



Pensacola a la Habana Race

Organized by Pensacola Yacht Club

A PYC Satori Foundation Event

April 30 – May 6, 2017

NOTICE OF RACE

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The Pensacola Yacht Club invites yachts qualified under this Notice of Race to enter the **2017 Pensacola a la Habana Race** including Monohull PHRF Racers, Cruiser/Racers, Modern Cruisers, Classic Cruisers, Multihull PHRF Racers, and Multihull Cruisers.

The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Pensacola Yacht Club (PYC) of Pensacola, FL. The OA will appoint a separate Race Committee. The hosts for the event are the PYC Satori Foundation, the Pensacola Yacht Club, and the Hemingway International Yacht Club. **Yacht Scoring** is the host for online registrations. www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=2919 The OA reserves the right to accept or reject the entry of any yacht and has the authority to interpret the conditions governing the event and assignment of yachts to classes and divisions.

1. RULES

1.1 The race will be governed by *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS 2017-2020)*; the US Sailing Prescriptions; applicable class and/or rating rules; this Notice of Race (NOR); and the Sailing Instructions (SI). The OA reserves the right to resolve any conflict between the rules. This alters RRS 63.7.

1.2 The International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (COLREGS) shall be adhered to.

1.3 RRS 42, 52, 62.1(a), and 63.7 are altered herein. Rule 82 does not apply. Other documents may change other RRS.

1.4 MOTORING while racing is allowed for all Divisions only. Rules for use of auxiliary power are detailed in Appendix B. This also includes Racing Division. This changes RRS 42.

1.5 The use of POWERED WINCHES and AUTOPILOTS is allowed in Modern Cruiser and Classic Cruiser Divisions only.

1.6 Except while changing sails, yachts shall set only one (1) headsail on the permanent forestay and only one (1) staysail per mast,

which shall not extend beyond the rated LP distance.

2. ELIGIBILITY and ENTRY

2.1 All offshore capable PHRF Monohull and PHRF Multihull sailboats must have a minimum deck length of 30', be self-righting (monohulls) or have appropriate escape hatches (multi-hulls), properly rigged and ballasted with enclosed cabin, watertight, self-bailing cockpit and positive closures on all thru-hull fittings. The OA may grant exceptions based upon vessel soundness and entire crew experience.

2.2 The OA may establish Modern Cruiser Division and Classic Cruiser Division handicap adjustments, which will be provided in Appendix B to this NOR.

2.3 GYA PHRF ratings will be used for scoring purposes and will be subject to any handicap adjustments determined by the Organizing Authority.

2.4 Registration will be accepted through April 15, 2017. Registration should be submitted at the following website:

<http://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=2919>.

2.5 Registrations submitted after April 15, 2017 will be considered LATE but may be accepted on a case by case basis with an accompanying late fee added to the entry fee.

3. ENTRY FEE

3.1 Entry fee = \$350 before March 15 and \$400 between March 15 and April 15.

3.2 Subject to acceptance by the Race Committee; late Entry Fee = \$500 if paid after April 15, 2017. In no case will late registration be considered after 1200 Central Time Thursday April 27, 2017.

3.3 The OA may establish an additional fee for the mandatory rental of tracking devices. Cost to be determined at a later date.

4. SAFETY

4.1 It is the sole responsibility of the Person in Charge of each vessel to provide for the safety of the crew of the vessel. The decision to race or not to race or to continue to race after starting is the sole responsibility of the person in charge of each vessel.

4.2 The 2017 Pensacola a La Habana Race is designated as a 'Coastal' race as defined by the US Sailing Association. "Coastal: Races not far removed from shorelines, where rescue is likely to be quickly available".

4.3 The Pensacola a La Habana Race Organizing Authority ***strongly recommends*** that all competitors fully comply with the US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements (SER) for Coastal Races (Appendix A) developed from the SERs found at

http://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/DARoot/US_SER_2016.1%20with%20cx.pdf

4.4 The Pensacola a La Habana Race Organizing Authority requires that at least

30% of those aboard the boat, but not fewer than two members of the crew, unless racing single handed, including the person in charge, shall have attended a one-day, or two-day US Sailing Safety at Sea Seminar within the last 5 years, including online courses when available, or other courses as accepted by US Sailing or other national authority.

4.5 Each yacht shall carry a tracking device in accordance with Appendix C — Vessel Tracking. The device shall be operational from the time a yacht casts off before the start and until she docks, after finishing or withdrawing from the race. The boat tracking and related services are provided for recreational purposes only. Neither Yellow Brick nor the OA imply that the boat tracking service can be counted on as a safety device. A link to the Race tracking will be placed on the Regatta website for public viewing.

4.6 The 2017 Pensacola a La Habana Race requires that all vessels shall comply with communications requirements found in Appendix D.

4.7 The 2017 Pensacola a La Habana Race requires all vessels shall carry either a 406 MHz EPIRB which is properly registered to the boat, or a floating 406 MHz Personal Locator Beacon, registered to the owner with a notation in the registration that it is aboard the boat. This device shall be equipped with an internal GPS.

4.8 The 2017 Pensacola a La Habana Race requires all vessels shall meet all US Coast Guard equipment and safety requirements appropriate for the vessel.

4.9 All yachts shall be subject to random inspection for compliance with US Coast Guard Safety requirements and their rating certificates. Yachts found not in compliance shall be subject to protest by the Race Committee which may result in

disqualification or other penalties. These inspections are made for rules enforcement purposes only; the Race Committee will not assess nor warrant the safety or seaworthiness of yachts or crews.

4.10 Prior to the start, each yacht shall hold a man overboard (MOB) briefing or drill involving the full crew.

4.11 At each vessel's Prestart Check-in, every member of the crew aboard shall be visible on deck wearing a Personal Flotation Device (PFD).

5. SCHEDULE

5.1 April 29 at 1600: Mandatory Skippers Meeting at Pensacola Yacht Club (PYC).

5.2 April 30: Monohull PHRF Racers first warning at 10:25. Monohull PHRF Cruisers first warning at 10:40. Multihulls first warning at 10:55.

5.3 May 6: Castillo del Morro Race (Race to the Castle). Start time to be announced in Havana. Award Ceremony at HIYC; time to be announced.

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

6.1 This regatta will be sailed in accordance with the COLREGS and the Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020, except as modified by the Sailing Instructions for this regatta and/or by notice of the Race Committee.

6.2 The race is an international race starting in Pensacola Bay, Florida, USA and finishing at Marina Hemingway, Havana, Cuba. Sailing Instructions will be available at the Skippers Meeting and will be posted online by **15 April 2017** on the event website. Other details may also be provided at the Skippers Meeting.

6.3 VHF Radio Channel 68 will be used and monitored by the Race Committee at the start and finish of the race.

6.4 VHF Radio Channel 16 shall be monitored at all other times while boats are racing.

6.5 Radio Protocols shall be per Appendix D.

7. SCORING

7.1 Scoring shall be PHRF Time on Distance based upon valid GYA PHRF certificates and certificate adjustments that may be applied by the OA.

8. DIVISIONS

8.1 There will be two Fleets: PHRF Monohull and PHRF Multihull.

8.2 PHRF Monohull Fleet will have the following divisions: Racer, Cruiser/Racer, Modern Cruiser, and Classic Cruiser.

8.3 PHRF Multihull Fleet may have the following Divisions: Racer and Cruiser, provided that each division has a sufficient number of entries.

8.4 Depending on the number of boats registering in each Division, the Race Committee may divide a Division into a Class or Classes. Depending on the number of boats registering in each Division, the Race Committee may also combine Divisions.

8.5 Rating adjustments per Appendix B will be applied only to valid GYA PHRF certificates for boat sailing in the Modern Cruiser Division and the Classic Cruiser Division.

9. TROPHIES AND PRIZES

9.1 Trophy award ceremonies will be held at the Hemingway International Yacht Club on

Saturday, May 6, at a time announced by HIYC.

9.2 The Pace Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the First Overall Monohull and the First Overall Multihull with a Keeper Trophy presented to each. See Appendix F.

9.3 Fleet, Division, and Class awards will be given based on entry levels.

10. MEDIA AND COMMERCIAL RIGHTS

10.1 Competitors shall acknowledge during registration that the OA owns all media and commercial rights to the race. Competitors will further grant the OA the unrestricted and perpetual right to use and publish any biographical information, text, and images arising in connection with this event. The OA will exercise these rights in its sole discretion or as it may agree with the race's sponsors.

11. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

11.1 Regatta Chair: Neil Davies, ndaviesgeo@me.com; phone: 404-307-2681.

11.2 All updates and amendments to this NOR will be posted to the event website, Yacht Scoring, and PYC website when they are ready for publication.

Appendices to this NOR:

Appendix A - Safety Equipment.

Appendix B - Cruising Class Ratings.

Appendix C - Vessel Tracking.

Appendix D - Radio Protocol.

Appendix E – Forms.

Appendix F - Pace Trophy Rules.