



2024 GASPARILLA REGATTA

Sponsored by MOUNT GAY RUM

February 24th, 2024

Tampa Sailing Squadron

Apollo Beach, Florida



NOTICE OF RACE (NOR)

A one-day event with windward-leeward drop-mark races for some classes and fixed-mark racing for others. This event is a “Clean Regatta.” Racers are encouraged to use non-single-use water bottles and recycle all appropriate items.

Event website: <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=16399>

The notation ‘[DP]’ in a rule means that the penalty for a breach of the rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

The notation ‘[NP]’ in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 The US Sailing prescriptions to RRS 63.1 and 63.2 will not apply.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The sailing instructions will be available online at the event’s Yacht Scoring website and posted on the TSS Official Notice Board no later than Friday February 23 and copies will be available at the competitor's meeting.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The Official Notice Board is located by the flagpole at TSS.
- 3.2 The Online Notice Board is located at the Yacht Scoring event website.
- 3.3 On the water, the race committee will make courtesy and safety broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs.
- 3.4 [DP] All boats shall carry a working VHF radio capable of communicating on US channels, and monitor the race committee while racing.
- 3.5 [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The event is open to boats with valid WFPHRF certificates in these classes: Spinnaker, Non-Spinnaker, Racer-Cruiser, Cruiser, and Multihull. These classes must comply with the requirements for WFPHRF Category 4 races, see <https://www.westfloridaphrf.org>.
- 4.2 The regatta is also open to boats without a valid WFPHRF certificate. Such boats will have a PHRF-style rating assigned by the Organizing Authority and will race in the Mother Lode class.
- 4.3 Expected classes (divisions) include Spinnaker, Non-Spinnaker, Racer-Cruiser, Cruiser, Multihull, Double-Handed, and Mother Lode.
- 4.4 Cruising spinnakers are permitted for the Cruiser and Double-Handed classes. These boats intending to use a cruising spinnaker must declare intent at registration.
- 4.6 For drop-mark racing, if 5 boats or more of a One-Design class register and pay entry fees by the **early** entry fee deadline, a start and awards will be given.
- 4.7 Eligible boats may enter by registering online at the event website <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=16399>. **The early entry deadline is Wednesday February 7 and the standard entry deadline is Monday February 19.** Late entries will be handled on a case-by-case basis at the sole discretion of the Event Chair.

5 FEES

- 5.1 Entry fees including two dinner/party admissions (Rum drinks), one regatta shirt, and Mount Gay Rum red hat are as follows:

Classes	Early Entry Fee until Wednesday February 7	Standard Fee after Wednesday February 7
All	\$75	\$85

- 5.2 Other fees:
Members of US Sailing may deduct \$5
Additional dinner/party admission, (Rum drinks), tickets \$20
Additional shirts \$25
Additional dinner/party tickets and shirts can be purchased online until February 14 and **may** be available at the event.

6 SCHEDULE

6.1 Friday February 23

- 1700 – 1900 Check-in and racing packet pickup.
- 1730 – 1900 Regatta supplied keg beer. Burgers, hot dogs, and soft drinks available for purchase. *
- 1930 Competitor’s meeting

6.2 Saturday, February 24

- 0830 – 1000 Hot breakfast is served*
 - 1200 First warning signal, drop-mark course; up to 4 races planned
 - 1200 Warning signal for Racer-Cruiser class, fixed-mark course; Cruiser and Multihull classes to follow; 1 race
 - 1300 Base Start time for pursuit start classes, fixed-mark course (Double-Handed and Mother Lode); 1 race
 - 1730 Dinner is served*
 - 1800 Band plays and the TSS Signature Party begins*
 - 1900 Award presentation*
- *Social schedule subject to change w/o notice.

7 VENUE

- 7.1 The general sailing area will be Tampa Bay, north and west of Apollo Beach, south of MacDill Air Force Base and east of St. Petersburg.

8 COURSES

- 8.1 Spinnaker, Non-Spinnaker, and any One-Design classes will sail windward/leeward courses around drop (inflatable) marks.
- 8.2 Spinnaker class boats wishing to race on the fixed-mark course must register in the Racer-Cruiser class.
- 8.3 The Racer-Cruiser, Cruiser, and Multihull classes will sail random-leg courses around fixed marks.
- 8.4 Double-Handed and Mother Lode classes will sail on a random-leg course around fixed marks, using a pursuit-style start. Pursuit start times will be posted on the Official Notice Board and distributed at the competitor’s meeting.

9 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 9.1 For the Random Leg classes, Appendix V1 Alternative Penalties will apply.

10 SCORING

- 10.1 In each class, one race is required to be completed to constitute a series regatta.
- 10.2 A boat’s series score shall be the total of her race scores.
- 10.3 Racing will be scored using PHRF Time-On-Distance for all classes except one-design.
- 10.4 Boats racing with handicaps on the drop-mark course will use their “Buoy” rating. One-design fleets will be scored as such.
- 10.5 Boats racing on the fixed-mark course will use either their “RLC” rating or the rating assigned by the Organizing Authority.

11 BERTHING

- 11.1 Contact the Dockmaster Ron DaSilva 401-265-3062 for berthing accommodations.

12 RISK STATEMENT

- 12.1 Competitors in this event will participate **entirely** at their own risk.
- 12.2 RRS 3 states: ‘The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone. By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury.’ **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia, or other causes.**
- 12.3 The organizing authority or any race official will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury, disease, illness, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta. By participating in this event, each competitor (skippers and crews) agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

13 PRIZES

- 13.1 Classes may be subdivided by the Organizing Authority
- 13.2 Prizes will be presented in each class or division.
- 13.3 The Ed Peters Shootout perpetual trophy will be awarded to TSS or DIYC based on the highest number of club-affiliated first place finishes overall. The trophy will be kept by the winning club for the year.
- 13.4 Pirate costume contest for best dressed Boat Crew
- 13.5 Prize for the oldest Mount Gay Rum red hat, must be present to win.

14 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 14.1 On-line documents: Yacht Scoring, <https://www.yachtscoring.com>
- 14.2 Event Chair Darin O’Neal, darin.oneal@stantec.com, 813-928-4112
- 14.3 Principal Race Officer Paul Leonard, paul.e.leonard@gmail.com, 727-742-4504

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