

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

**Saturday, May 9th, 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.

Crew members of each boat must reside in the same household. NO EXCEPTIONS! Single handed boats are allowed.

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	NONE
	Scheduled Start for First Boat	1300 Pursuit starts
	Post-race Party	NONE

Communication: The RC will use **channel 78A**. Competitors are to use channel 78A for emergencies only during the starting sequence. **Check-in is not 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 will be announced by the signal boat prior to the start. The starting and finishing lines will be between an orange flag on the Signal Boat and the nearby inflatable mark. 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 45 minutes after the first boat has finished.

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.

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.