



1. **RULES:** The regatta shall be governed by the 2021-2024 World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing, the prescriptions of West Florida PHRF (WFPHRF), this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions. In the event of a conflict, the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions shall prevail.
2. **ON-THE-WATER EVENT:** Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, this regatta shall be on-the-water only without any land-based activities.
3. **ORGANIZING AUTHORITY:** The organizing authorities shall be the Venice Yacht Club (VYC) and the Venice Sailing Squadron (VSS).
4. **“SHARK’S FEEDING FRENZY” AND “SHARK’S MIGRATION” RACES:** The Venice Sailing Squadron and/or Green Flash will be the organizing authority in conducting races on Friday, March 26 and Sunday, March 28 between Big Sarasota Pass and the Venice Inlet. Separate Notice of Race(s), Entry information and Sailing Instructions for those events shall be made available on the VSS and VYC websites.
5. **ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY:** This regatta is open to all boats with a valid West Florida PHRF certificate. All boats shall enter by completing the attached Entry Form and delivering it (via mail or in person), together with a copy of their WFPHRF Certificate and Entry Fee to: Regatta Chairman Dave Cook; Venice Yacht Club; 1330 Tarpon Center Drive; Venice, FL 34285. Boats may also enter online at the Regatta Network Website. All complete entries must be received by 4:00pm on Thursday, March 25. Late entries will be allowed solely at the discretion of the Regatta Chairman. Boats without a valid WFPHRF Certificate may request a provisional rating for this series only, however boats without a valid WFPHRF Certificate shall not be included in the scoring towards the Sarasota Bay Yachting Association (SBYA) Boat of the Year Award.
6. **ENTRY FEE:** The required fee shall be \$48. Boats that enter prior to March 13 shall receive a \$5 discount on their fee. Checks shall be made payable to the “Venice Yacht Club”.
7. **CHARITY:** In addition to racing, this event shall also be a fundraiser for The Venice Youth Boating Association.

8. **QUALIFYING SERIES:** The first two races run shall be qualifiers for the Sarasota Bay Yachting Association Boat of the Year Award.
9. **SCHEDULE:** The dates of racing shall be Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021 as follows:

3/27/2021	First Race outside the Venice Inlet. The first signal shall be at approximately 10:00a.
3/27/2021	Second Race outside the Venice Inlet (if time and conditions allow.)
3/27/2021	Third Race outside the Venice Inlet (if time and conditions allow.)
3/27/2021	Fourth Race outside the Venice Inlet (if time and conditions allow.)
3/27/2021	Fifth Race outside the Venice Inlet (if time and conditions allow.) Note: No start will be made after 3:30pm.

10. **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS AND SCRATCH SHEET:** The Sailing Instructions and Scratch Sheet shall be made available to participants by email no later than 2:00pm on Friday, March 26, 2021. The Sailing Instructions and Scratch Sheet shall also be made available on the Venice Yacht Club and Venice Sailing Squadron websites.
11. **CLASSES:** Classes shall be Spinnaker, Non,Spinnaker, Cruiser, Multi-Cruiser, Pocket Cruiser and Racer/Cruiser as defined by WFPHRF.
12. **DIVISIONS:** Divisions shall be determined by the organizing authority based on the entries received. It is the intent of the organizing authority to have two divisions: Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker. Once a boat is assigned to a division, she shall remain in that division until that series is completed even if her rating should change.
13. **VENUE:** The regatta will be run in the area outside the Venice Inlet. The event shall be a WFPHRF Category 4 event.
14. **COURSES:** Courses will be as stated in the Sailing Instructions. It is the intent of the organizing authority to have windward/leeward courses of two legs or more.
15. **INDIVIDUAL RACE SCORING:** Individual race finish times shall be determined using the Time-On-Time method using the following formula: Corrected Time = Elapsed Time X 650/(550+PHRF).
16. **SERIES SCORING SYSTEM:** The scoring system for the regatta shall be Low Point Scoring System. All races in which there is at least two starters and one finisher shall constitute a race in the series.
17. **BERTHING:** Complimentary dock space at the Venice Yacht Club shall be made available to entrants on a first-reserved, first-served basis. Reservations shall be made with the VYC dockmaster. While on the property, all yacht owners and crew shall abide by the rules and regulations of the Venice Yacht Club. Additional berthing may be available at Higel Park, adjacent to the Venice Yacht Club.
18. **RADIO COMMUNICATION:** All radio communications shall be on VHF Channel 69. Except in an emergency, a boat shall not make nor receive voice or data communications that is not available to all boats.

19. **AWARDS:** Awards will be presented as follows:
- 1st, 2nd, and 3rd when a minimum of 5 boats per division have competed in the regatta;
  - 1st and 2nd when a minimum of 4 boats per division have competed in the regatta; and
  - 1st only when a minimum of 2 boats per division have competed in the regatta.
  - Special award for the boat that raises the most funds for the charity.
20. **FURTHER INFORMATION:** For further information, please contact Regatta Chair Dave Cook at [allcommdave@gmail.com](mailto:allcommdave@gmail.com).