

2020 Tampa Bay to Not-Ft. Myers Race

Davis Island Yacht Club, Tampa, Florida May 23rd, 2020

AMENDED NOTICE OF RACE

This race's history dates back to 1946. However, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the 2020 race will be modified to comply with Governor DeSantis, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, the Hillsborough County Emergency Policy Group and the Center for Disease Control's orders and guidelines. Instead of racing to Ft. Myers, the race will consist of an approximately 50-mile coastal race starting and finishing in the vicinity of Big "J." Unfortunately, we can not experience - the fabulous destination of Ft Myers Beach - one of the remaining "Old Florida" beach towns this year - but WE WILL BE BACK NEXT YEAR! All competitors will compete for the Navigator's Trophy donated by OH Rogers. It is awarded to the first boat to finish in any class.

1 ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

1.1 The Davis Island Yacht Club shall be the Organizing Authority as provided herein. The Davis Island Yacht Club's role as Organizing Authority shall be limited to the race, only. Each boat owner and competitor shall be solely responsible for any post-race activity.

2 RULES

- 2.1 The regatta will be governed by the *Rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, including Appendix V2 (post-race penalty).
- 2.2 US Sailing prescriptions to RRS 63.2 and 63.4 will not apply.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The regatta is open to all boats with a valid WFPHRF certificate, or a temporary rating assigned by the DIYC Club Measurer.
- 3.2 All boats must submit their registration by 1600 on Friday, May 22, 2020.
- 3.3 Expected Divisions are Spinnaker, Non-Spinnaker, Racer-Cruiser, Cruising, and Multihull.
- 3.4 Under West Florida PHRF rules, this is a Category 3 event.
- 3.5 Cruising spinnakers are permitted for the Cruising Division. All Cruising boats intending to use a cruising spinnaker must declare so by email to <u>brent@nocabz.com</u> by no later than 1600 on Friday, May 22, 2020.
- 3.6 Boats must enter on-line ONLY at the Racing/Regattas page at <u>www.diyc.org</u>.
- 3.7 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.

4 FEES

- 4.1 The entry fee is \$25 plus tax. Entry fees are <u>non-refundable</u>.
- 4.2 Registrations received after May 20, 2020 must add a late fee of \$5 plus tax.

5 SCHEDULE

Friday, May 22, 2020 1900 Competitors' Meeting. A Zoom Meeting Invite will be emailed to all registered competitors by 1830 on Friday, May 22, 2020. THERE WILL BE NO IN PERSON COMPETITORS' MEETING

Saturday, May 23, 2020 0945 First Warning Signal

Awards Party will be scheduled at a future date.

6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available on the DIYC website.

7 COURSE

The Tampa Bay to Not-Ft. Myers race shall begin and finish in the vicinity of the back range for Cut J "Big J" - southeast of St. Petersburg.

8 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 8.1 All Divisions will use the Scoring Penalty of RRS 44.3.
- 8.2 The 30% Penalty Taken After a Race of RRS V2 will apply.

9 SCORING

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

10 PRIZES

- 10.1 Awards ceremony and party will be held at a future date.
- 10.2 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; top four.
- 10.3 OH Rodgers has donated a perpetual Navigator Trophy to be awarded to the boat with the best elapsed time.

11 DOCKAGE

11.1 The Davis Island Yacht Club will provide complementary docking prior to and after the Race. Please contact DIYC Dockmaster Chris Toro at <u>dockmaster@diyc.org</u> or 727-222-7561 for slip reservations. Charges may apply beyond reciprocal privileges.

12 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, 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 or illness, 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. Each boat owner and competitor acknowledges they have reviewed all applicable state and federal orders and guidelines related to the Covid-19 pandemic, and agree to abide by all such orders and guidelines, including but limited to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservations Commission's requirements for social distancing while on a water craft. The Organizing Authority is only sanctioning the actual racing activity. Upon finishing, all

competitors are no longer participating in this event, and the Davis Island Yacht Club does not sanction nor condone any activity subsequent to a competitor's finish.

13 CONTACT INFORMATION

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