



2024 SHARK’S TOOTH REGATTA

Venice Yacht Club & Venice Sailing Squadron

23 & 24 March 2024

An SBYA “Boat of The Year” Event



Notice of Race

- 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.
- ORGANIZING AUTHORITY:** The organizing authorities are the Venice Yacht Club (VYC) and the Venice Sailing Squadron (VSS).
- QUALIFYING SERIES:** The first two races run will be qualifiers for the SBYA Boat of the Year Series.
- 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/27656> 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, 21 March 2024.

- ENTRY FEE:** The non-refundable entry fee is \$85 and includes beer and light snacks at the skippers’ meeting, post-race Happy Hour on Saturday, Sunday afternoon Awards ceremony and crew breakfasts on Saturday and Sunday.

Competitors and their guests will be able to purchase mixed drink, wine and Select Regatta menu tickets for Friday, Saturday and tickets for lunch at the awards ceremony on Sunday. Surplus proceeds will be donated to the Venice Youth Boating Association.

- COURSES:** Courses will be as stated in the Sailing Instructions. It is the intent of the organizing authority that the courses will consist of triangle buoy races outside the Venice Inlet. Some of the legs may be repeated.
- SCHEDULE:** The dates and times of racing will be as follows:

3/23/2024	10:30am. First warning signal for 1st race.
3/24/2024	9:30am. First Warning signal for 1st race. No races will start after 12:00pm

Shark Feeding Frenzy, a fun feeder race from Long Boat Pass (TBC) to Venice is planned for Friday, March 22. No separate registration is needed. Details will be published in a separate NOR at <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/27656>

8. **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:** The Sailing Instructions will be posted by 4:00 pm on Friday, March 22 on the Regatta Network site.
9. **SKIPPERS MEETING:** The skippers meeting will be held at approximately 6:30pm on Friday, March 22 for the races on Saturday and at 08:00 on Sunday for the racing that day, both at the Venice Yacht Club.
10. **DIVISIONS:** Divisions will be determined by the organizing authority based on the entries received.
11. **SCORING:** RRS Appendix A will be used for race and series scoring. For each class or division, one race will constitute a series and no race scores will be excluded. The provisions of RRS 90.3(e) and RRS A5.3 will apply.

Corrected times for determining finishing places will be calculated 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 March 21 by sending an email to racing@venicesailingsquadron.org.
13. **AWARDS:** Awards will be made per division following the conclusion of racing on Sunday, March 24 as follows:
 - 1st, 2nd, and 3rd when a minimum of 5 boats competed,
 - 1st and 2nd when a minimum of 4 boats competed; and,
 - 1st only when a minimum of 2 boats competed.

The names of the first-place winners in each WFPHRF class will be listed on the plaque for the perpetual Shark's Tooth trophy located at the Venice Yacht Club.

14. **BERTHING:** Dock space at the Venice Yacht Club will be very limited. A separate document containing Berthing Instructions will be posted on the Regatta Network race website under "Race Documents".
15. **EVENTS AT VENICE YACHT CLUB:** The Shark's Tooth Regatta is also a major fundraising event to support the Venice Youth Boating Association. A separate document containing details of events at the Venice Yacht Club will be posted on the Regatta Network race website under "Race Documents".
16. **FURTHER INFORMATION:** For further information, please contact the Race Committee at racing@venicesailingsquadron.org.