



Venice Yacht Club



Venice Sailing Squadron

Windjammer Sailing Instructions

January 31 – February 1, 2015

A Sarasota Bay Yachting Association WFPHRF Boat of the Year Event

1. RULES

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* and West Florida PHRF rules except;

Each Cruiser, Pocket Cruiser or Racer Cruiser* has the option to declare that it will be rated with:

- a. **Non-Spinnaker** Receives the full Non-Spin Offset and sails with the RLC rating as shown on the boat's certificate.
- b. **Cruising Spinnaker** This is a change to WFPHRF App. E 2.c to include Category 4. This reduces the RLC rating by 1/2 of the Non-Spinnaker Offset. Cruising spinnakers must be tacked to the deck, not to a pole or extended sprit. A whisker pole is allowed, but not to exceed the maximum LP of largest jib for the boat.
- c. **Spinnaker** rated as RLC spinnaker per the rating certificate.

Spinnaker Declaration – The skipper must make a verbal declaration with the RC boat, at the water checkin, that he or she plans to use a spinnaker or cruising spinnaker. If no declaration is presented the assumption is that no spinnaker will be used for the Cruiser and Pocket Cruiser and that a spinnaker will be used for the Racer Cruiser.

***Racer Cruiser** definition has been modified for SBYA regattas. A Racer Cruiser is a cruising boat with factory cruising interior including a head and galley. In addition the boat must be stored in the water and not dry stored. Boats may sail with either a spinnaker, cruising spinnaker or jib and main only. Sail declaration must be made at the RC check in on the water. (If no declaration is made the assumption is that a spinnaker will be used.

If there is a conflict between the NOR and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions will take precedence.

2. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the north side of clubhouse at the Sarasota Sailing Squadron and on the notice board at Venice Yacht Club.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Changes to the sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule will be posted by 1900 on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNAL MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located on the east side of the club (Saturday SSS and Sunday VYC). If a postponement is signalled ashore the warning signal will be made not less than 60 minutes after AP is lowered.

5. SCHEDULE

Thursday, January 29, 2015

1800 hrs Registration and Onsite Check In at Sarasota Sailing Squadron

1900 hrs Competitors' meeting SSS

Saturday, January 31, 2015

1130 GPS Starting time for first boat; subsequent starts based on reverse handicap

1700-2000 hrs After race party, hosted by Venice Yacht Club and Venice Sailing Squadron (free keg beer). Tiki Bar menu of burgers, wraps, baskets etc. available.

Please - It's the policy of the Venice Yacht Club that food or drinks of any kind shall not be brought into the clubhouse or pool area from boats or cars.

Sunday, Feb. 1, 2015

0830 hrs

Complimentary juice, coffee, Danish, fruit

1000 GPS

Starting time for first boat; subsequent starts based on reverse handicap

Thursday, Jan 29, 2015

1830 hrs

Awards Presentation Party, hosted by Sarasota Sailing Squadron

6. COMMUNICATION

Race committee will monitor VHF Channel 69. Vessels retiring must notify race committee.

7. RACING AREA

The race area will be located offshore between Sarasota New Pass and Venice. One reverse handicap race is scheduled on Saturday and one reverse handicap race on Sunday.

8. COURSES

There are four possible courses for Saturday and Sunday races (see course appendix).

Course to be sailed will be displayed on the RC boat at the Sarasota and Venice starts and announced on VHF channel 69.

Reverse Handicap Start times will be distributed at the skippers meeting.

9. MARKS

Government, permanent and temporary marks with GPS coordinates will be used.

10. STARTING ORDER

Races will be started in reverse handicap. Start times for each boat will be available at the competitors' meeting. Note that multiple start times may be listed for a yacht reflecting a boats spinnaker declaration.

11. START AND FINISH LINES

Sarasota Sailing Squadron starting and finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Signal boat at the starboard end and course side of the port-end starting mark referenced as 'Big Pass'.

VYC/VSS' start and finish lines will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC signal boat and the starboard end and the port end inflatable buoy.

12. ALTERNATE FINISH LINE

If weather does not permit or Race Committee is not on station, boats shall be required to hail their finish and proximity to other boats on Channel 69.

The Saturday finish for races to Venice is referenced as Venice '2', leaving it to starboard.

The Sunday finish for races to Sarasota is permanent mark referenced as "Big Pass" on course sheet. The finish line extends approximately 100 feet, perpendicular to the bearing from the previous mark, leaving the finish mark to port.

Boats are required to record their GPS finish time. After finishing, a boat shall call RC on VHF channel 69 as soon as conveniently possible. If RC does not acknowledge call, text or leave a message with the boat name and finish time to Peter at 941-266-7054.

13. PROTESTS

A boat or competitor shall not be penalized without a protest hearing, except as provided under rules 30.2, 30.3, 69, A5 and P2. A decision on redress shall not be made without hearing. The protest committee shall hear all protests and requests for redress that have been delivered to the race officer unless it allows a protest or request to be withdrawn.

14. SCORING

Boats will be scored in accordance with Appendix "A" of the RRS using the low point system, modified so that all scores will be included.

The WFPHRF RLC rating will be used, except as modified by Windjammer SI (1.b)

15. TROPHIES

Trophies will be awarded beginning at 1830 Thursday, February 5th, 2015 at the Sarasota Sailing Squadron. Divisions may include Spinnaker, Non Spinnaker, Cruiser, Pocket Cruiser and Racer Cruiser; dependent on number of entries.

16. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.