

**23rd ANNUAL
BILL WILKERSON MEMORIAL TROPHY RACE**

**Saturday, April 25th, 2020
Sailing Instructions**

Management and Rules: The Wilkerson Race shall be conducted and managed by the Fairfield Harbour Yacht Club. It shall be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing, including the prescriptions of US Sailing, except as altered by these sailing instructions. Where there is conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions the SI shall take precedence.

Eligibility and Entry: Anyone who keeps a sailboat in Fairfield Harbour at a private dock or one of the marinas including NW Creek, Birdland, Shoreline, and Blackbeard Sailing Club **and/or** owns property in Fairfield Harbour is invited to participate in the race. Boats requiring a rating will be assigned a rating by the Race Committee.

Classes: Anticipated classes are spinnaker, non-spinnaker, cruising, and multi-hull. One boat will constitute a class.

Cruising Class Definition: 1. No boat specifically designed for racing is allowed 2. Only Dacron sails allowed 3. Powered winches allowed 4. Two of four additional requirements must apply: a. Windlass or pulpit mounted anchor b. Dodger or bimini in place c. Youngest sail 5 years old or older d. Bottom paint 3 years old or older

Schedule:	Skippers' Meeting	1000 April 25th at Red Sail Park, Fairfield Harbour
	Scheduled Start for First Boat	1300 Pursuit starts
	Post-race Party	1700 at Wilkerson House on Spar

Communication: The RC will use **channel 78A**. Competitors are to use channel 78A for emergencies only during the starting sequence. No check-in required. Please attempt to notify the RC if you retire from the race.

Course, Start and Finish: **This will be a pursuit start distance race.** The course to be sailed and the starting times are attached. Boats do not need to check in with the RC before the start. The starting and finishing lines will be between an orange flag on the Signal Boat and the nearby inflatable mark. The first boat to start in accordance with rule 26 with a green class flag. Other boats will start at a delayed time from the first start. The starting times will be given to each skipper at the Skippers' meeting. Boats will be reminded on channel 78A of their start time. In the event that a boat is on the course side at her start time, she shall return completely to the prestart side of the line before starting. A boat is considered to be racing one minute before her start time. Please stay clear of boats that are starting.

Time Limit: At least one boat must finish by 1600 to score the race. The signal boat may leave the finish area 30 minutes after the first boat has finished. Boats choosing to finish with the signal boat absent will pass within 50 feet of finish buoy and record the time of day and if possible the boat ahead of and behind them. Late finishes will be recorded at the party following the race.

Handicapping and Scoring: Handicaps will be determined by the PHRF time on distance method and will be applied at the start of the race. The ratings for spinnaker class boats will be lowered by 15 seconds. The order of finish will be the order of placement.

Protest: Boats intending to protest shall inform the RC when finishing. Protests shall be delivered to the RC ASAP at Red Sail Park.

Awards: Boats that finish first in their class will win a coffee mug inscribed with a picture of their boat taken during the race. The first FHYC boat to cross the finish line will win the traveling Wilkerson Cup. Beware, additional awards may be given at the discretion of the RC.