



2024 Tampa Bay to Ft. Myers NAPLES Race

Davis Island Yacht Club Boat of the Year Event

Davis Island Yacht Club, Tampa, Florida

May 23rd-25th, 2024

NOTICE OF RACE

This race's history dates back to 1946 and 2024 has us returning to Naples as Ft. Myers continues to recover from Hurricane Ian. DIYC is joined again by Naples Sailing and Yacht Club whose feeder race the week before (May 17 and 18) will bring additional competitors to our regatta. An approximately 125-mile coastal race, Tampa Bay to Naples will have the same character as prior years. All competitors departing from Tampa Bay compete for the Navigator's Trophy donated by OH Rogers. It is awarded to the first boat to finish in any class.

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 (A/B/C), Racer-Cruiser, Cruising, Multihull, and Double Handed.
- 2.3 Under West Florida PHRF rules, this is a Category 2 event.
- 2.4 The minimum crew, including the skipper, shall be two persons.
- 2.5 Cruising spinnakers are permitted for the Cruising Division. All Cruising boats intending to use a cruising spinnaker must declare so by email to brent@nocabz.com or SailingSecretary@diyc.org at least two days prior to the event.
- 2.6 Boats shall enter on-line at the Racing/Regattas page at <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/27905> . Entries close at 1700 on May 22. Late entries may be accepted at the sole discretion of the Organizing Authority.
- 2.7 All boats shall carry a workable VHF radio capable of receiving and transmitting on channels 16 and receiving weather broadcasts. A mobile phone is also recommended on each boat.

3 FEES

- 3.1 The entry fee is \$80.63 (\$75.00 plus tax). Entry fees are non-refundable.
- 3.2 Registrations received after May 17 must add a late fee of \$21.50 (\$20.00 plus tax).

4 SCHEDULE

Thursday, May 23	1700-1730	Check-in
	1730	Competitors meeting by Zoom
Friday, May 24	1200	First warning signal
Saturday, May 25	1800	Awards ceremony hosted by Gulf Coast Sailing Club, 791 Harbour Dr, Naples, FL 34103

5 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available on the DIYC website, and at check-in.

6 COURSE

The Tampa Bay to Ft. Myers Naples race shall begin adjacent to the back range for Cut J "Big J" - southeast of St. Petersburg Pier and the finish will be at Gordon Pass No. 2. Sailing Instructions will go into further details.

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 Divisions will be scored TOD using West Florida PHRF RLC ratings.

9 PRIZES

9.1 Awards ceremony and party will be held at TBD Saturday May 25. This is a very different awards party. There is a lot of repartee between RC and competitors. We also like to take old trophies you might have and repurpose them so bust out the old dance trophy and let us have some fun with it. If you have a trophy to donate, please try and get it to us the week before the race.

9.2 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.

9.3 OH Rodgers has donated a perpetual Navigator Trophy to be awarded to the first boat to finish, elapsed time.

9.4 The Best Corrected Trophy to be awarded to the boat with the best corrected time.

10 DOCKAGE

10.1 For dockage at DIYC up to one week before the event, please contact DIYC Dockmaster Chris Toro at dockmaster@diyc.org or 727-222-7561 for slip reservations. Fees may apply beyond reciprocal privileges.

10.2 Vessels are required to make their own accommodations in Naples prior to the start of the Race. Dockage in Naples available at: **Naples Sailing and Yacht Club**, 896 River Point Drive, Naples, Florida, 239-774-2649, dockmaster@thensyc.com ; **Naples Yacht Club**, 700 14th Ave., S., Naples, Florida, 239-262-7301, dockmaster@naplesyc.com ; **Naples City Dock and Marina**, 880 12th Ave., Naples, Florida, 239-213-3070, citydock@naplesgov.com.

11 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Sailing is an activity that carries with it an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors participate in these Regattas entirely at their own risk and are reminded to pay special attention to RRS 3, Decision to Race. The race organizers, including the Organizing Authority, The Davis Island Yacht Club, Race Committee, Protest Committee, sponsors, volunteers, or any other affiliated organization or official, will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury, disease, or illness to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of practice for or participation in this event during shore side or on-the-water activities. 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.

12 CONTACT INFORMATION

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