



**NOTICE OF RACE
Venetian Cup Regatta**

**Saturday April 29th 2017
Venice Youth Boating Association**

1. Organizing Authority & Host

The regatta is organized under the authority of Venice Youth Boating Association. The event will be held at the Venice Yacht Club (VYC) 1330 Tarpon Center Drive and Higel Park.

2. Rules

The Venetian Cup Regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

3. Eligibility & Entry

3.1. The regatta is open to the following classes: Optimist Green, Optimist RWB, O'Pen BICs, C420, Laser Radial, Laser Standard, Laser 4.7, Sunfish, and Weta.

4. Registration & Fees

4.1. Fees:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Registrations Received Before April 15th</u>	<u>Registration Received Between April 16th – April 28th</u>	<u>On-Site Registration April 29th</u>
All Optimist, Lasers, Open BICs, Sunfish, Weta	\$45	\$60	\$75
C420	\$90	\$105	\$120

4.2. Online Registration is available on Regatta Network. If you register after April 15th you are not guaranteed a t-shirt.

4.3. All registrations received from April, 16th to April 28th, 2016 will be charged a \$15 late fee.

4.4 Registrations received on Saturday April 29th will be charged a \$30 late fee.

4.5 Sailors will receive a light breakfast, lunch, post-regatta snacks, t-shirt, and regatta bag.

4.6 Sailors requiring vegetarian lunch must indicate on the registration form.

5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

5.1 Saturday April 29th

0800 - 0900	Check-In and Late Registration at VYC Tiki Deck behind the clubhouse
0900	Competitors meeting at VYC Tiki Deck – Harbor Start to Follow
1000	First Signal for Optimist Green
1030	First Signal for all classes except Optimist Green
1200 – 1300	Lunch at Higel Park for Optimist Green. Lunch provided on the water for all other fleets.
1330	Course signals (Optimist Green Fleet)
1530	No Warning after this time.
Awards to Follow Racing at VYC Tiki	

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:

Sailing Instructions will be available at check-in and on Regatta Network.

7. SAILING AREAS:

7.1 All Optimist Fleets, and Open BICs will launch from Venice Yacht Club Floating Dock

7.2 C420, Lasers, Sunfish, and Weta will launch from Higel Park Boat Ramp

7.3 Green Fleet and Open BIC Racing Area will be in Roberts Bay due east of VYC

7.4 RWB, C420's, Sunfish, Lasers, and Wetas will race in the Gulf of Mexico south of Venice Inlet. All regatta participants are urged to exercise caution when entering and exiting the Gulf of Mexico especially while passing through the jetties at Venice inlet.

7.5 All sailing areas are subject to change depending on weather and sea conditions.

8. Courses:

Courses will be specified in the Sailing Instructions

9. SCORING:

9.1 One race constitutes a regatta

9.2 If five (5) or more races are sailed, a boat's worst score shall be discarded. This changes RSS A2

10. AWARDS:

Trophies will be awarded according to the number of boats in each fleet. Participation awards will also be given to all competitors in the Green Fleet.

11. Photographer and Media Rights:

Competitors give absolute right and permission for any photographs or video footage taken of them or their competing boat to be published in any media whatsoever; for editorial or advertising purposes, or to be used in press information.

12. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY:

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. The organizing authority, *Venice Youth Boating Association, Inc and the Venice Yacht Club*, will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the regatta.

13. FOOD & BEVERAGE FOR REGATTA ATTENDEES:

Regatta attendees, participants, family members, and spectators may purchase tickets from VYBA redeemable for food and beverage at the Venice Yacht Club Tiki and pool area using cash, or credit cards. Ticket purchases will be available at the registration desk adjacent to the Tiki Bar. Other visiting yacht club members with reciprocal privileges may charge food and beverage purchases to their club's account directly at the Tiki bar by presenting their club's membership card to their server. Food and beverages from outside the Venice Yacht Club are prohibited at the Tiki and pool area.

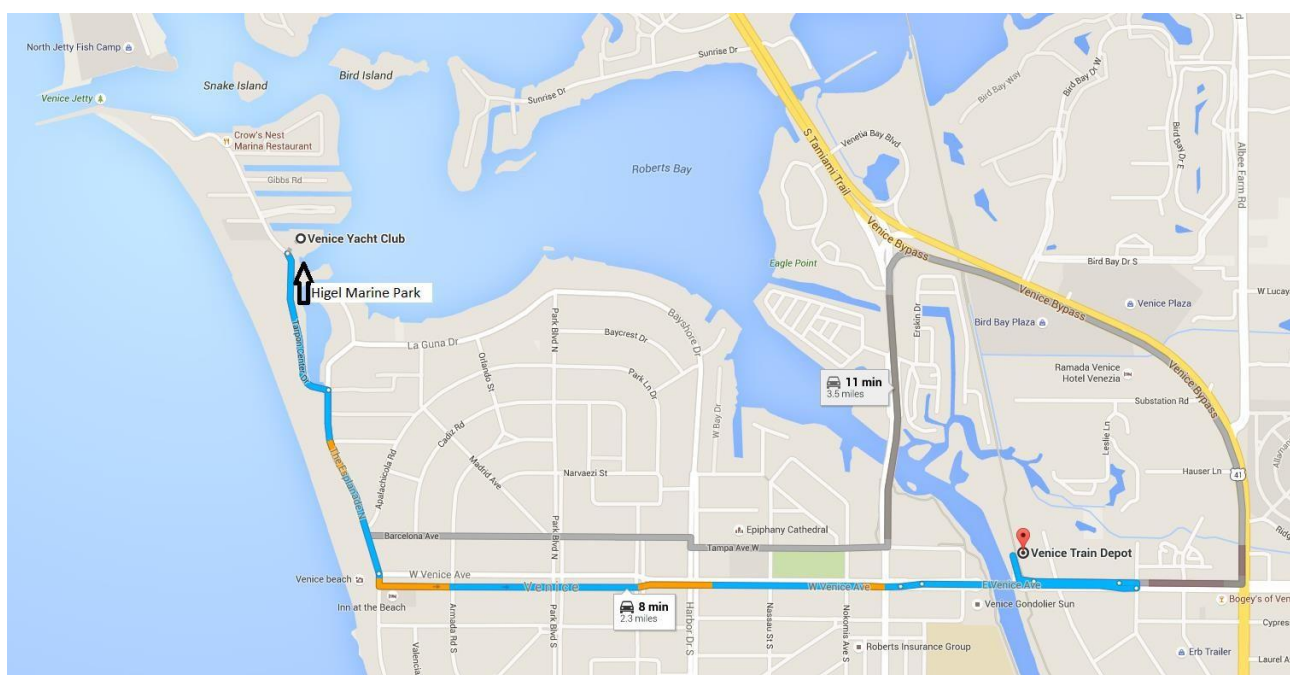
14. Coach and Spectator Boats

14.1 Coach, support and spectator boats are required to launch from the Venice Train Depot Park

14.2 To reach the Venice Train Depot Park when traveling West on Venice Ave towards the island, from the mainland stay to the right and do not go over the bridge, follow signs for the park.

14.3 To reach Venice Yacht Club by boat from the Venice Train Depot Park travel north on the ICW for 1.5 miles. VYC is the large white building with the blue roof. Boats can park at the Higel Park dock just to the south west of the yacht club.

14.4 There is limited space at Higel Park and use of the boat ramp will be reserved for sailboats.



14.5 Optimist and O'Pen BIC Staging Area: All Optimists will rig in the main parking lot of Venice Yacht Club and launch from Venice Yacht Club Floating Dock.

14.6 C420, Lasers, Sunfish, Weta will rig at Higel Marine Park adjacent to Venice Yacht club and launch from the boat ramp at Higel Park.

14.7 Additional Parking: Parking available at Graser Park located at the intersection of The Esplanade and Barcelona Ave. (GPS: 746 Barcelona Ave, Venice, FL 34285) and at the South Jetty located at the end of Tarpon Center Dr.

16. DIRECTIONS:

From the South:

Take 1 - 75 North to Exit 193 (Jacaranda Boulevard). Turn left (south) on Jacaranda Boulevard. Proceed to roundabout at intersection of Venice Ave/Jacaranda and turn right at Venice Ave. Follow Venice Ave west over the drawbridge and through downtown Venice. At the end of Venice Ave turn right onto The Esplanade. At first stop sign turn left onto Tarpon Center Dr. Higel Park will be on the right and Venice Yacht Club is just past the park on the right. Volunteers will assist with parking.

From the North:

Take 1-75 South to Exit 200, Highway 681. Proceed south at US 41. At the fork of US 41 and Venice bypass south keep right, go over the drawbridge and turn right at the second light, Venice Avenue. Follow Venice Ave west through downtown Venice. At the end of Venice Ave turn right onto The Esplanade. At first stop sign turn left onto Tarpon Center Dr. Higel Park will be on the right and Venice Yacht Club is just past the park on the right. Volunteers will assist with parking.

17. ACCOMMODATIONS:

Inn at the Beach – 725 W Venice Ave, Venice FL 34285 – 941-484-8471; on the island

Hampton Inn & Suites – 881 Venetia Bay Blvd, Venice FL 34292 – 941-488-5900; just off the island

Island Breeze Inn – 340 Tamiami Trail S, Venice, FL 34285 – 941-488-4417; on the island

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