



# 2018 Commodore's Cup Suncoast Boat of the Year and

## Davis Island Yacht Club Boat of the Year Event

Davis Island Yacht Club, Tampa, Florida

January 13<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup>, 2018

### NOTICE OF RACE

#### 1. RULES

The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, including appendix V2 (post-race penalty).

#### 2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 The regatta is open to all boats with a valid WFPHRF certificate and any One-Design class, over 20-feet in length, with four or more entries.
- 2.2 Classes may be divided based on the number of entries.
- 2.3 Boats in classes with fewer than 4 entries will be placed in the appropriate WFPHRF Class/Division.
- 2.4 Under West Florida PHRF rules, this is a Category 4 event for the distance course and Category 5 for Spinnaker Class.
- 2.5 Cruising spinnakers are permitted for the Cruising Class. All Cruising Class boats intending to use a cruising spinnaker must declare so no later than 1900, January 12<sup>th</sup> either by email to [fleetcaptain@diyc.org](mailto:fleetcaptain@diyc.org) or by informing the registration desk staff between 1700-1900 on January 12<sup>th</sup>.
- 2.6 Boats may enter on-line at [www.diyc.org](http://www.diyc.org). Boats may also enter, in person, at DIYC between 1700 and 1900 on January 12<sup>th</sup>.
- 2.7 Entry must be made online by January 7<sup>th</sup> to avoid the late fee.
- 2.8 No entry will be accepted after 1900, January 12<sup>th</sup>.

#### 3. FEES

All boats. \$75. plus FL sales tax.

Late Fee: Entries received and paid after January 7<sup>th</sup> must add \$15.00 plus FL sales tax. Entries by non-members of US SAILING must add \$5.00 plus FL sales tax.

Entry fee includes dockage, camping, keg beer (Saturday & Sunday after racing) and dinner Saturday night (2 tickets).

Extra Dinners can be purchased on the entry form for \$14.02 plus FL sales tax.

#### 4. SCHEDULE

Friday	1700-1900	Late entry; optional check-in
Saturday	0800-1000	DIYC breakfast available for purchase
	0930	Competitors' meeting. Distance-race course posted
	1100	First warning signal for Racer-Cruiser, Non-Spinnaker, Cruising, and Multihull
	1100	First warning signal for Spinnaker and One-Design classes
	60-90 minutes after docking	Dinner
Sunday	0800-1000	DIYC breakfast available for purchase
	0930	Distance-race course posted
	1100	First warning signal for Racer-Cruiser, Non-Spinnaker, Cruising, and Multihull
	1100	First warning signal for Spinnaker and One-Design classes. No races will start after 1500 on Sunday, Awards to follow

**5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

The sailing instructions may be available on the DIYC website by January 6<sup>th</sup>, and at the competitors' meeting. Distance-race courses will be determined and posted on-site by 0930 each day.

**6. THE COURSES**

- 6.1 Racer-Cruiser, Non-Spinnaker, Multi-Hull and Cruising will race distance races in Tampa Bay using fixed marks - one race per day.
- 6.2 Spinnaker and One-Design classes will race on drop-mark courses in Hillsborough Bay, as many races as possible depending on time and weather conditions.

**7. PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 7.1 All PHRF classes will use the Scoring Penalty of rule 44.3.
- 7.2 One-Design classes, except Melges-24s, will use the Two-Turns Penalty of rule 44.1.
- 7.3 For Melges-24s, the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

**8. SCORING**

- 8.1 All handicap racing will be scored TOD using West Florida PHRF ratings:

Spinnaker Classes	Buoy Rating
Non Spinnaker Class	RLC Rating
Multihull Class	RLC Rating
Racer Cruiser Class	RLC Rating
Cruising Class	RLC Rating
- 8.2 When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 8.3 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

**9. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**

PHRF boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with written permission of the race committee.

**10. PRIZES**

Prizes will be awarded based on entries received by January 12. Prizes will be awarded in each division for first place, if three boats; top two, if five boats; top three, if seven or more boats.

**11. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. By participating in this event, each competitor 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.

**12. FURTHER INFORMATION**

For further information, please contact  
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