



NOTICE OF RACE
Big Mouth Regatta
Pensacola Beach Yacht Club
Saturday, November 9, 2024

Management and Rules

As the Organizing Authority (OA), PBYC adheres to the US Sailing Code of Conduct for all races. The race will be sailed under the management of the PBYC Race Committee. It will be governed by the current Racing rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of US Sailing, and the 2023 Pensacola Bay Sailing Instructions as amended February 19, 2024, https://www.pensacolabeachyachtclub.org/files/ugd/cb9287_9d84ff4fbe1244d1aed764bc71a3931b.pdf except as modified by this Notice of Race (NOR), and/or the Sailing Instructions (SI's) for this Regatta.

Eligibility and Classes

Classes will include Racing, Multi-hull and Cruising*. Race is open to all PHRF and One Design boats with a minimum length of 19'. PHRF and ORR-ez entries must have a valid PHRF or ORR-ez Rating Certificate or accept a temporary provisional rating as assigned by the Race Committee (RC).

*To be eligible for the Cruising Class, vessels must be cruising sailboats with a Sail Area to Displacement (SAD) of less than 20. Sails should not be made of high-tech sail materials (Carbon, Vectran, etc) and should be hank on or roller furling headsails. Cruising laminate sails may be used. Inboard engines or, on smaller boats, an outboard can be used as long as it is left on the transom of the boat. The PBYC Fleet Captain reserves the right to include vessels not meeting all the specifications above on a case by case basis.

Sailing Instructions

The SI's and this NOR will be available on www.regattaman.com and PBYC's Website on the Event page at www.pensacolabeachyachtclub.org.

Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors and changes to the rules and race course(s) will be posted on www.regattaman.com, PBYC's Facebook Page, the Pensacola Bay Cruising Fleet Group on the app What's App, verbally, via text, and with best efforts in a timely manner on the Event page at www.pensacolabeachyachtclub.org.

For an on-the-water change to the sailing instructions, the "L" flag shall be displayed. The change will be announced on the designated VHF channel (This changes RRS Race Signals).

Venue and Courses

The sailing area will be Pensacola Bay and Gulf of Mexico. Starting Line and Race Course details will be posted, as applicable, on www.regattaman.com and during Skipper's meeting.

Courses

Racing/Multi-Hull classes shall be: Start between the signal boat and Intracoastal Mark 142, L to starboard, 14 and 12 to port, round X to port, 12 and 14 to starboard, L to port. Finish between the signal boat and Intracoastal Mark 142.

Cruising class shall be: Start between the signal boat and Intracoastal Mark 142, L to starboard, 14 and 12 to port, round V to port, 12 and 14 to starboard, L to port. Finish between the signal boat and Intracoastal Mark 142.

Race time shall end at 4:00pm

Communications

All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communication on channel **72**. Channels 68, 69, 71 and 72 may be used.

Penalty System

The Scoring Penalty, Rule 44.3 will apply.

Insurance

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$300,000 per incident or the equivalent.

Disclaimer of Liability

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

Schedule

Skippers Meeting: Friday, November 8, 2024, 6pm **PBYC Clubhouse**, 655 Pensacola Beach Blvd, 3rd Floor, Pensacola Beach, FL.

First Warning: Saturday, November 9, 2024, **1055 hrs**, First Start, **1100 hrs**.

- Racing/Multi-Hull : 1100 hrs.
- Cruising class: directly following

Awards: approximately at 5:00pm at PBYC clubhouse, 655 Pensacola Beach Blvd, 3rd Floor, Pensacola Beach, FL.

Entries and Fees

Entries are to be submitted via www.regattaman.com

Cost of the Regatta is \$35.00 or \$25.00 with early registration.

Scoring

Racing boats will be scored using GYA PHRF handicapping. Cruising boats will be scored using ORR-ez.

Trophies

Trophies will be given to 1st-3rd place finishers in each Class with minimum 3 boats.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT:

PBYC Fleet Captain

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