



Venice Yacht Club



Venice Sailing Squadron

WINDJAMMER NOTICE OF REGATTA

January 27-28, 2018

A Sarasota Bay Yachting Association WFPHRF Boat of the Year Event

RULES

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing, US Sailing Prescriptions* and *West Florida PHRF rules*, except as amended in the Sailing Instructions.

The organizing authorities are the Venice Yacht Club and the Venice Sarasota Sailing Squadron. The event hosts are the Venice Yacht Club and Venice Sailing Squadron. This Regatta is designated Race Category 4. The races will be pursuit races using Time-on-Distance PHRF handicapping.

ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

The regatta is open to all offshore multihulls and self-righting, single hulled, enclosed cabin monohulls that conform to their class rules and hold a current West Florida WFPHRF Rating Certificate.

(www.westfloridaphrf.org)

Eligible boats may enter by submitting a registration form together with the required fee and an exact copy of a current WFPHRF certificate. If an owner wishes to race but the boat does not have a valid WFPHRF certificate, the Regatta Management may, at its discretion, assign a temporary rating.

Attached is an official registration form. Please complete and either email to wgately237@aol.com or snail mail to:

Fleet Captain-Sail

Venice Yacht Club
1330 Tarpon Center Drive
Venice, FL 34285

Late entries may be brought to the Skippers' meeting.

FEES

- *The registration fee is \$35 before Monday, January 22, 2018 and \$45 thereafter*

SCHEDULE

Thursday, January 25, 2018

REGISTRATION AND SKIPPERS' MEETING 1800: Registration at **Bentley's Boutique Hotel, 1660 S Tamiami Trail, Osprey, FL 34229** Followed at **1900** by the Skippers' meeting. A representative for each entered boat should attend and pick up a race packet.

Saturday, January 27, 2018

- ➔ **1200:** Five minute Warning signal for race at Big Pass "Danger Dangerous Inlet" sign. 27° 15.6' N, 82° 33.8' W.
- ➔ **1700-2000:** After race party. Hosted by Venice Yacht Club and Venice Sailing Squadron. Keg of beer compliments of regatta sponsors.
- ➔ **Tiki Bar:** Tiki Bar menu of burgers, wraps etc, available for purchase; cash or check payments preferred. **It's the policy of the Venice Yacht Club that food or drinks should not be bought into the clubhouse or pool area from elsewhere.**

Sunday, January 28, 2018 1000:

- ➔ **1100:** Warning signal, ~ ¼ NM west of the inlet.

Thursday, February 1, 2018—Provisional

- ➔ **~1830:** Awards Presentation Party, Venue to be announced at the Skippers' meeting.

RACING AREA

The race area will be located within 5 NM of shore between Sarasota Big Pass and the north end of Manasota

Key. One race is scheduled for Saturday and one race on Sunday. One race makes a regatta.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The official sailing instructions will be available at Skippers meeting on Thursday, January 25, 2018 at 6:30 PM. **Following the meeting the SI, Courses and Start Times will be posted on www.greenflashesailing.com.**

CLASSES

Expected classes: Spinnaker, Non-Spinnaker, Cruiser, Pocket Cruiser, **Racer Cruiser*** and Multihull.

Each cruising boat (Racer Cruiser, Cruiser or Pocket Cruiser) has the option to declare that it will be rated with the following rating modifications:

Non-Spinnaker—Receives the full Non-Spin Offset and sails with the RLC rating as shown on the boat's certificate.

Cruising Spinnaker—This is a change to WFPHRF App. E 2.c to include Category 4. This reduces the RLC rating by 1/2 of the Non-Spinnaker Offset. Cruising spinnakers must be tacked to the deck, not to a pole or extended sprit. A whisker pole is allowed, but not to exceed the maximum LP of largest declared headsail for the boat.

Spinnaker—With spinnaker tacked to a spinnaker pole or to an extended sprit. The rating will be her class non-spin rating minus the full non-spinnaker offset.

Spinnaker Declaration – The skipper must make a verbal declaration to the Race Committee, before starting, that he or she plans to use a spinnaker or cruising spinnaker. If no declaration is presented the assumption is that no spinnaker will be used.

THE COURSES

The courses with starting times, will be distributed at the Skippers meeting.

Course to be sailed will be displayed on the RC boat at both the Sarasota and Venice starts.

Reverse Handicap Start times will be distributed at the skippers meeting for the several possible courses.

SCORING

Boats will be scored in accordance with Appendix "A" of the RRS using the low point system, modified so that all scores will be included.

The WFPHRF RLC rating will be used.

DOCKAGE

Limited dockage will be arranged at Venice Yacht Club for Saturday evening on a first-come, first-served basis. Additional dockage will be available at Higel Park next to the yacht club.(Call 941/483-3625 or write VYCDockMaster@veniceyachtclub.com to request a slip). Dockage is also available at the nearby Crow's Nest Marina (941-484-7661).

PRIZES

Prizes will be given as follows: Top finishers in each division. A perpetual trophy will be engraved with the winners' names and will be housed at the VYC.

DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with during, prior to, or after the regatta.

FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact:

Dockage Venice Yacht Club, Tel: (941) 483-3625, VYCDockMaster@veniceyachtclub.com

VSS—John Lynch (941) 539-5623, VeniceSailor@comcast.net

VYC—Bill Gately. (617) 240-2223, wgately237@aol.com.

SPECIAL NOTE AND INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE FOR BOATS NOT FROM THE SBYA

AREA Most racing in the northern reaches of WFPHRF is done in Charlotte Harbor, Sarasota Bay or Tampa Bay. The Windjammer Regatta is a good opportunity for a central location for point-to-point racing on the Gulf of Mexico. For that reason, VYC and VSS are soliciting for participation by boats further away than the immediate Sarasota-Venice area, perhaps by encouraging them to organize feeder races or cruises from Tampa Bay and Charlotte Harbor on Friday, January 27, 2018. If you are interested, we could arrange to hold further registration at VYC on Friday evening and have a repeat of the Skippers' Meeting at that time. This would save "feeder race people" from a trip to Osprey for the Thursday Skippers' Meeting and it might accommodate others who cannot make it to the earlier meeting. If you are interested in this option, please send an email to John Lynch <VeniceSailor@comcast.net> or Bill Gately <wgately237@aol.com> so that we can work with you to set up such a feeder race in a manner that has been successfully done for years with our Sarasota Bay friends in our Annual Shark's Tooth Regatta held each April.

*** Racer Cruiser**—Definition has been modified for SBYA regattas. A Racer Cruiser is a cruising boat with factory cruising interior including a head and galley. In addition the boat must be stored in the water and not dry sailed. Boats may sail with either a Spinnaker, Cruising spinnaker or Jib and main only.

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Registration Form

Hosted by the Venice Yacht Club and Venice Sailing Squadron

Organizing Authorities: Venice Yacht Club and the Venice Sailing Squadron

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone (work): _____ Phone (cell): _____

Email: _____

Boat Type: _____ Boat Name: _____

LOA: _____ Sail Number: _____

Class you are racing in: _____ WPHRF Rating RLC: _____

*Spinnaker / Cruising spinnaker / Non spinnaker declaration for Racer Cruiser / Cruiser/ Pocket Cruiser declaration to be made to the RC before starting.

Entry fees and payment:

Please remit payment for entry by mail or with this form at the Thursday, January 25 Skippers' Meeting at Venice Yacht Club/1330 Tarpon Center Drive/Venice, FL 34285

Make checks payable to Venice Yacht Club

Entry Fee: \$35 before Monday January 22 and \$45 thereafter.

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Payment Method: Check (payable to Venice Yacht Club) Check # _____