

Bone Island Regatta

**Preliminary Notice of
Race
May 14 – 17, 2025**

1. RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) (2025-2028), the WFPHRF Organization Class Rules and the National One-Design Rules.

1.2 WFPHRF Class Rules may be found at www.westfloridaphrf.org

1.3 The Organizing Authority is Bone Island Regatta.

2. ELIGIBILITY

2.1 Open to any single hulled, self-righting, enclosed cabin sailing boat that hold a current, valid, WFPHRF rating and to all offshore multi-hull yachts that have a current, valid WFPHRF rating, with a minimum length of 28 ft. All boats must meet the WFPHRF Category One (1) Safety, Crew and Equipment Requirements.

2.2 All boats shall be seaworthy and carry all safety equipment required by US Coast Guard.

2.3 Owner and/or skipper shall be a member of a yacht club, sailing club or sailing association affiliated with the US Sailing Association. The term “skipper” means the person, whether or the owner of the boat, who is designated on the entry form as “skipper”, who is in charge of the boat and will be responsible for its handling and safety, the conduct of its crew while ashore as a guest of any host yacht club, sailing association, sailing club or any participating commercial facilities, and shall be responsible for compliance with the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions.

2.4 All boats shall carry a workable VHF radio capable of receiving and transmitting on channels 16 and 72, and receiving weather broadcasts.

2.5 The Minimum crew, including skipper, shall be two (2) persons.

2.6 True Cruiser entrants intending to use a “cruising spinnaker” under the provisions of the WFPHRF Class Rules shall notify the race committee in writing of their intention, On or before May 8, 2025. If no notification is received, the entered boat will be in the True Cruising Class with no spinnaker, there will be no change to this after midnight May 8, 2025. There will be no adjustments at the skippers meeting. Also there will be no Class change after this date and time

3. ENTRIES AND FEES

3.1 Entries shall be made by completing the Official Entry form, accompanied by an exact copy of the boat's valid WFPHRF rating Certificate along with the entry fee.

3.2 The entry fee for Sarasota is Two hundred dollars (\$200.00) to April 18, 2025 this includes one t-shirt, your choice of size. Effective April 19, 2025, the entry fee is Two hundred twenty-five dollars (\$225.00).

3.3 Entry fees are refundable until April 15, 2025, and then they become non-refundable. Deadline for entry is 5 p.m. May 7, 2025.

3.4 For rating information, contact West Florida PHRF, Phone (727) 462-0450 or administrator@westfloridaphrf.org

3.5 Award tickets must be purchased by everyone, including the skipper. Award dinner is May 17, 2025, the awards dinner will be at "Salty Frogs" the dinner ticket price is \$40.00 per person, cash bar. This \$40. Ticket provides a large dinner, tax and tip for dinner included. This tip does not include your cocktail server. You must purchase a dinner ticket for entrance to the awards. As in previous years, we will have a cake for dessert. These tickets may be purchased when you enter the race, or later on the web site until May 10, 2025, or the last opportunity will be at the skippers meeting. They will not be available in Key West. The last day to purchase anything on line will be May 10, 2025.

4. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

4.1 The applicable Sailing Instructions will be available at the Skippers Meetings.

5. REGISTRATION, CREW LIST, FLOAT PLAN, "SPOT", AND SKIPPERS MEEETING

5.1 Participants in the Sarasota to Key West competition may register on-line, deadline is 5:00 PM May 7, 2025

5.2 The Skippers Meeting for the Sarasota to Key West Race TBD.

5.3 An accurate and complete crew list shall be provided at or before the Skippers Meeting.

5.4 A completed "Float Plan" must be provided in writing to the Organizing Authority at or before the Skippers Meeting.

A Valid "WFPHRF Certificate" must be presented to the Organizing Authority at or before the Skippers meeting. All certificates must be valid and there will be no certificates printed at the Skippers Meetings.

5.6 All vessels are required to use a SPOT tracking device or Garmin or Delorme for the duration of the race and be activated. You will have to provide your URL, on a "shared page" tracking data no later than midnight, May 1, 2025. We will have to look everyone up individually, our previous provider has retired. This information should be provided to Hobart Collins cell number 502-541-2421 or email at hobartcollins@bellsouth.net We will not have a replay of the race on Friday night as usual nor will we be able to see the live race on the website. But the tracking system is a safety step required by the Coast Guard.

6. CLASSES AND DIVISIONS

6.1 Minimum of three (3) boats make a class.

6.2 Classes are: WFPHRF Spinnaker, WFPHRF Non-Spinnaker, WFPHRF True Cruising, and WFPHRF Multi-hull as defined in the WFPHRF Class Rules. There will also be a lighthouse class.

7. START

7.1 Sarasota - There will be one start on May 15, 2024, start time is planned to be 1200 hours, see sailing instructions for further details. This start will be in Venice, just outside the Venice Jetties.

7.2 The Lighthouse class will start at the same time.

7.3 Tampa – There will not be a Tampa start in 2025.

8. COURSES

8.1 The Sarasota to Key West Race shall begin West of the South Venice Jetties. Leave all coastal government marks including Smith Shoal Light to port, thence to Key West Northwest Channel sea buoy "1" FL G 2.5sec bell, leaving it to port, then along the Northwest Channel to the finish line in the vicinity of the Key West Bight Channel as more fully described in the sailing instructions. Rated course distance is 158 nautical miles.

8.2 The Lighthouse Class will follow the same instructions as above until they reach Smith Shoal. They will be given a Lat and Long and when they reach that they are to text Alice Petrat their finish time. Be sure you receive an acknowledgment that your time has been recorded.

9. SCORING

9.1 Corrected times will be calculated using time on distance on the boats WFPHRF "OWC" rating.

10. TIME LIMITS

10.1 For any vessel that has not finished by 1400 hours on May 16, 2025, they will be considered DNF.

PRIZES

10.1 Trophies will be awarded based on the number of entries in each division as follows:
Three entries, one trophy. Four entries, two trophies. Five or more entries, three trophies.

Specialty prizes may also be given. First over the line trophy will be given to the first monohull over the line for each start. Lighthouse Class will not be included in this award.

11. DOCKAGE

11.1 Sarasota: You may contact Marina Jack, or Sarasota Sailing Squadron. There is dockage at Sarasota Yacht Club, you may have to raft up, it is on a first come, first serve basis. Also in Venice, there is Venice Yacht Club and Crows Nest

11.2 Key West: Early reservations are recommended. Conch Harbor Marina (305) 294-2933, A&B Marina 305-294-2535, Key West Bight Marina (305) 809-3984, and Galleon Marina 305-292-1292.

12. OTHER INFORMATION

12.1 Competitors compete in the regatta at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority, host clubs, sponsors, their associates and appointees 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.

12.2 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION MAY BE OBTAINED FROM: Alice Petrat 941-232-3635, Greg Petrat 941-232-3637, gap4737@aol.com, or www.boneislandregatta.com

