



2024 WINDJAMMER REGATTA
 Venice Yacht Club & Venice Sailing Squadron



January 27 & 28, 2024

An SBYA “Boat of The Year” Event

Notice of Race

1. **RULES:** The regatta shall be governed by the 2021-2024 US Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS); the current Class Rules of West Florida PHRF (WFPHRF); The Sarasota Bay Yachting Association (SBYA) “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 changes RRS 63.7). This event will be a WFPHRF Category 4 event, and all boats must have a functioning GPS and VHF radio.
2. **ORGANIZING AUTHORITY:** The organizing authorities are the Venice Yacht Club (VYC) and the Venice Sailing Squadron (VSS).
3. **QUALIFYING SERIES:** The first two races run will be qualifiers for the SBYA Boat of the Year Series.
4. **ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY:** This regatta is open to all boats with a valid WFPHRF Rating Certificate.

Boats shall enter online at <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/27301> by completing the registration form, agreeing to the conditions of entry, and paying the entry fee. Complete entries must be received by 4:00 pm on Thursday, January 25.

5. **ENTRY FEE:** The non-refundable entry fee is \$55 and includes beer and chips on Saturday afternoon, two Saturday dinner tickets, and crew breakfast on Sunday. Any surplus proceeds will be donated to the Venice Youth Boating Association.
6. **COURSES:** Courses will be as stated in the Sailing Instructions. It is the intent of the organizing authority that the first day will consist of a race from Long Boat Pass to Venice, and that the second day will consist of one or more triangle buoy races of three legs or more outside the Venice Inlet.
7. **SCHEDULE:** The dates of racing will be as follows:

1/28/2023	1100am. Race from Long Boat Pass to Venice.
1/29/2022	930am. First buoy race off Venice. There will be no starts after 12pm.

8. **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS AND SCRATCH SHEET:** The Sailing Instructions and Scratch Sheet will be posted by 4:00 pm on Friday, January 26 on the Regatta Network site.
9. **SKIPPERS MEETING:** The skippers meeting will be held on the evening of Friday, January 26 via Zoom, and further details will be sent to registered boats via email prior to the meeting.
10. **DIVISIONS:** Divisions will be determined by the organizing authority based on the entries received.
11. **SCORING:** RRS Appendix A (Low-point system) will be used for race scoring. For each division, all races in which there are at least two starters and one finisher will constitute a race, one race will constitute a series, and no scores will be excluded. Individual race finish times will be determined using the Time-On-Distance method for each boat's WFPHRF RLC rating.
12. **CRUISER-CLASS CRUISING SPINNAKERS:** Cruiser Class boats are allowed to use a cruising spinnaker per Appendix E of the WFPHRF Rules. The cruising spinnaker declaration must be made upon entry but may be amended until 4:00pm on Thursday January 25 by sending an email to racing@venicesailingsquadron.org.
13. **AWARDS:** Awards will be made per division as follows:
 - 1st and 2nd when a minimum of 3 boats per division have competed in the regatta; and
 - 1st only when a minimum of 2 boats per division have competed in the regatta.
14. **BERTHING:** Dock space at the Venice Yacht Club will be very limited and will be made available preferentially to entrants with reciprocal yacht club privileges on a first-requested basis. Raft-up berthing will also be available at Higel Park (adjacent to the Venice Yacht Club) and there may be berthing available at local-area marinas. Overflow car parking may be available at Higel or Graser Parks.
15. **FURTHER INFORMATION:** For further information, please contact the Race Committee at racing@venicesailingsquadron.org.