

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

Sailing Instructions

1. **RULES:** The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The 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; the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions. In the event of a conflict, the Sailing Instructions will prevail (this changes RRS 63.7).
2. **NOTICES TO COMPETITORS:** Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board at the Venice Yacht Club (VYC) and on the event website on Regatta Network (<https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/23516>). The Scratch Sheet will be posted not later than Friday, 25 March at 2:00 pm.
3. **CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:** Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 8:00 am on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 8:00 pm on the day before it will take effect. When flag AP is displayed ashore, changes may be posted before flag AP is removed.
4. **SIGNALS MADE ASHORE:** Signals made ashore will be displayed from the VYC flagpole. When AP flag is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 60 minutes" in the race signal AP.
5. **SCHEDULE OF RACES:** The date of racing is Saturday, March 26, 2022. The warning signal for the first division to start in the first race of the day will be at 9:55 am. Up to three races may be conducted, but there will be no starts after 3:30 pm.

To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed on the race committee vessel with five short sound signals at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.

6. **DIVISIONS AND DIVISION FLAGS:** Properly-entered boats will be assigned to divisions by the organizing authority and their starting times will be listed on the scratch sheet, with a minimum of separate Monohull and Multihull divisions.

Numeral pennants will be used as the division flags for the starting sequence for the first boat in each division.

7. **RACING AREA:** The racing area will be approximately 2 nm west of the Venice inlet

8. **COURSES:** The courses are depicted in Appendix A



There are two course layouts, Red & Green, for the PRO to choose from. The PRO will select the course that provides the closest first leg to windward.

Each course layout has 6 possible Short Courses and another 6 Long Courses. The Start/Finish line will be near the leeward mark for that layout and the first leg will be to windward.

Two courses are contemplated, the Short Course is a triangular course of three legs for a total distance of 5 nm and the Long Course is the same triangle as the short course, but adding two legs, first to windward and the final leg to leeward (a modified Olympic course) for a total distance of 8.35 nm.

No later than the first warning signal for each race, the race committee vessel will announce the course to be raced and the bearing to the first mark over VHF. The geographic coordinates of the marks are depicted in Appendix A to the Sailing Instructions.

Marks for the course will not be changed after the first warning signal (this changes RRS 33). If the course is shortened, or if the race is abandoned, the race committee will make an announcement over VHF (this changes RRS 32).

9. **MARKS:** The marks for the course will be orange or yellow inflatable marks. The coordinates are shown in Appendix A.

The race committee vessel may have a floating mark tied behind her stern. The vessel itself, that mark, and the space between that mark and the vessel shall collectively be the race committee vessel.

10. **STARTS:** Starts for each division will be reverse-handicap "pursuit" starts. The race for the first boat to start in each division will be started by using RRS Rule 26.

Starting times will be listed in the scratch sheet. All starting times will be GPS time.

WFPHRF RLC ratings will be used for determining starting times. For boats sailing with Cruiser certificates that properly declared their intent the use of an asymmetrical spinnaker, the adjustment to their rating and starting time will be per WFPHRF Class Rules.

The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee vessel and the course side of the starting mark.

The race committee vessel may attempt to hail premature starters either audibly or by VHF. Failure to hail, the order or timing of the hail, or the failure to hear the hail will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1.

A boat that does not start within four minutes after her scheduled starting time will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

Boats not scheduled to start (within three minutes of their starting time) shall avoid the starting area. (DP)

11. **FINISH:** The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee vessel and the finishing mark. All boats shall hail the race committee with their boat name and sail number when finishing each race.

12. **TIME LIMITS:** Boats failing to finish within 60 minutes after the first boat in their division sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4, and A5.

13. **PENALTY SYSTEM:** RRS Rule 44.3 (Scoring Penalty) will not apply.

14. **PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS:** Boats intending to file a protest shall inform the race committee on VHF Channel 69 immediately after finishing the relevant race.

Protests and requests for redress shall be delivered to the race committee within one hour of the last boat finishing racing for the day. Hearings will be scheduled as soon as practicable.

15. **SAFETY REGULATIONS:** A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible. (DP)

16. **RADIO COMMUNICATIONS:** The race committee will use VHF channel 69 for all communications with boats. If the communication channel is unusable for any reason, the RC will designate an alternate channel on channel 16. Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. (DP)
17. **SCORING:** The scoring system for the regatta shall be Low Point Scoring System modified with no throw outs (this changes RRS Appendix A). All races in which there are at least two starters and one finisher shall constitute a race in the series.
18. **AWARDS:** Awards will be presented approximately 5:30pm on Saturday, March 26, at the Venice Yacht Club poolside as follows:
 - a. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd when a minimum of 5 boats per division have competed in the regatta.
 - b. 1st and 2nd when a minimum of 4 boats per division have competed in the regatta.
 - c. 1st only when a minimum of 2 boats per division have competed in the regatta.
 - d. Special award for the boat that raises the most funds for the charity.
19. **POST-RACING EVENT:** The Venice Yacht Club will be having its "Under The Sea" dinner and entertainment 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.
20. **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.
21. **INSURANCE:** Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 per incident or equivalent.
22. **FURTHER INFORMATION:** For further information, please contact Regatta Chair David Powell at: davidspowell@hotmail.com.

(DP) The notation (DP) in a rule in the Sailing Instructions means that the penalty for a breach of his rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.