



Clearwater Yacht Club & Dunedin Boat Club Organizing Authorities

The WFPHRF Gulf Region - BOTY Regatta

PASS-A-GRILL RUN Saturday, February 28th, 2026

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS(SIs)

1. RULES

- i) The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), (2025-2028).
- ii) This event is governed by the West Florida PHRF Gulf Region Boat of the Year [Notice of Series](#).
- iii) [NP] Denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.2(a) and 61.1(a).

2. COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS

- i) Communication and notices to competitors will be posted on the [Official Notice Board](#) on Yacht Scoring website. It is the responsibility of each competitor to check the [Officials Notice Board](#) for any amendments or notices. It is recommended that all crew members register their email addresses and “on the water” cell number to receive communications.
- ii) The Race Committee may communicate with competitors on Channel 72; however, failure of the race committee to transmit or failure of a competitor to receive transmission shall not be grounds for redress.
- iii) While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communications that is not available to all boats.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- i) Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the [Official Notice Board](#) before 0800 hrs of the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posed by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- i) No signals shall be displayed ashore.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

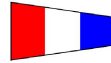
- i) First Warning is 0955. No warning shall be made after 1200.

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6. CLASS FLAG

- i) The class flag will be
 - (1) Numeral Pennant 3 (three) for all competitors.



7. COURSE

- i) Start will be in the vicinity of Clearwater 1 (27 58.18N 82 50.86 W), then round Clearwater 1 (which side will be announced on the water prior to everyone's start), leave John's Pass Light JP (27 46.49N 8248.04W) to starboard, and finish in the vicinity of Pass a Grill Entrance Light PG (27 40.62N 82 46.01W).
- ii) Leaving Clearwater 1 on which side shall be designated and displayed on the stern of the Signal boat.
 - (1) "P" will indicate that competitors are to leave Clearwater 1 to their port side while rounding the mark.
 - (2) "S" will indicate that competitors are to leave Clearwater 1 to their starboard side while rounding the mark.
 - (3) [NP] As a courtesy, the Race Committee will communicate this via the VHF radio. But failure of a competitor to hear this announcement is not grounds for a protest or request for redress by a boat.

8. MARKS

- i) The start mark will be an orange ball. All other are government marks, location described in 7 (i).

9. STARTING AND FINISHING LINES

- i) Start Line – The Start Line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- ii) For the pursuit start, boats will be assigned a starting time in minutes and seconds after the class flag is lowered which signals the start of the first boat. After the first boat starts, it is the responsibility of each subsequent boat to time her own start. Should a boat be on the course side of the starting line at her scheduled start time, the race committee will sound one horn, raise and immediately lower the race signal flag "X". The timing of subsequent starts will not be affected. (This changes Race Signal Flag "X".)
- iii) Finish Line – The finish line shall be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the Race Committee vessel at the starboard end and the course side Pass-a-Grille channel entrance mark.

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10. TIME LIMIT

- i) If a boat fails to sail the course and finish by 1830 hours, they will be scored “Did Not Finish” without a hearing. (This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.)

11. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- i) Protest forms are available on the regatta website captioned “General Race Forms”. Additional race forms will be available at SPYC at Pass-A-Grill. Boats intending to protest shall notify the Race Committee on VHF Channel 72, and by calling or texting 727-638-1961 immediately after finishing.
- ii) Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit expires to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties, or a named witness. Location of the protest room and time of the hearing will be included in the notice.

12. SCORING

- i) As this is a pursuit race, the finishing placement will be in the order in which the boats cross the finish line.
- ii) The event will be scored using Time on Distance and the Low Point Scoring System.
- iii) One race constitutes a regatta.

13. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- i) Boats shall check in with the Race Committee prior to the First Warning signal either on Channel 72 or by sailing past the stern of the Race Committee Signal vessel and hailing her name and Sail Number.
- ii) A boat that retires from the race shall notify Race Committee by VHF radio channel 72 at the first reasonable opportunity.

14. PRIZES

- i) Prizes will be awarded as follows in WF-PHRF classes

# Entries	Places
2	1 st
3	1 st & 2 nd
4+	1 st , 2 nd , & 3 rd