



WASZP GAMES 2026

MARCH 22nd – 28th 2026

NOTICE OF RACE

Including changes from 26 January 2026 in red





The Organising Authority is Pensacola Yacht Club in conjunction with the WASZP International Class Association (WICA).

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. (*This changes RRS 60.1*).

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.
- 1.2 RRS Appendix P, Special Procedures for RRS 42, will apply as amended in NoR 13.
- 1.3 RRS Appendix T, Arbitration, will apply.
- 1.4 **[NP][DP]** The WASZP Support Vessel Rules that can be found at: <https://racehub.waszp.com/rules>
- 1.5 US Sailing Prescriptions will not apply, except Prescriptions to Appendix R, to preamble to Part 5, and to rules RRS 65.1, 70.3(b), 76.1 and 88.2. Prescriptions that apply can be found in Appendix 2.
- 1.6 Any changes to the rules for Sprint racing will be outlined in the Sprint Sailing Instructions.
- 1.7 RRS 60.4 (a) (2) is changed as follows: "if it is from a boat that alleges a breach of a rule of Part 2 or rule 31, but she was not involved in it **and** did not see the incident"
- 1.8 RRS 62.4 is changed as follows:
In addition, the protest committee may also penalize a boat that is a party to the hearing for the breach of a rule by a support person by changing the boat's score in a single race, up to and including disqualification.
- 1.9 RRS 90.3 (e) will apply and the expression "24 hours" is changed to "60 minutes".
- 1.10 **[SP]** denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the Race Committee or Technical Committee without a hearing. (*This changes RRS 63.2 (a)*).

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions (SIs) will be available on the ONB prior to the first day of the event.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The ONB is located at <https://racehub.waszp.com/eventdetail/580>.
- 3.2 The Organizing Authority (OA) includes the Vakaros Atlas 2 or Atlas Edge configured to RaceSense as required equipment for this event. Each boat shall either provide a working Atlas 2 or Atlas Edge at check-in for configuration with RaceSense. *Limited rental units are available.*
- 3.3 **[DP]** While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.
- 3.4 A WhatsApp group may be used for unofficial communication.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The event is open to all boats of the WASZP class.
- 4.2 All competitors shall be a member of their relevant WASZP National Class Association. A competitor that does not have a National Class Association in their country shall be a direct member of WICA. Membership can be purchased through National Class Associations or at <https://racehub.waszp.com/memberships>.
- 4.3 Boats and support persons may enter by registering online at <https://racehub.waszp.com/eventdetail/580>.
- 4.4 To be considered an entry in the event, all registration requirements and pay all fees shall be completed.
- 4.5 Each sailor under 18 years old on the first day of the event shall show a completed parent/guardian and signed consent form at registration for the duration of the event, each sailor under 18 years old shall be supervised by the responsible adult named on the parent/guardian consent form. This responsible person takes the minors' responsibility to race during the event.
- 4.6 Entry closes on 22 February 2026. Late entries may be considered at the discretion of the Organising Authority. To request late entry contact tomracechair@gmail.com
- 4.7 The Neutrality Policy of World Sailing will apply and can be found here: <https://d7qh6ksdplczd.cloudfront.net/sailing/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/24000303/Neutrality-Policy.pdf>
- 4.8 Athletes, support persons and race officials with a Russian or Belarusian passport who are not sailing as neutrals in accordance with the Neutrality Policy will not be eligible.



5 FEES

5.1 Entry fees and refunds for cancellations are as follows:

	Before November 1 st , 2025	From November 1 st to February 22 nd , 2026	Before February 22 nd , 2026	On or after February 22 nd , 2026
Entry Fee Competitors	\$600	\$700		
Support Person	\$300	\$350		
Refunds			90%	0%

6 ADVERTISING [NP] [DP]

6.1 If requested by the Organising Authority, boats shall display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority.

7 REGISTRATION

7.1 Competitors are required to confirm their entry with the Race Office and provide the following:

- Class Membership (NoR 4.2)
- Insurance (NoR 20)
- Equipment Inspection completed (NoR 10)

7.2 Support Persons are required to confirm with the Race Office and provide the following:

- Valid Boating License
- Vessel insurance

8 EVENT FORMAT

8.1 Each rig division may have a separate start and separate series.

8.2 Where a single rig division has more than 90 boats, that fleet will sail a qualifying series followed by a final series.

8.3 Racing will consist of Windward/leeward racing, Sprint racing and a Distance Race.

8.4 The Green Fleet will race separately from the main fleets in a single series. Further information on the Green Fleet can be found in NoR 23.

9 SCHEDULE

9.1 The table below outlines the provisional event schedule:

Date	Activity	Time
Sunday, 22 March 2026	Equipment Inspection and Registration	0900-1800
Monday, 23 March 2026	Equipment Inspection and Registration Opening Ceremony	0900-1800 ~1900
Tuesday, 24 March 2026	Competitor Briefing Racing	1000 1200
Wednesday, 25 March 2026	Racing	TBD
Thursday, 26 March 2026	Sprint Racing Distance Race	TBD
Friday, 27 March 2026	Racing	TBD
Saturday, 28 March 2026	Racing Prize Giving & Closing Party	TBD 1900 (TBD)

9.2 A maximum of 5 Course Races may be sailed on one day.

9.3 From 25 to 28 March, a daily briefing will take place 90 mins before the scheduled time of the first start.

9.4 On the last scheduled day of racing, no warning signal will be made after 1700.



10 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 10.1 **[DP]** Initial Equipment Inspection: All boats shall be presented for inspection with the full equipment, including sail, helmet and personal flotation devices during the scheduled measurement. Equipment shall be presented in a dry, clean, and salt-free condition. The Technical Committee or Race Committee may extend the Initial Equipment Inspection time.
- 10.2 **[DP] [NP]** Each boat shall have a working Vakaros Atlas 2 or Atlas Edge configured for RaceSense at check-in, which shall be mounted in accordance with the class rules.
- 10.3 **[DP] [NP]** Competitors shall do their best to keep the system safe and active. They shall inform the Vakaros staff as soon as possible, on the water or ashore, about any problems encountered with the device.
- 10.4 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the *rules*.
- 10.5 **[DP]** The penalty for infringement of a class rule may be less than disqualification.

11 VENUE

- 11.1 The event will be held at Pensacola Yacht Club, 1897 Cypress St, Pensacola, FL 32502, United States.
- 11.2 The racing areas will be in Pensacola Bay.

12 COURSES

The courses will be described in the SIs.

13 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 13.1 RRS 44.1 and P2.1 are changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 13.2 RRS P2.2 and P2.3 are deleted and RRS P2.1 applies to all penalties under Appendix P.
- 13.3 An international jury will be appointed according to RRS 91 b).

14 SCORING

- 14.1 3 scored races for each fleet are required to be completed to constitute a championship.
- 14.2 All race formats will count towards the championship.
- (a) The Distance Race will count as a single race in the series. All fleets will start together. Points scored in the Distance Race will be based on a boat's position in its fleet. This changes RRS A4.
- (b) The final ranking in each Sprint Racing Tournament will count as a single race in the final series and overall championship.
- 14.3 A single series of races will be scored as follows:
- (a) When fewer than 4 races have been scored, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores.
- (b) When 4 to 7 races have been scored, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores excluding her worst eligible score.
- (c) When 8 to 11 races have been scored, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores excluding her two worst eligible scores.
- (d) When 12 to 15 races have been scored, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores excluding her three worst eligible scores.
- (e) When 16 or more races have been scored, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores excluding her four worst eligible scores.

15 CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS

For charter boat enquiries, please visit:

<https://foilfast.com/products/waszpgamescharter>

16 BERTHING

[DP][NP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while in the boat park.



17 DATA PROTECTION

The personal information you provide to the Organising Authority will be used to facilitate your participation in the event. If you have agreed to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and the other rules that govern the event (the *rules*), the legal basis for processing that personal information is contract. If you are not bound by the *rules*, the legal basis for processing that personal information is legitimate interest. Your personal information will be stored and used in accordance with the Organising Authority's privacy policy. When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with your national authority and/or World Sailing. The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.

18 RIGHTS TO USE NAMES AND LIKENESS

Competitors automatically grant to the Organising Authority without payment the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television of or relating to the event.

19 RISK STATEMENT

- 19.1 Rule 3 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.'
- 19.2 Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:
- (a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
 - (b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
 - (c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
 - (d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
 - (e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
 - (f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
 - (g) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any competitor briefing held for the event.

20 INSURANCE

- 20.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$2M per incident or the equivalent.

21 PRIZES

- 21.1 Prizes will be awarded for the following positions and may be amended according to the split of the fleets. Ages are taken as of 31 December 2026:
- 8.2 fleet:
 - Top 5 overall
 - Age divisions: Junior (U19), Youth (U21), Core (21-29), Master (30-49), Super Master (50+)
 - 7.5 fleet:
 - Top 3 women, including the Women's WASZP Games champion
 - Top 3 men
 - Top 3 U16
 - 6.9 fleet:
 - Top 3 men
 - Top 3 women
 - Top U14
 - Top 3 Gold Fleet Sprint
 - Distance Race Winner
 - Speed Demon
 - Top 3 Green Fleet



- 21.2 The **INFLUENCER PRIZE** will be awarded to the sailor who puts out the best social media content during the event, as judged by WASZP HQ staff. Use #waszpgames26 so posts can be tracked.

22 GREEN FLEET

- 22.1 Green Fleet is a coached fleet that sails separately from the main fleets. It includes a daily briefing, debrief, on-water training and daily coached racing in a simplified format.
- 22.2 The courses and formats for Green Fleet will be set by the Green Fleet coach based on feedback from Green Fleet sailors.
- 22.3 Sailors in the Green Fleet may move to a main fleet at the start of any day; and sailors in a main fleet may move to the Green Fleet at the start of any day.

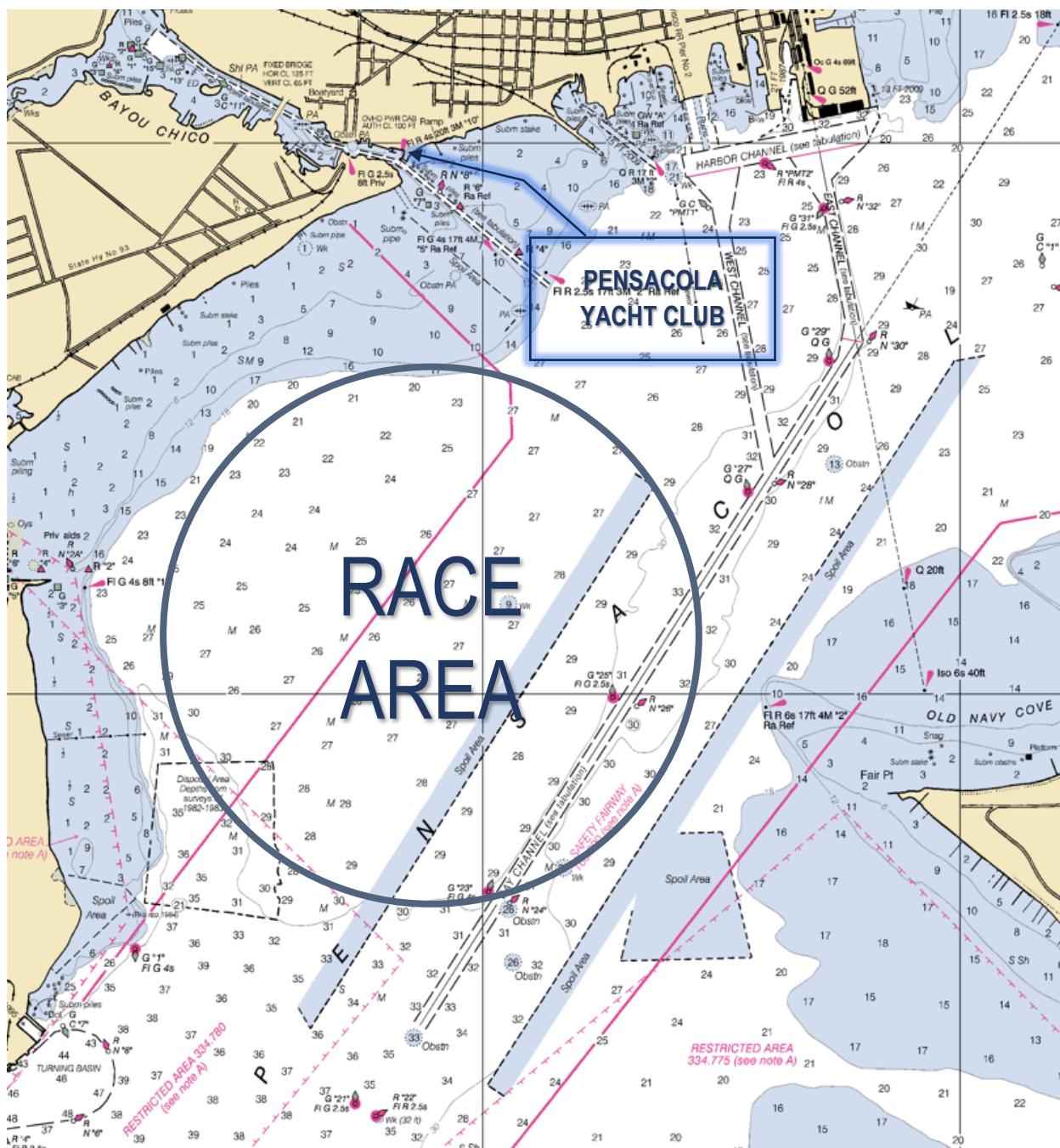
23 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please contact class@waszp.com.

For venue queries, please contact tomracechair@gmail.com



Appendix 1: Race Area





Appendix 2: US Sailing Prescriptions

Add to the preamble to Part 5, Section B:

US Sailing prescribes that:

- (a) No person who brings an incident to the attention of the protest committee or who will give evidence regarding an incident shall, when practicable, be a member of the protest committee for a hearing involving that incident.
- (b) A request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall, when practicable, be heard by a committee that contains no members of the committee that made the original decision.

Add to rule 65.1:

US Sailing prescribes that

- (a) A boat that retires from a race or accepts a penalty does not, by that action alone, admit liability for monetary damages.
- (b) A protest committee shall find facts and make decisions only in compliance with the rules. No protest committee or US Sailing appeal authority shall adjudicate any claim for monetary damages. Such a claim is subject to the jurisdiction of the courts.
- (c) A basic purpose of the rules is to prevent contact between boats. By participating in an event governed by the rules, a boat agrees that responsibility for monetary damages arising from any breach of the rules shall be based on fault as determined by application of the rules, and that she shall not be governed by the legal doctrine of 'assumption of risk' for monetary damages resulting from contact with other boats.

Add to rule 70.3(b):

US Sailing prescribes that its approval is required. Go to ussailing.org/rules and click the 'No Appeal' link for more information or to obtain approval.

Add to rule 76.1:

US Sailing prescribes that an organizing authority or race committee shall not reject or cancel the entry of a boat or exclude a competitor eligible under the notice of race and sailing instructions for an arbitrary or capricious reason or for reason of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, or age. However, an organizing authority or race committee may exclude a competitor who is a citizen of, or holds a World Sailing ID as an MNA member of, a country listed on the US Sailing website under 'Exclusion' at ussailing.org/rules.

Add to rule 88.2:

US Sailing prescribes that the notice of race or sailing instructions may change or delete any prescriptions except: this prescription, Appendix R, the prescription to the preamble to Part 5, and the prescriptions to rules 65.1, 70.3(b) and 76.1.

US Sailing Prescription to Appendix R can be found at:

https://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/US-Sailing-Prescriptions-for-2025-2028_FEB12_2025-1.pdf

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