



Notice of Series

Pensacola Bay Cruising Fleet

Winter Series 2024

1. This regatta series will be governed by rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

2. **ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**...Open to all racing, cruising (See PBCF charter for definition) OD and multihull sailboats with an ORR-EZ rating. If you do not yet have an ORREZ. rating we will try to assign you one

3. **FLEETS AND DIVISIONS**... There will be 4 fleets, Racing, Cruising, OD and Multihull. The racing division is open to all boats. The cruising division is open to all boats that conform to the BCF charter. The OD fleet will consist of Catalina 22s. Fleets will be scored individually. Once registered in a fleet boats shall continue in that fleet for the rest of the series.

3. **FEES & REGISTRATION** ...Boats must register on the regatta management website. The Entry fee is \$3.25 per race.

4. **SCHEDULE**... 12 races will be attempted in the series. The races will occur on Sunday starting Jan 7 and concluding March 24. In the event of race cancellation the number of races in the series will be reduced. Races will use the pursuit format and will start at 1300hrs

5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The race(s) will be sailed under the current Pensacola Bay Sailing Instructions. The Pensacola Bay Sailing Instructions are available online. Comms will be on channel 69 during the race. Once the course is selected start times will be sent via email or SMS dependent on communication selections during registration. A link to a web app with countdown timer for your start will be available as well.

6. **COURSE** The start will be between Bayou Chico #2 and Bayou Chico #4. The course will be determined based on weather conditions and will be communicated via text or email prior to the start.

7. **STARTING - SCORING** Boats will start according to their ORR-EZ handicap rating with the highest rating starting first. Start times for different ratings will be texted/ emailed to participants the day before each race. A link to a web app countdown timer will also be sent. Starting will be based on the honor system. First boat to finish gets first place, second boat gets second place, etc. Series scoring will be based on the Mass Bay pursuit scoring system using the top 9 scores in the series

8. FURTHER INFORMATION

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