

2019 J/22 Midwinters

March 14-17, 2019

Fort Walton Yacht Club
Choctawhatchee Bay
Fort Walton Beach, Florida



Fort Walton Yacht Club is honored to once again host the J/22 Midwinters. FWYC has a proud sailing history, a friendly membership, and a great venue. With a small staff and a lot of enthusiastic volunteers, the club is dedicated to hosting quality events with fantastic southern hospitality.

The surrounding area boasts great restaurants, pristine beaches, public parks, a science museum, an armament museum, a marine park, go-cart tracks, golf courses, and much, much more. The neighboring cities of Destin and Sandestin offer world class shopping and art galleries.

FWYC is located on Smack Point overlooking picturesque Garnier's Bayou to the west and Choctawhatchee Bay to the east. Round the Point, the waters of Choctawhatchee Bay stretch west to east covering 129 square miles.

Choctawhatchee Bay is protected by Okaloosa Island and its white sand dunes to the south. Miles of undeveloped beaches make a great backdrop for racing. The bay has very little tidal current with average water depths of 25-30 feet.

During March, most of the breeze is frontally driven with almost no chance to build from the sea. The average wind speed is 8 to 10 knots with much bigger breeze

when pressure systems are present. The average temperature for the Midwinter time frame is in the mid sixties. The temperature for the same dates in 2015 rose into the mid eighties.

FWYC has been a stop on the Southeastern J/22 Circuit for the past 10 years. The same sailors come back year after year enjoying both the sailing and the hospitality.

FWYC cannot wait to share the fun with the rest of the J/22 Class.

Come on down and "get a little sand in your soul".



“Come on down, ya’ll!”

Fort Walton Yacht Club invites you to come to our beautiful Emerald Coast. With miles upon miles of white sand beaches and clear waters, the Gulf Coast is an amazing place to visit in March. The wind can be brisk but the skies are breath-taking and the sunsets are fiery. Local restaurants, bars, and hotels are just preparing for the tourist season and spring break is not yet in full swing. March still offers a “local’s only” perspective rarely found throughout the rest of the year.

FWYC looks forward to offering daily hospitality during the Midwinters while still allowing competitors time to explore. A 10% discount card will be provided to all competitors promoting local small businesses, including liquor, dining and boutique shopping. A guide to area attractions and activities will be given out at registration. With a small town feel, Fort Walton businesses offer southern charm with unique personality. Many of our local partners are fellow sailors and yacht club members.

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Competing in Fort Walton can easily become a family affair with great hotel and condominium accommodations. Family and friends should never be bored. The Emerald Coast offers plenty of activities including golfing, shopping and gallery hopping.

On an first come first serve basis, yacht club members will open their homes to competitors. Hosting availability will be limited.

For the sailors, FWYC plans to provide great racing at a club that prides itself on hospitality. Local musicians will perform and local brewers will provide craft beers for tasting on the back lawn. FWYC plans to show competitors why the Emerald Coast is one of the best venues on the Gulf Coast.

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