



Nautical Gin Sarasota Bay Cup

APRIL 17, 2021

NOTICE OF RACE

Bird Key Yacht Club

301 Bird Key Drive, Sarasota, FL 34236

Rules

The regatta will be governed by the Nautical Gin Sarasota Bay Cup Sailing Instructions for both PHRF and One-design Fleets, West Florida PHRF Rules and the 2021 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS). A free PDF of the RRS is available at <http://www.sailing.org/documents/racingrules/>. In the event of conflict between this Notice of Race, the West Florida PHRF rules, the RRS, and the regatta Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions will take precedence.

Per Appendix E.2.C. of West Florida PHRF Class Rules as of 8/14/2020, Cruising Class boats are permitted to employ cruising spinnakers (as defined) with a resulting 50% reduction in the Non-Spinnaker Offset in calculating the applicable PHRF rating. Thus, each Cruiser or Pocket Cruiser can declare:

- Non-Spinnaker** and receive the full non-spinnaker offset in its PHRF rating, or
- Cruising Spinnaker** and receive a 50% reduction in non-spinnaker offset, or
- Spinnaker** and receive no spinnaker offset.

All CDC, State of Florida, Sarasota County and Sarasota City COVID-19 guidelines or restrictions will be followed along with Bird Key Yacht Club rules and regulations.

All PHRF boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of receiving and sending transmissions on channels 11 and 72.

Eligibility and Entry

Open to both one-design classes including Flying Scots, Melges 15s, Sunfish, and E-Scows and mono-hull and multi-hull PHRF boats that hold a West Florida PHRF handicap rating or for which a rating can be reasonably estimated.

Participants are encouraged to register online at <http://regattanetwork.com/event/21921>. If you are unable to register on Regatta Network call Marvin Quin on (513) 375-6840 who will assist you through the registration process.

The regatta is a Sarasota Bay Yachting Association Boat of the Year event.

Format

One-Design classes will sail up to three races on a Drop Mark Course using inflatable marks. Spinnaker, Non-spinnaker, Cruiser, Pocket Cruiser and Multi-hull PHRF classes will sail one race on the Random-leg Course in "Pursuit" format using fixed government, fixed racing and possibly inflatable marks.

Fees

The entry fee for all boats is \$30. Should the regatta be canceled due to COVID-19 related issues, entry fees will be reimbursed through Regatta Network. Should the race be postponed due to weather, the Regatta will be rescheduled for a date prior to May 3.

Schedule

Friday, April 16

15:00 Registration Closes

18:00-19:00 BKYC poolside skippers meeting with complimentary Nautical Gin mixed drinks, keg beer, non-alcoholic beverages, and a personal box of appetizers. Mask and social distancing are encouraged. Registrants may also participate in the skippers meeting via Zoom. The Meeting ID and passcode will be emailed to registrants by Regatta Network and will include the Nautical Gin Sarasota Bay Cup name in the subject field.

18:30 PHRF fleet course will be distributed.

Saturday, April 17

12:55 First warning signal for first (slowest rated) boat on Random-leg PHRF course

13:00 First warning signal for Windward-leeward One-design course

STARTING TIMES AND COURSES MAY BE REVISED DEPENDING UPON WEATHER CONDITIONS. REVISIONS WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT THE SKIPPERS MEETING ON FRIDAY EVENING AND BY EMAIL AND TEXT TO REGISTRANTS FROM REGATTA NETWORK. IN THE UNLIKELY EVENT THAT CHANGES ARE MADE AFTER THE SKIPPERS MEETING, REGISTRANTS WILL BE INFORMED BY EMAIL AND TEXT THROUGH REGATTA NETWORK.

One-Design Race Scoring

A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. One race is required to constitute a series.

Prizes

Trophies will be awarded to the top boats in each one-design fleet, the PHRF mono-hull class and the PHRF multihull class, all depending upon the number of entries per class. The Sarasota Bay Cup Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the best performing one-design boat and best performing PHRF boat as determined by the Race Committee. Top performing skippers will be recognized in the Sarasota Harold-Tribune (sports section) the week of April 18.

Gift from Nautical Gin

Nautical Gin plans to give the first 40 eligible registrants an engraved bottle of Nautical Gin commemorating the event. The gift will be available at the April 16 skippers meeting or by pickup at the Bird Key Yacht Club front desk in the week following the regatta.

Regatta Shirts Available

White golf style shirts are available in men's sizes from small to XXL and women's sizes of small to XL. The price is \$24 per shirt regardless of size. These UltraClub Classic Polo brand shirts may be purchased on the Regatta Network website as you pay the regatta registration fee.

Disclaimer

Competitors compete in the regatta at their own risk. See RRS 3 (Decision to Race) and RRS 4 (Acceptance of Rules). The host club, organizing authority, sponsors, their associates and appointees and volunteers will not accept any liability for damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta.

Image Release

Bird Key Yacht Club will produce an extensive number of photos of competing boats which will be available on its external website for several weeks following the regatta. Participants or others may download any photo by clicking on the image. This external website is accessible by the general public. By participating in the regatta, competitors grant the organizing authority, Bird Key Yacht Club, its sponsors, and volunteers the right to display these images for the purposes noted above without compensation.

Further Information

Bird Key Yacht Club will provide complimentary dockage to the extent available. Please contact the dockmaster's office at 941-953-4455 or marina@birdkeyyc.com for reservations. Dockage priority will be based upon earliest request and distance from the boat's permanent dockage.

General regatta information is available from Marvin Quin 513-375-6840, quinsails@gmail.com or Michael Landis 917-859-6842, mlandis1782@comcast.net.