



2025 PENSACOLA

2024
US NATIONAL
&
WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

BID



International Contender Class Association



**Pensacola Yacht Club is proud to present a bid to host
The 2024 US National Championship and World Championship for the
Contender Class
February 2025**

Pensacola YC: Experienced Regatta Management... Proven Excellence



Club PRO, Hal Smith, US Sailing National Race Officer, is a virtuoso at managing Regattas at any level. He managed Sportboat circles at Charleston Race Week, Sunfish Worlds, Kona Worlds, Opti Nationals, Four M24 Nationals, lots of other Nationals and North/Americans, 2017 and 2022 Viper640 North Americans, 2023 Sunfish PanAm Games Qualifier plus the 2018 and 2023 US Sailing Multihull Championship.

Pensacola YC has all the marks, flags and Race Committee Vessels to bring any regatta to life



.1 PENSACOLA



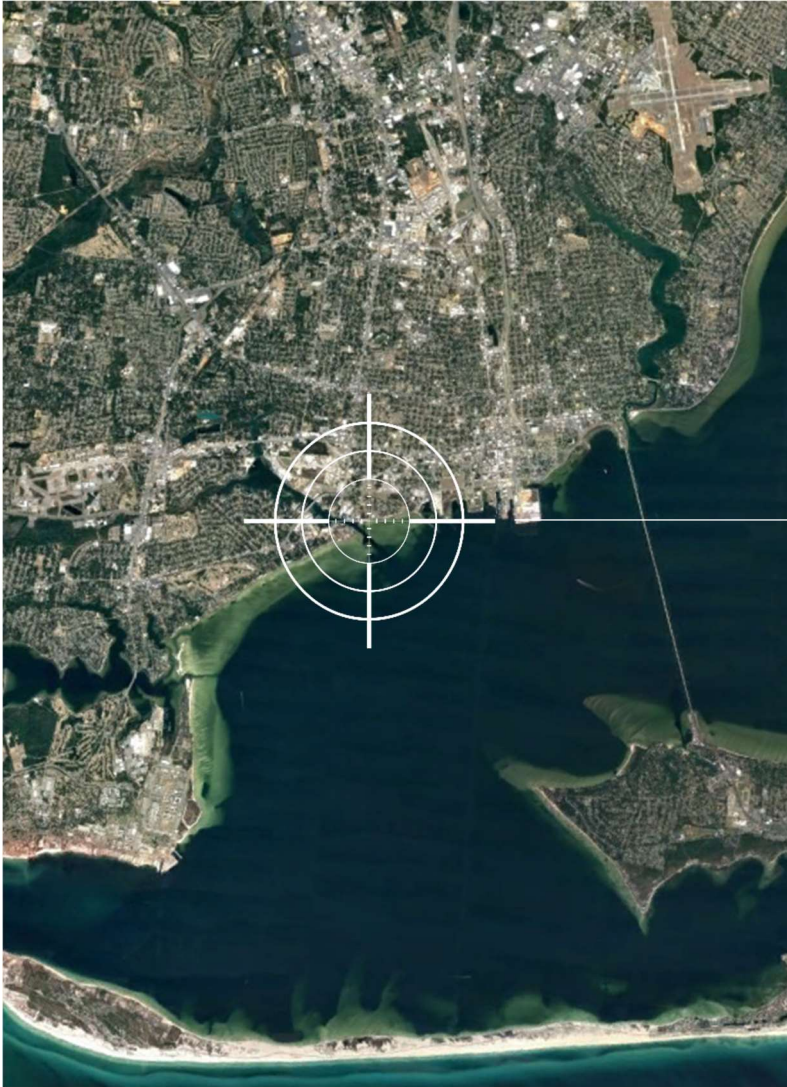
Pensacola is the westernmost city in the Florida Panhandle and the county seat of Escambia County, in the U.S. state of Florida. As of the 2010 census, the city had a total population of 51,923, down from 56,255 at the 2000 census. Pensacola is the principal city of the Pensacola metropolitan area, which had an estimated 461,227 residents in 2012.

Pensacola is a sea port on Pensacola Bay, which is protected by the barrier island of Santa Rosa and connects to the Gulf of Mexico. A large United States Naval Air Station, the first in the United States, is located southwest of Pensacola near Warrington; it is the base of the Blue Angels flight demonstration team and the National Naval Aviation Museum.

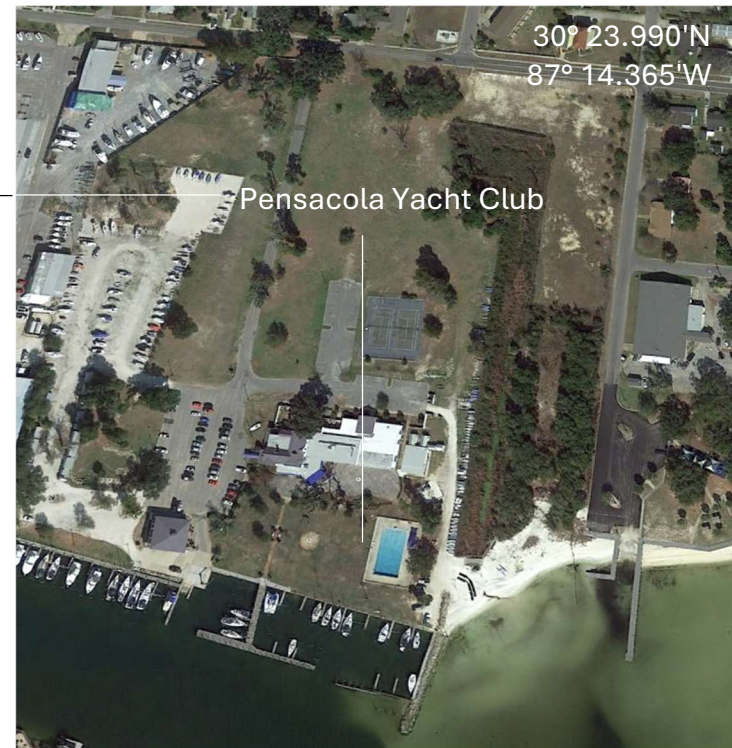
It is nicknamed "The City of Five Flags", due to the five governments that have ruled it during its history: the flags of Spain (Castile), France, Great Britain, the United States of America and the Confederate States of America. Other nicknames include "World's Whitest Beaches" (due to the white sand of Florida panhandle beaches), "Cradle of Naval Aviation", "Western Gate to the Sunshine State", "America's First Settlement", "Emerald Coast", "Red Snapper Capital of the World", and "P-Cola".



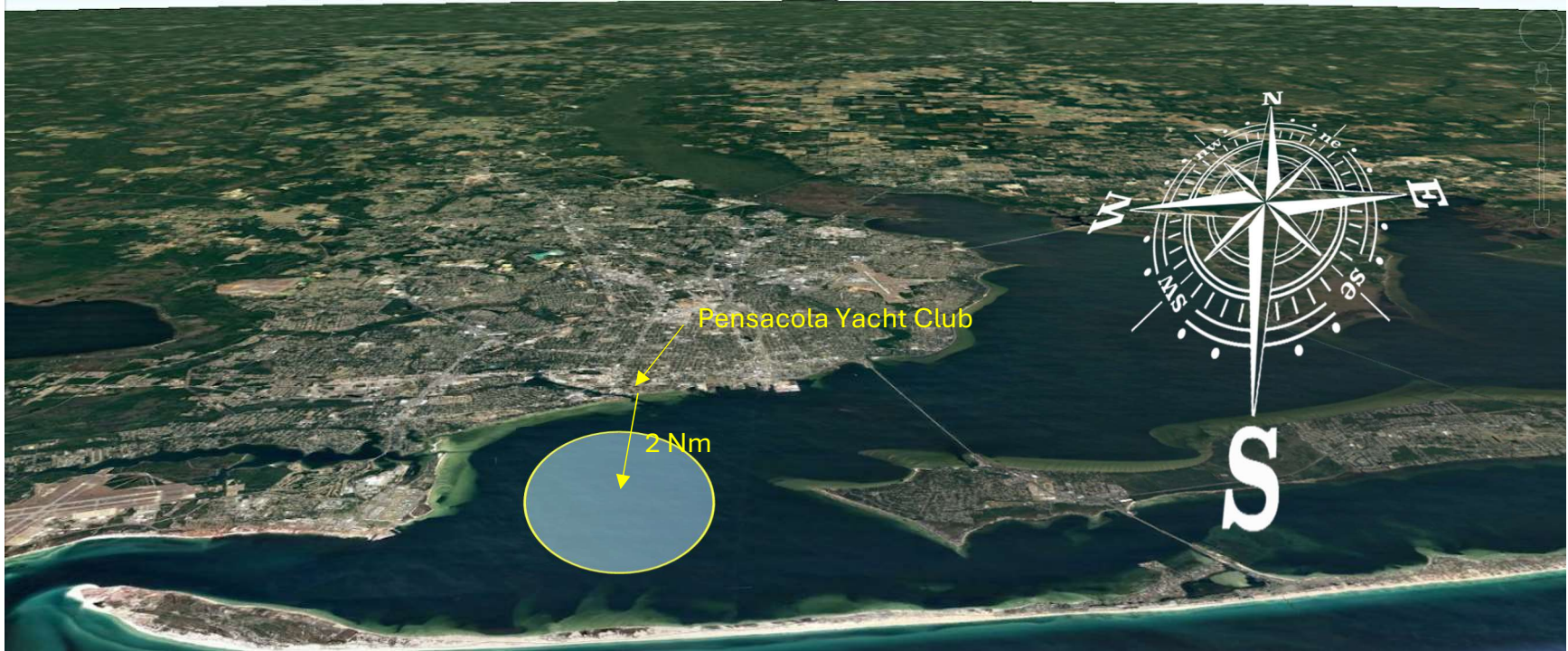
.2 THE CLUB



Pensacola Yacht Club is nestled within 22 acres of pristine landscape at the entrance of Bayou Chico on Pensacola Bay. Pensacola Yacht Club is for members who appreciate the south's finest. It features an Olympic size swimming pool, the finest cuisine on the entire Gulf Coast and a breathtaking view of Pensacola Bay.

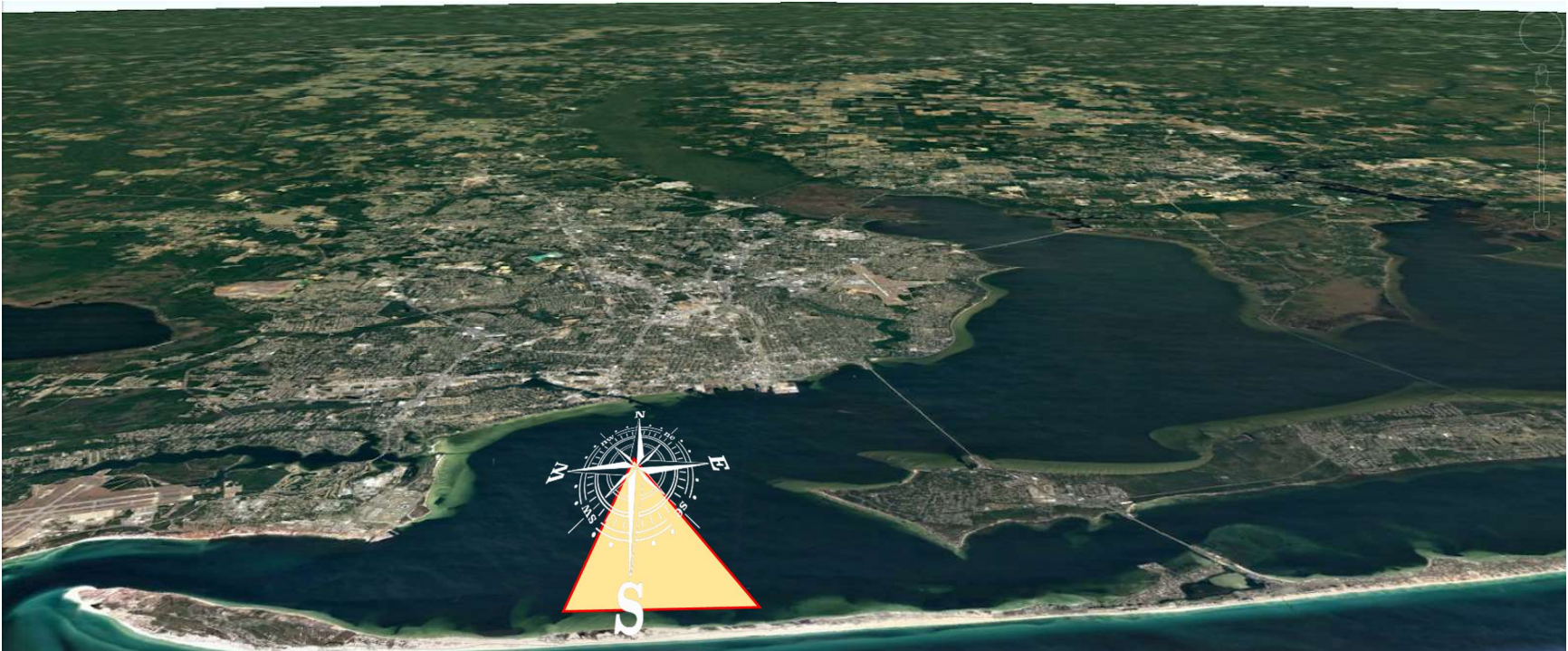


.3 THE RACE AREA



The Race Area is located about 2 nm from Southwest of Pensacola Yacht Club.
Pensacola Bay is approximately 13 miles long. The maximum length of a windward leg is 13 miles. The minimum is 2.5 miles.
≈ north shore. Waves are a moderate chop at most. Excellent courses in all winds.

.4 THE WEATHER



Wind conditions in February and daily low and high temperatures for that time of year are 60° F– 70° F
Wind: Pre-frontal, frontal conditions or a sea breeze generated 10 – 14 kts from 150° - 190°



.5 FACILITIES



Pensacola YC has one hoist and a boat ramp. There are no overhead power lines on the property.

The club has parking in the guest parking area and on the lawns north and West of the clubhouse. We have lots of convenient mown grass areas.

Owners of the Class are welcome to store their boats before or after the regatta to facilitate travel plans to and from other regattas.

Our main Race Committee boat is a 30' Mainship. We have member boats available for mark set and safety Mark boats.

A windward or leeward mark may be close to shore for 'stadium' viewing. Recently Pensacola YC has hosted the 2013 Optimist SouthEast Championship, the 2015 Optimist Nationals, the 2018 Optimist Nationals and the 2018 Kona North Americans. In 2019, we hosted the 2019 Thistle SE Championship, the Flying Scot North Americans, Melges 24 Atlantic and Gulf Coast Championships. VXOne Winter Circuit in 2021, M24 Nationals in 2022 and 2023 US Sailing Multihull Championship.





For non-racing family members, Pensacola boasts 1. World-class white sand beaches. 2. The amazing National Naval Aviation Museum. 3. Historic downtown Pensacola. 4. Blue Wahoos Baseball. 5. Pensacola Bay Ferry to Beach and historic Ft. Pickens.

Normal beach and downtown motels, beach condos, VRBO homes and condos are available for housing. We partner with <http://www.visitpensacola.com> for reservation assistance and information. Nightly rates in November are approximately \$100 and up. The estimated commute time from typical downtown accommodations is 15-30 minutes. Accommodations on Pensacola Beach will be 30 to 45 minutes or more driving in with the morning rush.

There is a nearby campground. The Pensacola Beach RV Resort, located on Santa Rosa Sound, includes 72 full-hookup sites. Big Lagoon State Park southwest of Pensacola offers 75 tent and RV camping spots equipped with water and electricity.

The participants and guests will be allowed access to all club facilities with ability to pay for services as appropriate, i.e. bar or kitchen. Pensacola YC has full service dining and bar.

There are limited RV and camping sites on the PYC property. Specific requests will be handled individually.

Poolside service is available. Cash and Credit cards accepted. The Grill Room was voted “2017 World’s Best Yachting Bar”.

No Smoking inside or on decks where food is served or in the pool area.

PYC has Ample open space for sail measurement and easy access to move the boat in and out of the area.

PYC has arrangements/facilities for the following:

- Executive Committee Meeting (8-12 people): Private A/C room with service available.
- Board of Governors Meeting (20-25 people): Private A/C room with service available.
- Award Ceremony and Dinner (about 300 people) in two adjoining 150 seat banquet halls.

For a Protest Room facility, PYC has the room options above.

The Watson Sailing Center building adjacent to the boat hoist and launch ramp area will serve as a media center.

.6 THE BID

Proposed Event	US National Championship World Championship
Proposed Dates <i>Please state alternatives</i>	February 15 – 16, 2025 – US Nationals February 17 – 23, 2025 – World Championship
Venue Proposed	Pensacola FL, Pensacola YC, Pensacola Bay
Sponsoring Club or Organization <i>Main contact name</i> <i>e-mail</i> <i>Address</i> <i>Telephone</i> <i>Fax</i> <i>Email</i> <i>Website</i>	Hal Smith, Pensacola YC Vice Commodore/PRO hal_smith@mindspring.com 1897 Cypress Street Pensacola Florida 32502 Hal Smith: 864-275-6290 850-438-3105 hal_smith@mindspring.com www.pensacolayachtclub.org

1) VENUE

Regatta Office <i>Please state location and staff numbers during event. Availability of Wifi, copier, etc.</i> <i>Regatta results program to be used.</i>	Pensacola YC Watson Sailing Center Hal Smith – Vice Commodore /PRO Susan Domagala – Fleet Captain Cesar Travado - Sailing Director Staff TBD Available WiFi, copier, etc. Yacht Scoring, Regatta Network, TheClubSpot
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1) VENUE (cont.)

Press Office

Will a dedicated website be created for this event?

Internet Wi Fi available without restriction

Timely distribution of daily results

Will the results be posted on an event website?

Dedicated web depends on budget/sponsorship

Also web site on program site.

Internet available without restriction (ex no porn)

Daily results distributed with daily press updates

Yes, Results will be posted on scoring web site and club sailing social media and dedicated web if possible.

Boat Launching & Boat Park

Please detail arrangements.

Beach, ramp or dock. Width of each.

Plan for trolley retrieval during launching.

250 foot sand beach, Boat ramp (16 ft ± wide and new 6,000 lb two-speed hoist installed in 2023.

Club grounds are powerline free.

Meeting Facilities

Inside Clubhouse; rooms available

Will you provide facilities for the holding meetings?

Watson Center 60+ capacity

PYC Board Room 15+ capacity

Club Policies

Are there policies of note: alcohol restrictions, dress codes, other?

Shirts and shoes and no wet swimming suits in Clubhouse. No minors at the Bar...

PYC is closed on Sunday evening and Monday. Facilities will be available for the regatta participants and guests.

No Smoking

Budget/Sponsorship

Is there a budget? What plans are being made for sponsorship? Are there club restrictions regarding sponsorship?

Budget TBD

PYC has a relationship with Goslings Rum and local businesses, Coca-Cola, Budweiser.

No unreasonable restrictions on appropriate sponsorship. No tobacco sponsors.

1) VENUE (cont.)

Changing Rooms Provided

Clubhouse or state alternative

Males

Male restroom

Male Showers

Females

Female restroom

Female Showers

Male and female restrooms and showers in Watson Center and in Clubhouse.

Catering Facilities

Clubhouse

Galley

Restaurants close by

Snack Bar

Marine Shop/Sailmakers distance

Supermarket distance

Catering will be TBD. PYC has a full service kitchen and dining room with lunch, dinner and bar service for lunch and dinner hours full menu and bar menu in mid-afternoon. Pool service available seasonally. Numerous restaurants and entertainment in the neighborhood and downtown Pensacola.

Marine services within five miles.

Sailmaker within one mile, Supermarket within one mile

Security

Boat Park (24 hour or evening)

Beach (24 hour or evening)

24-hour boat parking at owners own risk in designated areas

24-hour beach access

Video security 24/7

Medical

First Aid kit on site; nurse or medical personnel on site.

Please provide emergency plan.

First aid kit and medical personnel will be on site.

Emergency plan attachment provided.

Designated safety vessel(s) will be on the course.

PYC is 15min or less from Baptist Hospital ER.

1) VENUE (cont.)

Measurement Facilities

Permanent building or tent

Measurement space in clubhouse ballroom or on old tennis court boat storage area.

Number of personnel available to assist

Personnel available as needed, including Jr Sailors for educational purposes.

(Melges24 Association will assist)

2) COURSE SAILING AREA

Course Area

Please describe the course area and the number of courses that can be accommodated as well as size.

Pensacola Bay can accommodate three courses of suitable size and description.

The course area should be at least 1nm x 0.5 nm in size and there should be no interference from shipping channels.

Less than 2 miles for the PYC beach and ramp/hoist launch area

Proximity to shore

Regular courses are all South of the Bayou Chico Channel and West of the Pensacola port channel.

Pensacola Bay is approximately 13 miles long x 2.5 miles wide. The maximum length of a windward leg is 13 miles. The minimum is 2.5 miles.

Visible for onshore spectators

Waves are a moderate chop at most. Excellent courses in all winds.

Best foiling bay in NA according to American Magic.

Sailing in Escambia Bay is almost unlimited West of the new 65ftV bay bridge.

Pensacola has very little shipping.



2) COURSE SAILING AREA (cont.)

Weather, Tides and Currents

Please state expected average conditions during month of event

- *Wind*
- *Air temperature*
- *Water temperature*
- *Tidal conditions or currents*

Any unusual weather conditions that could arise during the event (ie: hurricanes, typhoons, etc.)

February weather is a combination of north breeze 10-14 kts and the frontal passage cycle with pressure gradient determining direction and strength.

Air temp depending on frontal activity but average is mid 60's.

With a passing front, chilly spells possible.

Water temp will be in 60"s.

One foot tide, one time per day.

Mark Setting

Please state number of boats

Mark setting will be accomplished with, and up to three, course vessels for W-L start and finish, offset and gate marks.

Press and/or Spectators

Please state arrangements and number of boats

Press will have access to limited press boats, so arrangements are on a first come basis.

Spectators may charter local boats from PYC Satori Foundation, MarineMax next door to PYC or other marinas nearby

Volunteer Coordinator

To collect & direct volunteer efforts (i.e.: dolly retrieval; RC; other areas.

A volunteer operations coordinator and volunteer support will be on site.

Susan Domagala, Fleet Captain

3) REGATTA PERSONNEL

Principal Race Officer

Name & e-mail address:

Hal Smith, PRO, National Race Officer

hal_smith@mindspring.com

Does the race committee have experience running National and World level racing?

Pensacola YC Race Committee has ample experience running world class regattas and now hosts a minimum of 2 national or regional one design championships per year.

(A US Sailing Guidelines document is available with proposed courses and guidance to host the event)

Jury/Protest Committee:

Will you be able to provide travel and/or accommodation for a minimum of 3 US National or International Judges?

PYC will provide required jury/protest committee members with travel and/or accommodation.

Private jury/pc rooms are available.

2 Jury/PC Vessels will be available

Rooms available at YC for jury use for hearings

We have our sailing director who is a current National Judge in Spain but has only managed to get up to Club here (climbing the ladder takes time). He can support, and he is terrific.

Note: Jury boats will be required during the event



4) ENTRY, SOCIAL AND TROPHIES

Entry Fee/ Social

Expected Entry Fee Per Boat

Requirements for insurance/proof of Insurance

What will this include?

Please give details of planned social events you will provide (examples below)

- *Opening ceremony*
- *Mid-regatta dinner/event*
- *Daily after race snack/meal*
- *Closing ceremony/prize giving*

Cost of social events for non-participants

Entry Fee US NATIONALS: \$150

Entry Fee WORLDS: \$450

Early bird entries will receive a \$25 discount

The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, illness, disease, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta. The organizing authority will require that each boat be insured with valid third-party liability insurance.

Competitor entry fee includes:

- a) Registration day cocktail reception;
- b) Regatta dinner and Daily snacks and refreshments and a prizegiving reception.

Social schedule listed is suggested, but will be modified before the NOR is published

Guest tickets for social events will be available with amount TBD.

Transportation

Please state closest airport & distance

Closest Train Station & distance

5 miles to Pensacola International Airport.

No passenger rail service from Pensacola

Accommodation

Please give complete information about housing for the event, including distance from club and approximate cost

- *Hotels*
- *Camping*
- *Homestays*
- *Camping: site costs, proximity & provisions*

Numerous hotels are available within 10 miles of PYC in a variety of price ranges... Motel 6 to Hyatt and Hilton. Beach Properties are available but more expensive although event dates are not in the high season.

Limited camping and 2 RV parking is available on PYC's 22 acre venue at \$20 per night. Reservations required.

Detailed area accommodations information is available from our Regatta Partner, Visit Pensacola — www.visitpensacola.com



4) ENTRY, SOCIAL AND TROPHIES (Cont.)

Trophies

Host to provide take away trophies for at least the top five competitors

Trophies as required

Charter Boats

Provide contact of local dealer or private boat owners

Local Charter boat availability is very limited.

5) AGREEMENT

Contract

On behalf of the Pensacola Yacht Club

We confirm that we are prepared to guarantee the facilities and services as stated above and are prepared, if selected, to organize the

2024 US National Championship

2024 World Championship

on the following dates

February 15 – 16, 2025

February 17 – 23, 2025

Complying with the World Sailing, US Sailing and Contender Class Regulations

We also understand that this bid is accepted conditional with no conflicts of other events simultaneously occurring or overlapping unless given specific written approval from the Contender Class Association.

Signed by:

James Simkins

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Commodore of Pensacola Yacht Club

March 8th, 2024

.7 SCHEDULE

Day	Time	Action
Friday, Feb 14th	1500 – 1800	Registration
Saturday, Feb 15th	0800 – 0930	Registration
	1000	Competitor's Meeting
	1100	First warning signal of the day
Sunday, Feb 16th	1100	Frist warning signal of the day
	1530	No warning signal after this time
	After Racing	Awards ceremony for US Nationals
Monday, February 17th	0900 - 1700	Measurement and Registration
Tuesday, February 18th	0900 – 1700	Measurement and Registration
	1300	Practice Race
	1800	Opening Ceremony
Wednesday, February 19th	1030	Competitor's and Support Person's Meeting
	1300	First warning signal of the day
Thursday, February 20th	1100	First warning signal of the day
Friday, February 21st	1100	First warning signal of the day
Saturday, February 22nd	1100	First warning signal of the day
Sunday, February 23rd	1000	First warning signal of the day
	1400	No Warning Signal after this time
	After Racing	Awards ceremony for World Championship



.8 SITE PLAN

