2022 WINDJAMMER REGATTA Sailing Instructions

1 EVENT

- 1.1 Name: Windjammer Regatta
- 1.2 Dates: January 29-30, 2022
- 1.3 Organizing Authorities: Venice Yacht Club and Venice Sailing Squadron
- 1.4 Location: Gulf of Mexico between Big Sarasota Pass and Venice Inlet
- 1.5 Category: West Florida PHRF Category 4

2 RULES

- 2.1 The regatta shall be governed by the 2021-2024 US Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of West Florida PHRF (WFPHRF), the Notice of Race (NOR) and these Sailing Instructions.
- 2.2 In the event of a conflict, these Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors shall be sent to each participant via email and posted at Venice Yacht Club no later than 1800 Hours on Friday, January 28, 2022.
- 3.2 Notices after 1800 Hours on Friday. January 28, 2022 shall be announced on VHF Channel 69 at 1030 Hours on Saturday, January 29, 2022, and, unless otherwise specified, shall be in effect for the duration of the series.
- 3.3 Changes to these Sailing Instructions shall be made in accordance with 3.1 and 3.2 above.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 The Race Committee may signal AP over H at 0700 Hours at Venice Yacht Club (VYC) should weather conditions exist that the race committee boat is unable to be on station.
- 4.2 Should 4.1 be used, the Race Committee shall notify competitors via email and/or telephone.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 There are two races scheduled.
- 5.2 All races run shall constitute a series.
- 5.3 The first Warning Signal shall be made no earlier than 1100 Hours on Saturday, January 29, 2022 and 1000 Hours on Sunday, January 30, 2022.
- 5.4 Prior to each day's start, boats shall check in by passing the Race Committee to starboard and announcing their sail number. The race committee will not distribute race documents on the water
- 5.5 To alert boats that a race will begin shortly, the Race Committee shall signal five (5) short horn blasts.

6 RACING AREA, STARTING AREA, FINISHING AREA, MARKS AND COURSES – SATURDAY, JANAURY 29

6.1 The Racing Area shall be in the Gulf of Mexico between Big Sarasota Pass Light and the Venice Inlet.

- 6.2 The Starting Area shall be in the vicinity of Big Sarasota Pass Light.
- 6.3 The Finishing Area shall be in the vicinity of the Venice Inlet.
- 6.4 A Mark (W) shall be placed 1-2nm to windward of the Starting Area.
- 6.5 The Race Committee shall display the approximate bearing and distance from the Starting Area to W, and announce same on VHF 69 prior to the Warning Signal.
- 6.6 The Course shall be Start, Round W to port, Finish.
- 6.7 If the Race Committee is Flying a D Flag, the Course shall be Start, Finish.
- 6.5 On any given race, the combination of wind, water and tide may mitigate against yachts of certain size and/or draft and it is the obligation of each yacht to decide when participating is both safe and prudent.

7 RACING AREA, STARTING AREA, FINISHING AREA, MARKS AND COURSES – SUNDAY, JANAURY 30

- 7.1 The Racing Area shall be in the Gulf of Mexico between the Venice Inlet and Big Sarasota Pass Light.
- 7.2 The Starting Area shall be in the vicinity of the Venice Inlet.
- 7.3 The Finishing Area shall be in the vicinity of Big Sarasota Pass Light.
- 7.4 A Mark (W) shall be placed 1-2nm to windward of the Starting Area.
- 7.5 The Race Committee shall display the approximate bearing and distance from the Starting Area to W, and announce same on VHF 69 prior to the Warning Signal.
- 7.6 The Course shall be Start, Round W to port, Finish.
- 7.7 If the Race Committee is Flying a D Flag, the Course shall be Start, Finish.
- 7.8 On any given race, the combination of wind, water and tide may mitigate against yachts of certain size and/or draft and it is the obligation of each yacht to decide when participating is both safe and prudent.

8 THE START

- 8.1 Races will be started in accordance with RRS Rule 26 (See Appendix A.)
- 8.2 The Race Committee Boat may have an inflatable mark tied behind her stern. The boat itself, that mark, and the space between that mark and the boat shall collectively be the Race Committee Boat.
- 8.3 The Starting Line shall be between an orange flag on the Race Committee boat and an inflatable mark approximately 75 to 150 yards to the port side of the Race Committee Boat.
- 8.4 Although not obligated to do so, the Race Committee may roll the starting sequence.
- 8.5 The starting sequence for the first race shall be in the order of Division 1, Division 2, Division 3, etc.
- 8.6 Boats whose Warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area.
- 8.7 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal shall be scored Did Not Start (DNS).

9 THE FINISH

- 9.1 The finishing line shall be between an orange flag on the Race Committee boat and an inflatable mark approximately 75 to 150 yards and an approximate bearing of 90 degrees from the Race Committee Boat.
- 9.2 All boats shall hail the Race Committee with their boat name and sail number when finishing.

10 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 10.1 The Scoring Penalty, RRS Rule 44.3, shall not apply.
- 10.2 As provided in RRS Rule 67, the Race Committee may, without hearing, penalize a boat that has broken RRS Rule 42.

11 TIME LIMITS

- 11.1 The first boat from each division started must Finish within 4 hours of that division's Start time in order for that division's race to be counted as part of the series.
- 11.2 After the first boat in a division has finished, all succeeding boats must Finish within one hour of the first boat's Finish time or be scored Did Not Finish (DNF).

12 PROTESTS

- 12.1 Intent to file a protest shall be broadcast by the protesting boat to the Race Committee, with receipt acknowledged, on VHF Channel 69 within the period of time between the incident and 20 minutes after the protesting boat finishes the race.
- 12.2 Protests shall be completed and filed with the Race Committee within 2 hours of the last boat's finish time for the last race.
- 12.3 Protest hearings shall be heard at Venice Yacht Club as soon as reasonably possible for the competitors and the Protest Committee.
- 12.4 The Race Committee may establish themselves as members of the Protest Committee.

13 SCORING

- 13.1 For all races, the WFPHRF rating used shall be the OWC rating.
- 13.2 Races will be scored using time-on-time based on a factor (F) derived from a yacht's PHRF certificate rating, using the formula F = 680/(550+PHRF).
- 13.3 Corrected time shall be calculated as follows: Corrected Time = Elapsed Time * F
- 13.4 Series scoring will be done using the Low-Point scoring system.
- 13.5 Ties shall be broken in favor of the boat that beat the other boat in the Saturday race.

14 SAFETY

14.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee on VHF Channel 69 or by contacting the Principal Race Officer by telephone (xxx-xxx-xxxx), with receipt acknowledged, as soon as possible.

15 PRIZES

- 15.1 Prizes for first place will be awarded to all divisions.
- 15.2 Prizes for second place shall be awarded to divisions of four or more.
- 15.3 Prizes for third place shall be awarded to divisions of five or more.
- 15.4 Awards will be distributed by mail.

16 ADMIRAL LEVEL SPONSORS

- 16.1 Marine Max of Venice, FL (https://www.marinemax.com/stores/venice)
- 16.2 Matthews Currie Ford (https://www.matthewscurrie.com)

17 VENICE YACHT CLUB EVENTS

17.1 The following events are scheduled at Venice Yacht Club:

Sat., 1/29	2:00p	Afternoon drink specials at VYC Tiki Bar and Pool	
Sat., 1/29	4:00p	Complimentary snacks at VYC Tiki Bar and Pool	
Sat., 1/29	5:30p	Recognition of sponsors and Day One results	
Sat., 1/29	6:30p	Live music by Sarasota Steel Pan Band. Dinner	
		reservations through VYC (Prime Rib Dinner), Tiki dinner	
		specials (Menu on Regatta Network)	
Sun., 1/30	7:30a-9:00a	Complimentary breakfast for entrants	

17.2 Guests at Venice Yacht Club are reminded that they are subject to the club's rules and regulations regarding conduct and the use of facilities.

APPENDIX A (Starting Sequence)

Minutes Before Start	Visual Signal	Horn Blast	Means
5:00	Division Flag	Yes	Warning Signal
4:00	P Flag	Yes	Preparatory Signal
1:00	P Flag Down	Yes	One Minute to Start
0:00	Division Flag Down*	Yes	Start

^{*} The Race Committee may also raise the division flag for the next division at the same time, signaling the Warning Signal for that next division (rolling start sequence.)

