



# 2023 Halloween Regatta

## Davis Island Yacht Club Boat of the Year Event

Davis Island Yacht Club, Tampa, Florida  
October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023

## NOTICE OF RACE

*This Boat-of-the-Year event for DIYC encourages participation from veteran racers to casual cruisers looking to check out the racing scene. There are divisions for everyone with choices in Spinnaker, Racer-Cruiser, and Cruising. This one-day event features Hillsborough Bay Drop-Mark races for Spinnaker Divisions and a Distance course for the other Divisions. After an afternoon of racing, DIYC hosts our traditional adult Halloween party. Costumes are strongly encouraged for the awards party – for a separate competition of course. The race is only half the fun.*

### 1 RULES

The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* including Appendix V2 (post-race penalty), and the DIYC 2023-2024 Boat of the Year Notice of Series.

### 2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 The regatta is open to all boats with a valid WFPHRF certificate, or a temporary rating assigned by the DIYC Club Measurer.
- 2.2 Expected Divisions are Spinnaker, Racer-Cruiser, and Cruising.
- 2.3 Under West Florida PHRF rules, this is a Category 4 event for the Distance Course and Category 5 for Spinnaker Divisions.
- 2.4 Cruising spinnakers are permitted for the Cruising Division. All Cruising boats intending to use a cruising spinnaker must declare so by email to [fleetcaptain@diyc.org](mailto:fleetcaptain@diyc.org) or [SailingSecretary@diyc.org](mailto:SailingSecretary@diyc.org) at least two days prior to the event.
- 2.5 Boats may enter on-line at <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/27102> or by following the link from the DIYC Home page. Entries close at 1800 on October 27.

### 3 FEES

All boats: \$59.13 (\$55.00 plus 7.5% tax)

### 4 SCHEDULE

|              |  |
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| 1130         | First warning signal, Drop-Mark Course |
| 1300         | First warning signal, Distance Course  |
| 1600         | No races will start after              |
| After racing | Awards and <u>Costume Party</u>        |

### 5 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available on the Regatta Network event website.

### 6 VENUE AND COURSES

- 6.1 Racer-Cruiser and Cruising will race a distance race in Tampa Bay using fixed marks - one race is scheduled, up to 25 miles.

6.2 Spinnaker Divisions will race on Drop-mark courses in Hillsborough Bay, as many races as possible depending on time and weather conditions.

## 7 PENALTY SYSTEM

7.1 All Divisions will use the Scoring Penalty of RRS 44.3.

7.2 The 30% Penalty Taken After a Race of RRS V2 will apply.

## 8 SCORING

All handicap racing will be scored TOD using West Florida PHRF ratings:

|                               |             |
|-------------------------------|-------------|
| Spinnaker Divisions           | Buoy Rating |
| All Distance Course Divisions | RLC Rating  |

## 9 PRIZES and Awards party including costume judging

Following a day of racing, the Awards Party will include a free keg of beer and live music. Pub Grub dinner is available in the Regatta Bar. All crews are encouraged to dress in costume for the party - **this year's theme is "famous rock bands."** We will play a song snippet to go along with your band/crew costume for the judge(s). This is an adult costume and awards party.

Prizes will be awarded in each Division for first place, if 1-3 boats; top two, if 4-5 boats; top three, if 6 or more boats.

## 10 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or injury, illness, or disease to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

## DOCKAGE

For dockage at DIYC before or after the event, please contact DIYC Dockmaster Chris Toro at [dockmaster@diyc.org](mailto:dockmaster@diyc.org) or 727-222-7561 for slip reservations.

## FURTHER INFORMATION

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|-------------------------|--------------|--------------------------|
| Regatta Chair:          | Dave German  | madcow2racing@gmail.com  |
| Principal Race Officer: | Paul Leonard | paul.e.leonard@gmail.com |