

Notice of Regatta
2019 Shark's Tooth Cup
Pursuit Racing in the Gulf of Mexico
A Sarasota Bay Yachting Association Boat of the Year Event

Venice Yacht Club, Saturday, April 6, 2019(Rain Date, Sunday, April 7, 2019)

1. **ORGANIZING AUTHORITIES.** The Venice Sailing Squadron and Venice Yacht Club.
2. **CHARITABLE BENEFICIARY.** The net surplus from advertisers and contributors will be donated to the Venice Youth Boating Association for sailing scholarships to needy boys and girls in the Sarasota County area and added to the \$3,400 surplus from the recent Windjammer Regatta. Please help.
3. **RULES.** The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)2017- 2020, the US Sailing Prescriptions 2017-2020 and the current West Florida PHRF (WFPHRF) class rules, except as modified in the NOR and Sailing Instructions. If there is a conflict between the NOR and Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions prevail. The Sailing Instructions may be amended on the water by a VHF hail from the Race Committee. This is a WFPHRF Category 4 event.
4. **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 to participate and will be assigned a PHRF rating based on US Sailing ratings but will not be eligible for WFPHRF BOTY awards.
5. **CLASSES AND DIVISIONS.** Expected classes include Spinnaker, Non-Spinnaker, Cruiser, Pocket Cruiser and Multi-hull. SBYA has determined that there has never been a sufficiency of Racer-Cruiser entrants to make a viable BOTY class, and consequently has decided to eliminate that class; however, every boat with a Racer-Cruiser certificate has valid Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker ratings and may choose to join either of those fleets. Classes may be split or combined based on entries. A Cruiser or Pocket Cruiser may declare that she wishes to use a cruising spinnaker and receive ½ her 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.

The skipper must make a verbal declaration to the Race Committee, before starting any race, 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. **Spinnaker usage declarations must be made to the Race Committee prior to starting the race!**

ENTRY. Entries shall be made on the Entry Form attached to this NOR and is also obtainable at: "www.sarasotabayyachting.org/"

6. The entry form, fee and current West Florida PHRF Rating Certificate may be (1) mailed by April 1, 2019 to: Fleet Captain – Sail, Venice Yacht Club, 1330 Tarpon Center Drive, Venice, FL 34285, or (2) submitted at registration. Entry fee is \$35 and includes Saturday post-race festivities, beer and appetizers, awards, etc. Tickets for Friday and Saturday alternative beverages (soft drinks, wine and mixed drinks) as well as Tiki Bar meals which will be available for purchase at the event. The Venice Yacht Club requires cash or check payment for purchases. It is the policy of the Yacht Club that food and beverage cannot be brought into the clubhouse, Tiki Bar or pool area.
7. **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, April 5th or from 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM on Saturday, April 6th. Sailing Instructions will be available at Registration. Scratch sheets with starting times will be distributed at the Competitors' meeting but will not otherwise be made available.

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8. SKIPPERS' MEETING. The Skippers' meeting will be held at the Venice Yacht Club on Saturday, April 6th at 11:00 AM.

9. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

Fri, April 5 1:00 PM (approx.) Feeder race from Sarasota Big Pass
 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM Free beer. Meal & drink ticket sales
 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM Registration

Sat, April 6 9:00 AM to 10:30PM Registration - continued
11:00 AM Skippers' Meeting"
12:30 PM Warning Signal for first race
4:30 PM Free beer following race
 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM Meal & drink ticket sales.
 Awards following posting of scores

Sun, April 7 (rain date) 12:00 Noon Warning Signal for race

10. RACING AREA. In the Gulf of Mexico outside the Venice Inlet.

11. SCHEDULE OF RACES. Two Pursuit Races (reverse handicap race) are scheduled. The warning signal for the first boat to start (boat with the highest handicap) for the first race is scheduled for 12:30 P.M. If a rain date race is required one race will be held and the start time will be 12:00 Noon.

12. COURSES. Courses will be appropriate for the predicted winds. All classes will sail the same course.

13. FEEDER RACE. A separate feeder race conducted by Green Flash Sailing from Big Pass is anticipated for Friday, April 5th. Details will soon be contained in a Nautical Trader Shark Feeding Frenzy Race NOR at the [Green Flash Sailing website](#).

14. SCORING. Scoring in accordance with Appendix A, but no races will be discarded. The Low Point Scoring System will apply. One race will constitute a regatta. A yacht's RLC rating will be used. If no race can be completed, there will be no make-up event and no regatta awards given.

15. 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. Rain date race awards ceremony location and date to be determined. You will be notified.

16. DOCKING. Venice Yacht Club will provide limited first-come, first served complimentary dockage available by contacting VSS Dock Master (941-483-3625), vydockmaster@veniceyachtclub.com. Most slips will be available for Friday and Saturday evenings. Electrical hookups are available for a fee. Additional dockage available free of charge at Higel Park, adjoining the Yacht Club, but there are no electrical hook-ups available. Dockage may also be available at the Crow's Nest Marina at a cost.

17. 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.

18. FURTHER INFORMATION. For further information, please contact Bill Gately, (617) 240-2223, wgately237@aol.com OR John Lynch; (941) 539-5623 or venicesailor@comcast.net

ENTRY FORM Venice Shark's Tooth Cup
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Name: _____ E-Mail: _____

Address: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Home Ph: (____) _____ Bus Ph: (____) _____ Cell: (____) _____

Yacht Type: _____ Yacht Name: _____

Sail #: _____ Length: _____ Beam: _____ Draft: _____ Hull Color: _____

CLASS: Spinnaker _____ Non-spinnaker _____ Racer Cruiser _____ Cruiser _____ Pocket Cruiser _____
Multi-hull _____

Racer Cruisers/Cruisers/Pocket Cruisers: Spinnaker choice declaration must be made to the Race Committee prior to the Skippers' Meeting.

Yacht Club Affiliation: _____

Entry Fee: **\$ 35.00.** \$ _____

Entry Fee includes (1) free beer and Tiki Bar meal menu on Friday night, (2) Saturday festivities at the Yacht Club Tiki Bar, includes continental breakfast, post-race free beer and appetizers. Alternative drinks (soda, wine and cocktails) will be available for purchase Saturday afternoon as well as a Tiki Bar meal menu by cash or check.

Make checks payable to: **Venice Yacht Club, Inc.**

Mail by April 1, 2019 or deliver before or at Registration. (Include entry form, **WFPHRF** certificate & check). Mail or deliver to: **Fleet Captain – Sail, Venice Yacht Club, 1330 Tarpon Center Drive, Venice, FL 33285.**

Conditions of Entry

As a condition of my entry, and being fully knowledgeable of the risks of sailing as a competitive sport, I agree to hold harmless the Venice Sailing Squadron, the Venice Yacht Club, the Race Committee, the officers, directors, and the employees from which any and all damages, losses, claims, suits, actions, expenses or liabilities which directly or indirectly arise from my participation in this regatta. I agree that my crew and my guests are my responsibility and we will abide by the rules and regulations of the Venice Yacht Club. I further agree to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and by other rules that govern this event. I agree that the West Florida PHRF Rating Certificate filed with this entry is a true copy of my valid Rating Certificate and that no changes have been made to my yacht that would affect her rating.

Signed: _____, Date: _____
(Skipper/Owner/Charterer)

PLEASE INCLUDE A COPY OF YOUR PHRF CERTIFICATE!