



SHARK'S TOOTH REGATTA

(A Sarasota Bay Yachting Association
Boat of the Year Regatta)
March 26, 2022



Venice Yacht Club & Venice Sailing Squadron
Venice, FL

Notice of Race (Revised March 12, 2022)

1. **RULES:** The regatta will be governed by the 2021-2024 US Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS); the Class Rules of West Florida PHRF (WFPHRF); The Sarasota Bay Yachting Association Boat of the Year Notice of Series; this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions. In the event of a conflict, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail. This event will be a WFPHRF Category 4 event.
2. **ORGANIZING AUTHORITY:** The organizing authorities are the Venice Yacht Club (VYC) and the Venice Sailing Squadron (VSS).
3. **ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY:** This regatta is open to all boats with a valid West Florida PHRF certificate. Registration is open online at the Regatta Network Website until 4:00pm on Thursday, March 24 at: (<https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/235160>). 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, but are not eligible for awards. All boats that enter and participate must carry a minimum of \$300,000 in liability insurance.
4. **ENTRY / SAIL CONFIGURATION:** Cruiser Classes boats are allowed to use a Cruising Spinnaker per Appendix E of the WFPHRF Rules. Sail declarations must be made or amended not later than the close of Entries at 4:00pm on Thursday, March 24.
5. **ENTRY FEE:** The required fee is \$48. Boats that enter prior to March 19 will receive a \$5 discount on their fee. Checks shall be made payable to the "Venice Yacht Club".
6. **CHARITY:** In addition to racing, this event is a charitable fundraiser for scholarships for disadvantaged children to the Venice Youth Boating Association sailing program. A Silent Auction will be conducted during the after-regatta activities and regatta shirts are available for sale via the Venice Yacht Club. Proceeds are in support of the charitable fundraiser.
7. **QUALIFYING SERIES:** The first two races run will be qualifiers for the Sarasota Bay Yachting Association Boat of the Year Award.
8. **SCHEDULE:** The date of racing is Saturday, March 26th, 2022 as follows

Friday, 3/25/2022. 5:00pm Skippers Meeting at the Venice Yacht Club

3/26/2022	10:00am First Race outside the Venice Inlet
3/26/2022	Second Race outside the Venice Inlet (if time and conditions allow.)
3/26/2022	Third Race outside the Venice Inlet (if time and conditions allow.)

9. **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS AND SCRATCH SHEET:** The Sailing Instructions and Scratch Sheet will be made available to participants no later than 2:00pm on Friday, March 25, 2022 by posting at the Venice Yacht Club and on the Regatta Network website.
10. **CLASSES:** Classes are Spinnaker, Non-Spinnaker, Cruiser, Pocket Cruiser and Multihull as defined by WFPHRF.
11. **DIVISIONS:** Divisions will be determined by the organizing authority based on the entries received, with a minimum of separate Monohull and Multihull divisions. The Random Leg Course (RLC) Rating will be used. 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.
12. **VENUE:** The regatta will be run in the Gulf of Mexico in the area outside the Venice Inlet.
13. **COURSES & STARTS:** Courses will be defined in the Sailing Instructions. It is the intent of the organizing authority to have triangular; modified Olympic; and/or random leg courses. Courses will be defined by floating marks. Starts for all Divisions will be Reverse Handicap (Pursuit) starts.
14. **SCORING SYSTEM:** The scoring system for the regatta shall be Low Point Scoring System. All races in which there are at least two starters and one finisher shall constitute a race in the series.
15. **BERTHING:** Complimentary dock space at the Venice Yacht Club will be made available to entrants on a first-reserved, first-served basis. Reservations must 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 and at Crow's Nest by reservation.
16. **RADIO COMMUNICATION:** All radio communications will 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.
17. **AWARDS:** Awards will be presented approximately 5:30pm on Saturday, March 26, at the Venice Yacht Club poolside 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.
18. **POST-RACING EVENT:** The Venice Yacht Club will be having its "Under The Sea" dinner and entertainment both indoors and outdoors during the evening of Saturday,

March 26. Skippers and crew may purchase dinner ~~“tickets”~~ at a reduced price per person, including tax and gratuity. Beverage tickets will also be available. Please note that credit cards are not accepted at the VYC. Full details will be provided to all entries closer to the event date.

19. **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY:** Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS Rule 3, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta.
20. **FURTHER INFORMATION:** For further information, please contact Regatta Chair David Powell at: davidspowell@hotmail.com.



ENTRY FORM: SHARK'S TOOTH REGATTA
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Skipper/Owner Name: _____ E-Mail: _____

Address: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Yacht Make & Model: _____ Yacht Name: _____

Sail #: _____ LOA: _____ Beam: _____ Draft: _____ Hull Color: _____

WFPHRF CLASS: _____

Spinnaker choice declaration: Symmetrical: _____ Cruising (See WFPHRF Regulations: _____
 I will decide prior to 4:00p on March 24 _____

WFPHRF Rating (in the racing configuration I will be using for this Regatta): _____

ENTRY FEE: \$48.00 (deduct \$5.00 if entry is prior to March 13, 2022) \$ _____

Make checks payable to: Venice Yacht Club, Inc.

All entries must be received by Thursday, March 24, 2022, 4:00pm, and must include this Entry Form, WFPHRF Certificate and Entry fee. Mail or deliver to: Regatta Chairman; Venice Yacht Club; 1330 Tarpon Center Drive; Venice, FL 33285

Conditions of Entry:

As a condition of my entry and being fully knowledgeable of the risks of sailing as a competitive sport, I agree to hold harmless the Venice Sailing Squadron, the Venice Yacht Club, the Race Committee, the officers, directors, and the employees from which any and all damages, losses, claims, suits, actions, expenses or liabilities which directly or indirectly arise from my participation in this regatta. I agree that my crew and my guests are my responsibility, and we agree to be bound by the racing Rules of Sailing and by other rules that govern this event. I agree that the West Florida PHRF Rating Certificate filed with this entry is a true copy of my valid Rating Certificate and that no changes have been made to my yacht that would affect her rating.

Virtual Marks: I understand that a mark used for the regatta may be subject to weather conditions or vandalism that may cause it to be missing or off position from the stated latitude/longitude in the Sailing Instructions. In such an instance, and if the Race Committee is unable to replace the mark, the stated latitude/longitude shall be the mark. For the purposes of this regatta, this amends the definition of "mark" in the rules. As such, it is a requirement that each competitor use a GPS receiver for the regatta and record the time and position of rounding such a Virtual Mark.

Signed by Skipper/Owner: _____ Date: _____