



Tampa Bay to Ft. Myers Race

A Davis Island Yacht Club Boat of the Year Event

Friday, May 25-26, 2018

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1) RULES

- a) This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing* and the *West Florida PHRF Class Rules*.

2) NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- a) Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice boards which is adjacent to the club's northwest staircase and at Bonita Bills. All notices will be posted prior to the competitor's meeting on May 24, 2018 at DIYC and following the race at the Bonita Bills.

3) SIGNALS and COMMUNICATION

- a) Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located west of the clubhouse. If a postponement is signaled ashore the warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after AP is lowered.
- b) Race Committee will communicate with competitors on VHF Channel 69.
- c) Retiring yachts are requested to inform the Race Committee as soon as possible. Please call/text Brent Bacon at 813-363-6935 if you are retiring.
- d) Contact for RC on station at "SC" - Susan- #239-430-3643 Back-up #:404-769-0982

4) SCHEDULE

Thursday, May 24, 2018	1745	Registration and Competitor's Meeting @ DIYC
Friday, May 25, 2018	0955	First Warning for all Classes
Saturday, May 26, 2018	1800	Awards Party at Bonita Bills

5) CLASS FLAGS (The anticipated order of start is as follows)

Multihulls	Purple Flag w/ White "P"
Spinnaker	Red Flag w/ White "S"
Racer Cruiser	Green Flag w/ White "G"
Cruisers & Non-Spinnaker	Blue Flag w/ White "N"

6) RACING AREA

The racing area is Tampa Bay and the west coast of Florida.

7) STARTING

- a) The race will be started in accordance with RRS 26.
- b) The starting line will be between an orange flag on the Race Committee boat and the nearby "Big J" range mark.

8) COURSE & MARKS

- a) The course is described in Appendix A.
- b) Should the wind conditions necessitate a postponement prior to the start, the R/C may move the starting area farther up the course by displaying code flag "L" and motoring towards the next mark. In this case, the starting mark will be either a mark of the course, a nearby government aid, or an inflatable buoy. Should the R/C pass a mark of the course, that mark is then eliminated from the course.

9) FINISHING

- a) The finish line is between an orange flag on the RC boat and "SC" - San Carlos Mo (A).
- b) Each yacht will attempt to hail the Race Committee on VHF channel 69, 3 NM prior to finishing.
- c) If the Race Committee is not on station, The US Sailing Prescription to RRS 34 shall apply. Take your GPS time when finish mark bears 0 degrees magnetic within 100 feet of SC mark (port). Skippers taking their own time shall deliver a signed note of their finishing time to the Race Committee immediately upon docking. Such finishing times will be posted as soon as possible. Such posting will constitute the beginning of the time limit allowed for redress under RRS 62.2 for that boat.

10) TIME LIMIT

- a) The time limit for finishing will be 1400 on Saturday May 26, 2018. Boats failing to finish by the time limit will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4, and A5.

11) PROTESTS

- a) A boat intending to protest or request redress must notify the Race Committee at the finish, or upon retiring or be scored DNF.
- b) Protests and requests for redress shall be delivered to the Race Committee.
- c) The time limit for filing protests and requests for redress is 1430 on Saturday May 26, 2018.
- d) Protests and requests for redress will be heard at Bonita Bills in the order the protests or requests for redress were received.

12) SCORING

- a) The Race will be scored "time on distance" using WFPHRF RLC ratings.
- b) The course distance is 104 NM unless shortened per RRS 32.2 or SI 8.2 in which case the course distance will be recalculated accordingly.

13) AWARDS

Trophies will be awarded at Bonita Bills during the post celebration.

14) SAFETY

- a) Boats shall monitor VHF channel 16 except while starting or finishing.
- b) Any competitor who challenges a vessel confined to the government shipping channels in such a way as to cause them to file a report, or who violates a moving or static safety or security zone resulting in the filing of a report will be scored DSQ. This changes Rule 63.1.

15) ENVIRONMENTAL

Any competitor throwing refuse overboard is subject to disqualification.

RACE COMMITTEE

Brent Bacon, Mike Kayusa, & Jamie Myers

APPENDIX A – THE COURSE

2018 Tampa Bay to Ft. Myers			
Distance is 104-NM			
Mark	Chart Description	Rounding / Leaving	Approx. Location
Start @ Cut "J", Tall Range - Big "J"	Iso 6s 50ft Fl 4s 5M "A" Fl 4s 5M "B"	Start	N27° 45.050' / W82° 34.328'
Sunshine Skyway Bridge	Really Big Bridge	Pass through Center 3 Spans	N27° 37.220' / W82° 39.350'
SW 1	G "1" Fl G 2.5s Bell	Round to port	N27° 32.329' / W82° 48.597'
Venice Inlet	Fl G 6s 20ft 5M "1"	Round to port	N27° 06.773' / W82° 28.215'
Finish @ San Carlos Mo (A) – "SC"	Mo (A) 16ft 7M "SC"	Finish	N26° 25.131' / W81° 57.550'

- From SW 1, pass to west of all government/navigation buoys. "Private" buoys or buoys marking obstructions such as fish havens ARE NOT marks of the course and DO NOT need to be honored.
- All coordinates provided as a reference. Any reliance on such coordinates shall not be grounds for redress.