



2024 Keelboat Regatta

Suncoast Boat of the Year and

Davis Island Yacht Club Boat of the Year Event

Davis Island Yacht Club, Tampa, Florida

December 15th, 2024 (Sunday)

NOTICE OF RACE

This is a one-day regatta with drop-mark races for spinnaker boats and a distance race for others. All boats on the Drop-mark Course will compete for the perpetual Clint Johnson Trophy.

1 RULES

The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, including Appendix T (Arbitration), and the DIYC 2024-2025 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), Melges-24, Racer-Cruiser, Cruising, and Multihull.
- 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 SailingSecretary@diyc.org at least two days prior to the event.
- 2.5 Boats shall enter on-line at <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/28926> or by following the link from the Home Page. Entries close on December 14 at 1900.

3 FEES

All boats:\$64.50 (\$60.00 plus 7.5% tax). Entry includes 2 dinner tickets.

4 SCHEDULE

0830-1000	Check-in, Breakfast available for purchase. No competitors meeting
1100	First signal, Distance Course
1200	First signal, Drop-mark Course
1600	No races will start after
After racing	Keg provided. Regatta dinner for purchase

5 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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

6 VENUE AND COURSES

- 6.1 Racer-Cruiser, Cruising, and Multihull will race a distance race in Tampa Bay using fixed marks - one race is scheduled, up to 25 miles.
- 6.2 Spinnaker divisions and Melges-24 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 except Melges-24 will use the Scoring Penalty of RRS 44.3.
- 7.2 Melges-24 will use RRS 44.1 and 44.2.
- 7.3 Arbitration may be offered for protests regarding rules of Part 2 or RRS 31.

8 SCORING

- 8.1 All handicap racing except Melges-24 will be scored TOD using West Florida PHRF ratings:

Spinnaker Divisions	Buoy Rating
Melges-24	One-Design
All Distance Course Divisions	RLC Rating
- 8.2 For all divisions, when 5 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

9 PRIZES

- 9.1 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.
- 9.2 The boat with the best score in each class (Spinnaker, Melges-24, Racer-Cruiser, Cruising, Multihull) will be inscribed on the Clint Johnson Trophy.

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 or 727-222-7561. There are no slip reservations. First come, first serve.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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