



**Santa Claus Regatta  
Pensacola Yacht Club  
Saturday, December 14, 2024  
NOTICE OF RACE**



**1. RULES**

- 1.1 The Santa Clause Regatta will be held on Pensacola Bay Saturday, December 14, 2024, under the Organizing Authority of Pensacola Yacht Club
- 1.2 This regatta shall be governed by rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2021 - 2024.
- 1.3 The race(s) will be sailed under the current [Pensacola Bay Sailing Instructions](#)
- 1.4 Supplemental Sailing Instructions, if used, will be available online no later than 1800 on Friday, Dec. 13th.
- 1.5 This Notice of Race may be amended.

**2. ELIGIBILITY, ENTRY and FEE**

- 2.1 The Regatta is open to all handicap and One Design boats with a minimum length of 19'.
- 2.2 Online Registration at the Regatta Man Website
- 2.3 Boats not registered before 1700 on Friday, December 13, 2024, are not eligible for entry into the Regatta and will not be scored.
- 2.4 Handicap entries must have a valid ORR-Ez Rating Certificate or accept a temporary, provisional rating as assigned by the RC.
- 2.5 Entry fee for all classes: \$25/Boat.

**3. CLASSES**

- 3.1 Classes may include handicap (ORR-EZ) and One-Design Classes (such as Vipers, Catalina 22's, etc.). Each class must have no less than 3 started boats to compete as a class. Any handicap class with more than 8 boats may be divided into sub-classes at the discretion of the Race Committee (RC).
- 3.2 Racing and Cruising classes will be sailed under ORR-EZ handicapping.

**4. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

- 4.1 Notices to Competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board (ONB) on the Blue Porch. Competitors may also be informed by text or email (indicated in the registration form) when a Notice to competitors is posted on the ONB
- 4.2 Changes to the rules will be posted on the ONB before 0830am on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted no later than 2000 on the day before it will take effect.
- 4.3 For an on the water change to the sailing instructions: "L" flag shall be displayed. The change will be announced on the designated VHF channel. (This changes RRS Race Signals).

## **5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from a flagpole in the Pensacola Yacht Club lawn.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP. (This changes RRS Race Signals).

## **6. COMMUNICATIONS**

- 6.1 [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on channel 72. Channels 68, 69, and 71 may be used. (This supersedes any class rules).
- 6.2 On the water, the Race Committee (RC) may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio channel 72.
- 6.3 [DP] From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency or as required by a rule, a boat shall not make voice nor data transmissions and shall not receive voice nor data communication that is not available to all boats.
- 6.4 The RC may broadcast the course, bearing and distance information before the warning signal, start times, starting infractions, and information important to racing. Failure of the transmission, failure of any boat to receive or properly interpret this information, or any errors or omissions on the part of the hailed messages shall not constitute grounds for granting redress. (This changes RRS 62.1(a))
- 6.5 Individual recalls and boats penalized under RRS 30.2 or RRS 30.3 may be broadcast on the designated VHF channel using bow/sail numbers. (This changes RRS 29.1, 30.2 and 30.3)
- 6.6 Failure of the RC to make any broadcast or to time it accurately will not be grounds for a request for redress. (This changes RRS 62.1(a))
- 6.7 The RC may broadcast any course changes over the designated VHF channel. Failure of a boat to hear such notification or failure to broadcast will not be grounds for redress. (This changes RRS 62.1(a))

## **7. SCHEDULE**

Friday, December 13

1700 Online Registration Closes

Saturday, December 14

0930 Skippers' Meeting PYC Bar

1155 Warning Signal for Start of Racing

1500 Nauti Santa Awards at PYC Bar (may be delayed depending on finish of race)

1700 Please join the PYC Progressive Marina Party on the PYC Docks & Watson Sailing Center

## **8. VENUE AND COURSES**

- 8.1 The sailing area will be Pensacola Bay approximately south of the Bayou Chico Channel entrance.
- 8.2 The courses sailed will be harbor courses shown in Appendices A, B, C, and D. The Start and Finish for all courses will be between the Signal Vessel and a yellow tetrahedron.
- 8.3 The Signal Vessel will anchor 0.5nm directly downwind from an Windward Drop Mark Gate (Orange Tetrahedron) at approximately 30 22.293N and 87 14.5602W.
- 8.4 Listed Latitude and Longitude coordinates for the position of the Signal Vessel and Windward Drop Mark Gate are approximate and the actual GPS position of the Signal Vessel and Windward Drop Mark Gate will be used for ORR-EZ calculations for scoring.
- 8.5 The current [Pensacola Bay Sailing Instructions](#) (available online) contain the general racing area chart and a table of government marks.

## **9. TIME LIMIT**

- 9.1 The time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish a race will be 2 hours after her start.
- 9.2 Boats failing to finish within 60 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes, and not thereafter retiring, being penalized, or given redress, will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired, see Scoring). (This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10)

## **10. PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 10.1 The Scoring Penalty, Rule 44.3, will apply.

## **11. SCORING**

- 11.1 The low-point scoring system of RRS Appendix A shall be used except there will be no discarded races. This changes RRS A2.
- 11.2 A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for her finishing place 2 more than the points scored by the last boat that finished according to NOR 9.2 but no more than equal to DSQ.

## **12. PRIZES from NAUTI SANTA**

- 12.1 Prizes will be awarded to the top five (5) finishing boats, as follows:
- a) The skippers will be numbered in reverse order of finish. The fifth-place finisher based on corrected time will be Skipper #1, fourth place finisher will be Skipper #2, and so on. Cruising boats will be interleaved into the Spinnaker fleet based on corrected time. If the skipper is not present, a crew member from the boat may represent the skipper.
  - b) Skipper #1 picks a prize and opens it, shows it around, models it, reads it, demos it, etc.
  - c) Skipper #2 is next and can either select another unchosen prize or take the prize #1 had chosen.
  - d) If #2 takes #1's prize, #1 must select another unchosen or unopened prize.
  - e) Next, it is #3's turn. #3 has two choices. #3 could select a new unchosen prize or take an already chosen prize (#1's prize or #2's prize).
  - f) Then, if #3 were to select #2's prize, #2 has two choices. #2 could select another unchosen prize or select #1's prize. However, a prize cannot bounce back and forth between two players without someone else taking possession of the prize in between. So, #2 cannot select #3's prize because it was just previously taken from #2.
  - g) ***Prizes are retired after being stolen twice and cannot be subsequently selected by another skipper.***

## **13. FURTHER INFORMATION**

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