 1.3 The current WFPHRF class rules will apply. This is a WFPHRF category 4 event.
- 1.4 If there is a conflict between the Notice of Race/Sailing Instructions, RRS or WFPHRF, these instructions will take precedence.

**2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 2.1 The regatta is open to all boats with current WFPHRF ratings.
- 2.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the attached form and attaching a current WFPHRF certificate and sending it, together with the required fee to Bradenton Yacht Club, c/o Jenifer Gordan, 4307 Snead Island Rd, Palmeto, FL 34221 by the scheduled start of the Competitor's meeting. No entries will be accepted after that time.

**3 FEES**

- 3.1 The entry fee for all boats is \$35.00. Checks payable to Bradenton Yacht Club.

**4 SCHEDULE**

- 4.1 Friday, March 17, 2017      Check-In                      1700-1930
- 4.2 Competitors Meeting    1930
- 4.3 Saturday March 18, 2017      Warning Signal              0955
- 4.4 Individual start times will be distributed at the Competitor's Meeting.
- 4.5 Should the race be abandoned, it may be rescheduled the following day.

**5 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

- 5.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located by the pool

**6 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 6.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0700 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

**7 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 7.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located at the southeast corner of the Yacht Basin.
- 7.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 30 minutes" in the race signal AP. This changes RRS 26.

**8 RACING AREA AND COURSES**

- 8.1 The start shall be located in lower Tampa Bay, in the vicinity of ICW Marker #2. The course distance is 21.2 nm. Racers will have the option of choosing the direction, southerly or northerly to take around Egmont Key as follows:
  - 8.1.1 Course A: The course will start between the Committee Signal Boat and a temporary mark in the vicinity of Marker #2 in Tampa Bay. The first leg shall be from the Committee Signal Boat to a gate between Marker G3 off of Egmont Key and a temporary mark. Thence to Marker G1 bell leaving it to starboard, thence to R14 leaving it to starboard,, thence to R16 leaving it to starboard, thence to R18 leaving it to

starboard thence to G3 and a temporary mark forming a gate, thence to the finish in the vicinity of G2.

- 8.1.2 Course B: The course will start between the Committee Signal Boat and a temporary mark in the vicinity of Marker #2 in Tampa Bay. The first leg shall be from the Committee Signal Boat to a gate between Marker G3 off of Egmont Key and a temporary mark, thence to R18 leaving it to port thence to R16 leaving it to port, thence to R14 leaving it to port, thence to G1 bell leaving it to port, thence to G3 bell and a temporary mark forming a gate and thence to the finish in the vicinity of G2.

## 9 MARKS

- 9.1 The start and finish line mark will be a tomato shape.  
9.2 The temporary gate mark will be a tetrahedron shape.  
9.3 The remaining marks will be fixed government marks.

## 10 CHECK-IN PROCEDURES

- 10.1 Before the start of the race, each boat shall check-in with the race committee by passing on the starboard side of the signal boat.  
10.2 Radio check-ins will be accepted on VHF channel 72.  
10.3 All boats shall give their boat name, sail number, and division.  
10.4 Only the race committee may protest boats for not checking in properly.

## 11 THE START

- 11.1 Races will be started by using rule 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.  
11.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Committee Signal Boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.  
11.3 Boats shall avoid the starting area during the start times for other racers.

## 12 RECALLS

- 12.1 As a courtesy, the race committee may broadcast on VHF channel 72 the sail numbers of boats that have not complied with RRS 29.1 or RRS 30.1. The delay of such a broadcast, the order of broadcast or failure of a competitor to hear such a hail shall not be grounds for granting a redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

## 13 THE FINISH

- 13.1 The finishing line shall be between an orange flag on a race committee boat and the start/finish mark in the vicinity of G2 near the mouth of the Manatee River.

## 14 TIME LIMITS

- 14.1 Boats failing to finish within sixty (60) minutes after the first boat in its class that sails the course and finishes will be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, 63.1, A4.1 and A5.  
14.2 Boats failing to finish thirty (30) minutes prior to sunset on the day of the race will be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, 63.1, A4.1 and A5. Sunset is scheduled at 1941 hours.

## 15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1 Protest forms will be available next to the official notice board.  
15.2 A boat intending to protest about an incident that occurs in the racing area or ask redress shall notify the race committee finish boat of her intention at the finish line, including the sail number of the boat being protested. This changes RRS 61.  
15.3 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the finish committee boat docking time.  
15.4 Scoring inquiries will be accepted for 30 minutes following the posting of the scores on the official notice board.  
15.5 The Organizing Authority may schedule protest hearings at any time following receipt of protests. Such information will be posted on the notice board.

15.6 Decisions of the protest committee will be final as provided in RRS 70.5

#### 16 SCORING

16.1 The Low Point System of Appendix A of RRS will apply.

16.2 In the case of a shortened race, it will be re-scored as PHRF time/distance based on elapsed time.

16.3 Results will be included in the SBYA Boat of the Year Series.

#### 17 RADIO COMMUNICATION

17.1 The race committee will monitor and make announcements on VHF channel 72.

17.2 As a courtesy, a boat that retires from the race should notify the race committee signal boat as soon as possible on VHF channel 72.

#### 18 PRIZES

18.1 Prizes will be awarded at Bradenton Yacht Club following the protest time limits and any protest hearings that may be scheduled that day.

#### 19 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

19.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority 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.

#### 20 INSURANCE

20.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance.