



2024 SHARK FEEDING FRENZY

Venice Yacht Club & Venice Sailing Squadron



22 March 2024

Notice of Race

- RULES:** The race shall be governed by the 2021-2024 US Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS); the current Class Rules of West Florida PHRF (WFPHRF); the 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.
 - There will be no race committee boat at the starting and finishing lines. Rules in RRS Part 3 related to the start sequence, visual and sound signals, etc. will not apply.
 - RRS Rule 44.3 (Scoring Penalty) shall not apply.
 - Cruiser Class boats are allowed to use a cruising spinnaker per Appendix E of the WFPHRF Class Rules.
- ORGANIZING AUTHORITY:** The organizing authorities are the Venice Yacht Club (VYC) and the Venice Sailing Squadron (VSS).
- ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY:** Entry is open only to boats that have registered for the Shark's Tooth Regatta. Boats that have registered for the 2024 Shark's Tooth Regatta are automatically registered in this race, but shall inform the race committee if they intend to participate by emailing racing@venicesailingsquadron.org by 8pm on Thursday 21 March 2024. By participating in this race, boats acknowledge that they will comply with the same conditions of entry as for the Shark's Tooth Regatta.
- ENTRY FEE:** There is no entry fee.
- COURSE:** The course will be as stated in the Sailing Instructions. It is the intent of the organizing authority that the course will be from either Longboat Pass or Big Pass/Sarasota to the Venice Inlet, depending on the forecast weather conditions. The start location will be announced in the sailing instructions. The starting and finishing lines will be virtual lines.
- SCHEDULE:** The race will take place on Friday 22 March 2024. Multihulls will start at 12pm, and monohulls will start at 12:10pm for a start at Long Boat Pass or at 02:00 PM (Multihulls) and 02:10 PM (Monohulls) in case the race starts at Big Pass.
- SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:** The Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Shark's Tooth event site at (<https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/27656>) by 8pm on 21 March 2023.
- SKIPPERS MEETING:** There will be no skippers meeting.
- DIVISIONS:** There will be two divisions for scoring purposes – one for multihulls and one for monohulls.
- SCORING:** RRS Appendix A will be used. Corrected times for determining finishing places will be calculated using the Time-On-Distance method for each boat's WFPHRF RLC rating for her WFPHRF certificate class. For sake of clarity, this means that Cruiser class boats will use their cruising class ratings, Non-Spin boats will use their non-spin ratings, etc.
- AWARDS:** The awards will consist of bragging rights for the winners, bitter regrets for everyone else, and deep satisfaction for all. Additional awards will be at the discretion of the organizing authority.
- FURTHER INFORMATION:** For further information, please contact the Race Committee at racing@venicesailingsquadron.org.