



Notice of Race Shark's Tooth Cup *Pursuit Race in the Gulf*

A Sarasota Bay Yachting Association Boat of the Year Event
Venice Yacht Club, Saturday, May 2, 2015

1. **ORGANIZING AUTHORITY.** The Venice Sailing Squadron and Venice Yacht Club are the Organizing Authority.
2. **RULES.** The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2013 - 2016, and the current West Florida PHRF (WFPHRF) class rules. This is a WFPHRF Category 4 event.
3. **ELIGIBILITY.** The regatta is open to all boats with a current West Florida PHRF certificate that are equipped for Category 4 races. Ratings may be obtained at www.westfloridaphrf.org. Entrants without a WFPHRF certificate may be invited and will be assigned a PHRF based on US Sailing ratings and will not be eligible for SBYA BOTY awards.
4. **CLASSES AND DIVISIONS.** Expected classes include Spinnaker, Non-Spinnaker, Cruiser, Pocket Cruiser, and Multi-hull. Classes may be split or combined based on entries. A Cruiser or Pocket Cruiser may declare in writing no later than the close of Saturday Registration that they wish to use a cruising spinnaker and receive ½ Non-spinnaker offset rating reduction, this is change to WFPHRF App. E 2.c to include Category 4 races. Cruising spinnakers must be tacked to the deck and not to a pole or extended sprit. If no declaration is presented the assumption is that no spinnaker will be used.
5. **ENTRY.** Entries shall be made on the Entry Form, attached or obtainable at <http://home.comcast.net/~venicesailor/VSSracing/VSSracing.html>. The entry form, fee and current West Florida PHRF Rating Certificate may be mailed: Fleet Captain – Sail, Venice Yacht Club, 1330 Tarpon Center Drive, Venice, FL 34285, or submitted at registration. Entry fee is \$25.00, which includes one meal ticket. Additional tickets for Friday and Saturday Tiki Meals and beverages will be available for purchase at the event.
6. **REGISTRATION.** Each boat owner or his representative shall attend one of the two Registrations held at the Venice Yacht Club from 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM on Friday, May 1st or from 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM on Saturday, May 2nd. Sailing Instructions will be available at Registration. Starting times will be distributed at the Competitor's meeting.
7. **COMPETITORS' MEETING.** Competitors' meetings will be held at the Venice Yacht Club on Saturday, May 2nd at 11:00 AM.
8. **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:**

Fri, May 1	3:00 PM (approx.)	Feeder race from Sarasota Big Pass
	5:30 PM to 8:00 PM	Meal & drink ticket sales
	6:30 PM to 7:30 PM	Registration
Sat, May 2	09:00 AM to 10:30 AM	Registration
	11:00 AM	Competitors' Meeting
	12:30 PM	Warning Signal, one Pursuit Start
	4:30 PM	Free keg beer following race
	5:00 PM to 7:00 PM	Dinner from Tiki Menu
		Awards following posting of scores
9. **RACING AREA.** In the gulf outside the Venice Inlet.

- 10. SCHEDULE OF RACE.** One Pursuit Race (reverse handicap race) is scheduled. The warning signal for the first boat to start (boat with the highest handicap) is scheduled for 12:30 P.M.
- 11. COURSES.** The Course will be appropriate for the predicted winds. All classes will sail the same course.
- 12. FEEDER RACE.** A feeder race from Big Pass is anticipated for Friday, May 1. Details will be contained in a separate Shark Feeding Frenzy Race NOR at the Venice Sailboat Racing website.
<http://home.comcast.net/~venicesailor/VSSracing/VSSracing.html>
- 13. SCORING.** Scoring shall be in accordance with rule A1. The Low Point Scoring System will apply. A yacht's RLC rating will be used. In the event that the race cannot be completed, there will be no make up event and no regatta awards given.
- 14. PRIZES.** Trophies will be awarded to the top boats in each class based on the number of boats entered in each class. The awards will be made approximately 30 minutes following the posting of the scores.
- 15. DOCKING.** Venice Yacht Club will provide first-come, first served complimentary dockage available by contacting Dockmaster Ted George at 941-483-3625, vydockmaster@veniceyachtclub.com. Electrical hookups are available for a fee.
- 16. CLUB POLICY.** Please observe the policy of the Venice Yacht Club that food or drinks of any kind shall not be brought into the Clubhouse or Pool area from boats or cars.
- 17. FURTHER INFORMATION.** For further information, please contact John Lynch; (941) 539-5623, venicesailor@comcast.net