



2020 Tampa Bay to Ft. Myers Race

Davis Island Yacht Club Boat of the Year Event

Davis Island Yacht Club, Tampa, Florida

May 22nd-23rd, 2020

NOTICE OF RACE

This race's history dates back to 1946 and as of 2018 Naples Sailing and Yacht Club whose feeder race the week before 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*, including Appendix V2 (post-race penalty).
- 1.2 US Sailing prescriptions to RRS 63.2 and 63.4 will not apply.

2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 The regatta is open to all boats with a valid WFPHRF certificate, or a temporary rating assigned by the DIYC Club Measurer.
- 2.2 Expected Divisions are Spinnaker, Racer-Cruiser, Cruising, and Multihull.
- 2.3 Under West Florida PHRF rules, this is a Category 2 event.
- 2.4 Cruising spinnakers are permitted for the Cruising Division. All Cruising boats intending to use a cruising spinnaker must declare so either by email to brent@nocabz.com or by informing the registration desk staff during registration hours (but please do so at least two days before the event).
- 2.5 Boats may enter on-line at the Racing/Regattas page at www.diy.org.
- 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.

3 FEES

- 3.1 The entry fee is \$70 plus tax. Entry fees are non-refundable.
- 3.2 Registrations received after May 15th must add a late fee of \$20 plus tax.

4 SCHEDULE

Thursday	1700	Registration and check-in
	1700	Competitors meeting
Friday	1200	First warning signal
Saturday	1800	Awards ceremony at Bonita Bills

5 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available on the DIYC website, and at registration.

6 COURSE

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 PENALTY SYSTEM

7.1 All Divisions will use the Scoring Penalty of RRS 44.3.

7.2 The 30% Penalty Taken After a Race of RRS V2 will apply.

8 SCORING

All Divisions will be scored TOD using West Florida PHRF RLC ratings.

9 PRIZES

9.1 Awards ceremony and party will be held at Bonita Bill’s Café 702 Fisherman’s Wharf Ft Myers Beach on Saturday. 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 Prizes will be awarded in each Division for first place, if 1-3 boats; top two, if 4-5 boats; top three, if 6 or more boats.

9.3 OH Rodgers has donated a perpetual Navigator Trophy to be awarded to the boat with the best elapsed time.

10 DOCKAGE

10.1 For dockage at DIYC up to one week before the event, please contact DIYC Dockmaster Chris Toro at dockmaster@diyc.org or 727-222-7561 for slip reservations. 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; **Moss Marine**, 450 Harbor Court, Ft. Myers Beach, Florida, 239-765-6677; and **Pink Shell Marina**, 275 Estero Blvd, 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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