



37TH ANNUAL RUMGATTA

Tampa Sailing Squadron

October 3, 2020

Rules:

Tampa Sailing Squadron ("TSS" or the "Organizing Authority") is releasing this Notice of Race for the 37th Annual Rumgatta ("Event" or "Race"), with the intent of adhering to CDC COVID-19 guidelines as of Aug 25, 2020 and may update this Notice of Race prior to the Event.

1.0 Notice of Race

The Race will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing, copies of which can be obtained [here](#).

The Race has a storied past, treasured history, and celebrates the history of Rum, and all that is good about sailing.

Social distancing is necessary and masks are to be worn on the docks and in the TSS clubhouse. The Notice of Race may be updated depending on additional information relating to COVID-19 and CDC COVID-19 guidelines.

2.0 Eligibility and Entry

2.1 The regatta is open to:

(a) Boats with valid WFPHRF certificates in these classes:

Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker

Racer-Cruiser and Doublehand

Cruiser (spinnaker or non-spinnaker)

(b) For boats without a valid WFPHRF Certificate, there will be a Cruising, Non-spinnaker "Mother Lode" class, where ratings will be assigned by the Organizing Authority.

2.2 Classes may be combined or sub-divided at the sole discretion of the Organizing Authority based on participation.

2.3 Boats shall meet the qualifications of WFPHRF, Race Course Category 4, which may be found [here](#).

3.0 Registration

3.1 Register for the race at www.yachtscoring.com and select "2020 October 3rd TSS Rungatta".

4.0 Classification:

4.1 Sailboats classes: Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker Racer-Cruiser, Doublehand and Singlehand Cruiser (spinnaker or non-spinnaker)

5.0 Fees:

5.1 Entry fee includes two Saturday boxed lunches, one Saturday night "Crew" appreciation rum Bottle, and a shirt.

\$60.00 for entries entered on or prior to September 28, 2020

\$65.00 for entries after September 28, 2020.

\$10.00 for each additional lunch order.

\$35.00 for each additional Saturday party ticket.

\$18.00 for extra shirts.

5.2 Boats that must withdraw on or prior to September 28, 2020 will receive a refund of their entry fee less an administrative fee of \$25.00. After September 28 there will be no refund, if we race.

6.0 Schedule:

Monday - September 28, 2020 is the GO/NO GO date if restrictions as a result of COVID-19 will not allow us to produce a successful event (Entry fees will be refunded less an administrative fee of \$25.00).

Friday - October 2, 2020

Arrival at the docks if needed 4:00 - ??

Check-in 4:00 - 7:30 pm virtual, with details to follow in updated Notice of Race.

Saturday - October 3, 2020

9:00 am pre-ordered box lunches will be delivered to Competitors 10:00 am virtual, details will follow.
10:00 am ZOOM meeting
11:00 am Projected Race Start
5:30 pm Sanitized Rum bottled delivered to participant boats by masked pirates.

Sunday - October 4, 2020

Sunday is the "rain date" for the Race.

7.0 Sailing Instructions:

Preliminary sailing instructions will be posted on the TSS website (www.sail-tss.org) by Thursday December 1, 2020. Final sailing instructions will be provided at the competitor's meeting.

8.0 Venue:

Tampa Bay, primarily between Apollo Beach, and boundary shipping channels on the east side of Tampa Bay.

9.0 Courses:

9.1 The Cruising and Mother Lode classes will sail a pursuit race on a random-leg course. The Racer-Cruiser and Doublehand classes will sail a random leg course. The Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker classes will sail windward-leeward courses on a drop-mark course.

9.2 The random-leg courses will be posted on the notice board by 1900 on Friday, and distributed at the competitors meeting.

9.3 The Organizing Authority may change the race to pursuit for all classes, depending on COVID-19 precautions and availability of race committee members. The Decision relating to this section 9.3 shall be made by September 28, 2020, and described in the sailing instructions.

9.4 In any pursuit start, all participants should remain well clear of the start line until five minutes prior to such participant's scheduled start.

10.0 Scoring:

10.1 There will be one race. Start times will be based on the PURSUIT method. Scores will be based on order of finish.

10.2 Scores will be available on-line, and will available via the information provided in the Sailing Instructions.

11.0 Penalty System

In all classes the Scoring Penalty of rule 44.3 will replace all Turns Penalties. To accept a Scoring Penalty, a boat must promptly display a yellow flag, and shall call the race committee's attention to it upon finishing.

12.0 Berthing:

Free dockage at TSS is available. Make reservations with the dock master at by contacting Don Swartz by September 21, 2020. After that, dockage is "as available".

13.0 Radio Communication:

12.1 The Race Committee will begin broadcasting at Saturday morning on the channel listed in the sailing instructions. Weather conditions, course selection, count down and infractions will be broadcast.

12.2 It is the intent of the Race Committee, that all check-in's will be done on the channel listed in the sailing instructions.

14.0 Awards:

Racing Trophies will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each unique racing class/division, given sufficient participation.

15.0 Liability:

COMPETITORS IN THIS EVENT ARE PARTICIPATING ENTIRELY AT THEIR OWN RISK. THE ORGANIZING AUTHORITY WILL NOT ACCEPT ANY RESPONSIBILITY FOR MATERIAL DAMAGE OR PERSONAL INJURY OR DEATH SUSTAINED IN CONJUNCTION WITH OR PRIOR TO, DURING, OR AFTER THE RACE. BY PARTICIPATING IN THIS EVENT, EACH COMPETITOR (SKIPPER AND CREWS) AGREE TO RELEASE THE RACE ORGANIZERS AND THE ORGANIZING AUTHORITY FROM ANY AND ALL LIABILITY ASSOCIATED WITH SUCH COMPETITOR'S PARTICIPATION IN THIS EVENT TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW. RESONAL INJURY, AS USED HEREIN, SHALL BE DEEMED TO INCLUDE THE CONTRACTION OF ANY INFECTIOUS DISEASE, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO COVID-19, OR OTHER VIRAL OR BACTERIAL

Regatta contacts: Paul M. Phillips, alohaboxer@yahoo.com

Additional Information:

Tampa Sailing Squadron is a private, member-owned sailing club located in Apollo Beach, Florida. Members enjoy many activities such as club racing, regattas, cruising and many other social events. The club is

proud to host a vibrant and active Youth Sailing Program and Sea Scout Program, who are always interested in donations and support. For questions regarding Youth Sailing, please contact info@TSSYouthSailing.org or call 813-642-4035. For questions regarding Sea Scout Ship 185, please contact SSS185BSA@Gmail.com.

For sailing information in general and The Racing Rules of Sailing, please visit the US Sailing Website at <https://www.ussailing.org>.

WAIVER OF LIABILITY

The Organizing Authority requests that each participant and crew, fills this form out and returns it to Paul M. Phillips at alohaboxer@yahoo.com.

I acknowledge the contagious nature of the Coronavirus/COVID-19 and that the CDC and many other public health authorities still recommend practicing social distancing.

I further acknowledge that Tampa Sailing Squadron has put in place minimal preventative measures to reduce the spread of the Coronavirus/COVID-19.

I further acknowledge that Tampa Sailing Squadron cannot guarantee that I will not become infected with the Coronavirus/Covid-19.

I understand that the risk of becoming exposed to and/or infected by the Coronavirus/COVID-19 may result from the actions, omissions, or negligence of myself and others who are aboard my vessel, or the vessel on which I voluntarily choose to me a crewmember.

I voluntarily participate in this Race and acknowledge that I am increasing my risk to exposure to the Coronavirus/COVID-19.

I acknowledge that I must comply with all set procedures to reduce the spread while attending the Race.

I attest that:

* I am not experiencing any symptom of illness such as cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fever, chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, or new loss of taste or smell.

* I have not traveled internationally within the last 14 days.

* I do not believe I have been exposed to someone with a suspected and/or confirmed case of the Coronavirus/COVID-19.

* I have not been diagnosed with Coronavirus/Covid-19 and not yet cleared as non-contagious by state or local public health authorities.

* I am following all CDC recommended guidelines as much as possible and limiting my exposure to the Coronavirus/COVID-19.

I HEREBY RELEASE AND AGREE TO HOLD TAMPA SAILING SQUADRON HARMLESS FROM, AND WAIVE ON BEHALF OF MYSELF, MY HEIRS, AND ANY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES ANY AND ALL CAUSES OF ACTION, CLAIMS, DEMANDS, DAMAGES, COSTS, EXPENSES AND COMPENSATION FOR DAMAGE OR LOSS TO MYSELF AND/OR PROPERTY THAT MAY BE CAUSED BY ANY ACT, OR FAILURE TO ACT OF TAMPA SAILING SQUADRON, OR THAT MAY OTHERWISE ARISE IN ANY WAY IN CONNECTION WITH ANY RACES OR OTHER EVENTS HELD AT TAMPA SAILING SQUADRON. I UNDERSTAND THAT THIS RELEASE DISCHARGES TAMPA SAILING SQUADRON FROM ANY

LIABILITY OR CLAIM THAT I, MY HEIRS, OR ANY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES MAY HAVE AGAINST TAMPA SAILING SQUADRON WITH RESPECT TO ANY BODILY INJURY, ILLNESS, DEATH, MEDICAL TREATMENT, OR PROPERTY DAMAGE THAT MAY ARISE FROM, OR IN CONNECTION TO, ANY RACES OR OTHER EVENTS ATTENDED AT TAMPA SAILING SQUADRON. THIS LIABILITY WAIVER AND RELEASE EXTENDS TO TAMPA SAILING SQUADRON TOGETHER WITH ALL OFFICERS, BOARD MEMBERS AND MEMBERS OF TAMPA SAILING SQUADRON.

Signed: _____

Print Name: _____