

2025 Sarasota Bay Cup

Bird Key Yacht Club

April 12, 2025

NOTICE OF RACE

1. Rules

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing and the WFPHRF Class Rules.
- 1.2. Cruising class boats are permitted to declare cruising spinnakers (as defined Per Appendix E.2.C. of the West Florida PHRF Class Rules as of 2/06/2023) with a resulting 50% reduction in the Non-Spinnaker offset in calculating the applicable PHRF rating. Declarations to employ cruising spinnakers and the resulting WFPHRF rating adjustment must be sent to Donna Hillmyer at dsh1820@gmail.com before 1200 on April 11, 2025.

2. Sailing Instructions

- 2.1. The Sailing Instructions will be available no later than 1800 on April 11th at Bird Key Yacht Club and also online at via www.regattanetwork.com

3. Communication

- 3.1. The official notice board will be located at Bird Key Yacht Club on the Bayside Terrace. A secondary notice board will be located at the Sarasota Sailing Squadron, under the main pavilion.
- 3.2. [DP] [NP] All PHRF boats shall carry an operational VHF radio capable of transmitting and receiving on commonly used marine channels.
- 3.3. On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channels used will be stated in the SIs.
- 3.4. [DP] [While racing], except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that are not available to all boats.

4. Eligibility and Entry

- 4.1. The event is open to one-design classes including Flying Scot, Melges 15, Sunfish, American 18, and other one design fleets having 5 or more participants and PHRF mono-hull and multi-hull boats that hold a current West Florida PHRF rating. PHRF boats without a West Florida PHRF rating may participate in the regatta but are not eligible to participate in the Sarasota Bay Boat of the Year competition or Sarasota Bay Cup awards.
- 4.2. Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form and submitting the required entry fee online at www.regattanetwork.com

5. **Fees**

- 5.1. The entry fee is \$125 which includes two awards party dinner tickets and one regatta shirt. Additional dinner tickets and regatta shirts will be available for \$30 each at www.regattanetwork.com. In the unlikely event the regatta can not be sailed, the Saturday evening regatta party celebration and dinner will take place as scheduled.
- 5.2. Completed registrations, including payment, received prior to March 23, 2025 will receive a \$15 discount.

6. **Advertising and Image Release**

- 6.1. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority. Bird Key Yacht Club will produce photos of competing boats and sailors which will be available on its' external website following the regatta. This external website is accessible by the general public. By participating in the regatta, competitors grant the organizing authority, Bird Key Yacht Club, its sponsors, and volunteers the right to display these images for the purposes noted above without compensation.

7. **Schedule**

7.1. **Friday, April 11**

12:00 Online Registration Closes

18:00 PHRF fleet course will be distributed as well as starting times for each boat.

18:00-20:00 BKYC Bayside Terrace. Complimentary beer, non-alcoholic beverages, and hors d'oeuvres. Other alcoholic beverages will be available for purchase on site.

18:30 Skippers meeting.

7.2. **Saturday, April 12**

11:55 Warning signal for the highest PHRF rated boat on Random leg PHRF course and first warning signal for the windward/leeward one design course(s)

18:00 Dinner party and awards ceremony at Bird Key Yacht Club.

8. **Number of Races**

2. For the random leg PHRF course, one pursuit style race is scheduled.
3. For the one design windward/leeward course(s), 3 races are scheduled.

9. **Penalty System**

- 9.1. For all classes RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

10. **Scoring**

- 10.1. A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. One race is required to constitute a series.

11. **Risk Statement**

- 11.1. Competitors compete in the regatta at their own risk. See RRS 3 (Decision to Race) and RRS 4 (Acceptance of Rules). The host club, organizing authority, sponsors, their associates and appointees and volunteers will not accept any liability for damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta.

12. **Prizes**

- 12.1. Awards will be given to the winner of each one-design fleet, the PHRF mono-hull class and the PHRF multihull class. The number of awards will be dependent upon the number of entries per class. The Sarasota Bay Cup Perpetual Trophies will be awarded to the best performing one-design boat and best performing PHRF boat as determined by the Race Committee. Other prizes may be awarded.
- 12.2. This regatta is a Sarasota Bay Yachting Association Boat of the Year event.

13. **Further Information**

- 13.1. Bird Key Yacht Club will provide complimentary dockage to the extent available. Please contact the Dock Master's office at 941-953-4455 or marina@birdkeyyc.com for reservations. Dockage priority will be based upon earliest request and distance from the boat's permanent dockage.
- 13.2. For general regatta information, please contact event chairman, Dave Hillmyer at 941-284-5901 or dhillmyer@mac.com