



NOTICE OF RACE
Venetian Cup Regatta 2019

Saturday, April 27th
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 (1330 Tarpon Center Dr) 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, HS420 (jib & main only, no trapeze or spinnaker), Laser Radial, Laser Standard, Laser 4.7, Sunfish, and Weta.

4. REGISTRATION & FEES

4.1. Fees:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Registration BEFORE 4/14</u>	<u>Registration 4/14-4/26</u>	<u>Registration On-Site 4/27</u>
All Optimist/Laser/ O'Pen Bic	\$50	\$65	\$80
All 420s	\$95	\$110	\$125

4.2. Online Registration is available on Regatta Network. If you register after April 13th you are not guaranteed a t-shirt.

4.3. All registrations received from April 14th-April 26th will be charged a \$15 late fee.

4.4. Registrations received on April 27th will be charged a \$30 late fee.

4.5. Sailors will receive a light breakfast, lunch, post-regatta snacks, t-shirt (refer to 4.2), and regatta bag.

4.6. Sailors requiring a vegetarian (or food sensitivity) lunch must indicate on the registration form.

5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

5.1. Saturday, April 27th

0800-0900 Check-In and Late Registration at VYC Tiki Deck behind the VYC Clubhouse
0900 Competitors Meeting at VYC Tiki Deck -- Harbor Start to Follow
1000 First Signal for Optimist Green
1030 First Signal for All Other Classes
1200-1300 Lunch at Higel Park for Optimist Green. Lunch provided on water for All Other Classes.
1330 Course Signals (Optimist Green Fleet)
1530 No Warnings after this time
Awards to follow racing at the VYC Tiki Deck

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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

7. SAILING AREAS

- 7.1. All Optimist Fleets and O'Pen BICs will launch from the VYBA Floating Dock.
- 7.2. All 420 Fleets and All Laser Fleets will launch from the Higel Park Boat Ramp.
- 7.3. Optimist Green Fleet's Sailing Area will be in Roberts Bay due East of the VYC.
- 7.4. All Other Fleets will race in the Gulf of Mexico SOUTH of the 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) races or more 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 except the Optimist Green Fleet. Participation awards will be given to all competitors in the Optimist Green Fleet.

11. PHOTOGRAPHER & 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.*, *Venice Yacht Club*, Sarasota County, and the City of Venice 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 or beverages 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.

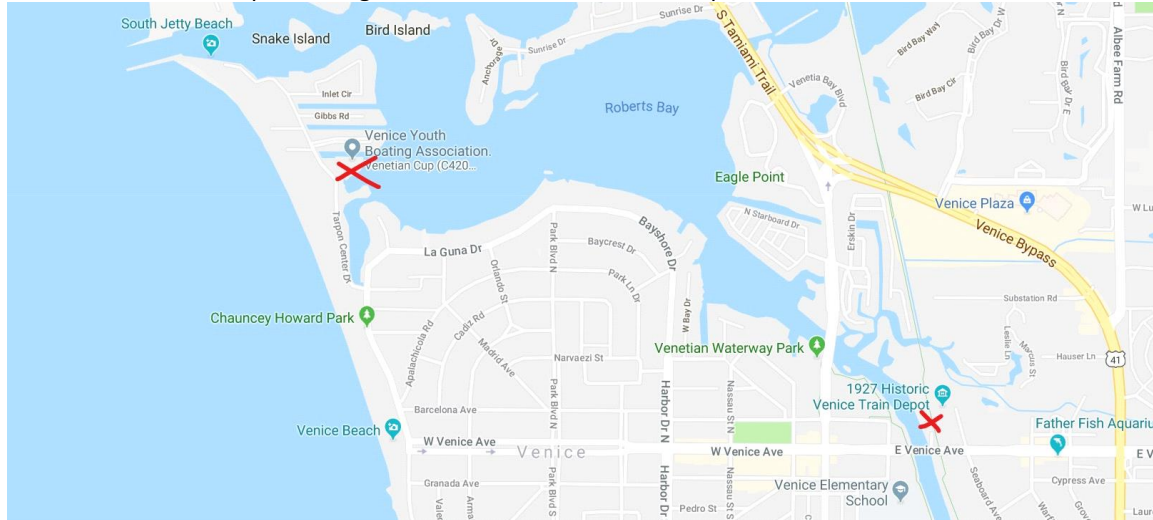
14. COACH & SPECTATOR BOATS

- 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, do NOT go over the bridge but stay to the right and follow signs for the park.

14.3. To reach the VYC by water 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 docks just to the SW of the VYC.

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



14.5. All Optimists and O'Pen BICs Staging Area: Rig in the main parking lot of the Venice Yacht Club and launch from the VYBA Floating Dock.

14.6. All 420s and All Lasers will rig at the Higel Marine Park adjacent to the VYC and launch from the Higel Park Boat Ramp.

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

15. DIRECTIONS

From the South:

Take I-75N to Exit 193 (Jacaranda Blvd). Turn left at the exit ramp onto Jacaranda Blvd. Proceed to the roundabout and exit at your first right onto Venice Ave (going West). Follow Venice Ave west over the drawbridge onto the Island and into 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 your right followed directly by the Venice Yacht Club and Venice Youth Boating Association parking lot on your right. Volunteers will assist with parking.

From the North:

Take I-75 South to Exit 200, Highway 681. Proceed South at US 41. At the fork of US41 and Venice Bypass South, keep right to go over the drawbridge. After the drawbridge, turn right at the second light for Venice Ave. 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 your right followed directly by the Venice Yacht Club and Venice Youth Boating Association parking lot on your right. Volunteers will assist with parking.

16. 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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