



DAVIS ISLAND
Yacht Club
1315 SEVERN - TAMPA, FLORIDA 33606



Tampa Bay to Ft. Myers Race

May 25th-26th, 2018

The Organizing Authority is the Davis Island Yacht Club

NOTICE OF RACE

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This race's history dates back to 1946, but 2018 brings more excitement! We have now partnered with Naples Sailing and Yacht Club whose feeder race the week before (May 18-19) will bring additional competitors to our regatta. A 100-mile coastal race, Tampa Bay to Ft. Myers has everything from J-24s, multihulls, and 40'+ footers racing. Of course, the destination is fabulous finishing at Ft Myers Beach - one of the remaining "Old Florida" beach towns. All competitors departing from Tampa Bay compete for the Navigator's Trophy donated by OH Rogers. It is awarded to the first boat to finish in any class.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 All PHRF classes will use the Scoring Penalty of rule 44.3.

2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 Eligible boats may enter by completing on-line entry and paying the required fees at www.diytc.org.
- 2.2 The regatta is open to all boats with a valid WFPHRF certificate or a "provisional" DIYC rating assigned by the DIYC Fleet Captain.
- 2.3 PHRF classes include: Spinnaker, Racer Cruiser, Non-Spinnaker, Cruising and Multihull (at the discretion of the Race Committee, to be placed in appropriate monohull class if not enough entries for a separate class)
- 2.4 Under West Florida PHRF rules, this is a Category 2 event.
- 2.5 The minimum crew, including the skipper, shall be two (2) persons.
- 2.6 All boats shall carry a workable VHF radio capable of receiving and transmitting on channels 16 and receiving weather broadcasts. A mobile phone is also recommended on each boat.
- 2.7 Cruising spinnakers are permitted for the Cruising Class. All Cruising Class boats intending to use a cruising spinnaker must declare by email no later than May 23, 2018 at 1800 to brent@nocabz.com or by informing the registration desk staff during registration hours but please do it before registration.
- 2.8 Boats may enter on-line at www.diytc.org. Boats may also enter, in person, at DIYC during registration hours.
- 2.9 Entry must be made online by May 18, 2018 to avoid the late fee.

3 FEES

- 3.1 The entry fee is \$70. Entry fees are non-refundable.
- 3.2 Late fees are an additional \$15.
- 3.3 The entry fee excludes state and local taxes.

4 SCHEDULE

Activity	Date/time
Registration & Skippers Meeting at DIYC	May 24, 2018 at 1745
First Warning	May 25, 2018 at 0955
Awards Ceremony at Bonita Bills	May 26, 2018 at 1800

5 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available at registration and may be posted online on the DIYC web site prior to event.

6 COURSES

- 6.1 The Tampa Bay to Ft. Myers race shall begin adjacent to the back range for Cut J "Big J" - southeast of St. Petersburg Pier and the finish will be at San Carlos Bay Mo (A) - "SC". Sailing Instructions will go into further details.

7 SCORING

- 7.1 All handicap racing will be scored TOD using West Florida PHRF ratings: Spinnaker, Non-Spinnaker, Multihull, Racer Cruiser, and Cruising are all scored using your *RLC Rating*

8 TIME LIMITS

- 8.1 Boats still racing after 1400 on Saturday, May 26, 2018 shall be scored DID NOT FINISH.

9 PRIZES

- 9.1 Awards ceremony and party will be held at Bonita Bill's Café 702 Fisherman's Wharf Ft Myers Beach Saturday May 26, 2018. This is a very different awards party. There is a lot of repartee between RC and competitors. We also like to take old trophies you might have and repurpose them so bust out the old dance trophy and let us have some fun with it. If you have a trophy to donate, please try and get it to us the week before the race.
- 9.2 All divisions will receive awards based on the entries in each division:
- | Number of Boats | Number of Trophies |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| 1-3 | 1 |
| 4-5 | 2 |
| >5 | 3 |
- 9.3 This event is a **Davis Island Yacht Club Boat-of- the-Year** event.
- 9.4 OH Rodgers has donated a perpetual Navigator Trophy to be awarded to the first boat to finish, elapsed time. Only multihulls and monohulls racing the Tampa Bay to Ft Myers Beach start are eligible to compete for this award.

10 DOCKAGE

- 10.1 Prior to the race, vessels may contact Davis Island Yacht Club for dockage up to one week prior to the race. Fees may apply beyond reciprocal privileges.
- 10.2 Vessels are required to make their own accommodations prior to the start of the Race. Commercial dockage in Ft. Myers, includes: *Salty Sam's Marina*, 2500 Main Street, Ft. Myers Beach, Florida, 239-463-7333; *Ft. Myers Beach Marina*, 703 Fisherman's Wharf, Ft. Myers Beach, Florida, 239-463-9552, and *Pink Shell Marina*, 275 Estero Boulevard, Fort Myers Beach, FL, 855-482-1947.

11 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Sailing is an activity that carries with it an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors participate in these Regattas entirely at their own risk and are reminded to pay special attention to RRS 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers, including the Organizing Authority, The Davis Island Yacht Club, Race Committee, Protest Committee, sponsors, volunteers, or any other affiliated organization or official, will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of practice for or participation in this event during shore side or on-the-water activities. 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 CONTACT INFORMATION

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