



2025 Commodores Cup

Halifax River Yacht Club
Daytona Beach, FL

Notice of Race



1 RULES

1.1 The rules governing the 2025 Commodores Cup Series will be: The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028 (RRS), the 2025 First Coast Sailing Assoc. Rating Procedures and Racing Rules, the 2025 Commodores Cup Series Notice of Race (NOR) the 2025 Commodores Cup Series Sailing Instructions (SI), and any special instructions issued by the HRYC Race Committee.

1.2 Any changes to the Notice of Race and/or Sailing Instructions will be posted at HRYC on the official notice board and will be available at the Regatta Network web site.

2 ADVERTISING

2.1 Advertising shall be restricted in accordance with ISAF Regulations.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

3.1 The Commodores Cup is open to all single or multi-hulled sailing vessels, with a minimum of 20 feet LOA, having inboard or outboard auxiliary power, manned by an eligible captain and crew, and meeting all safety requirements of Section 11 (SI). The Race Committee may consider the qualification of a yacht by virtue of its history and/or survey.

3.3 Eligible yachts may enter by completing the entrance form posted at the Regatta Network web server at: <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/29480>

4 FEES

4.1 Required fees are as follows:

Entry fee for all races shall be \$200, plus additional fees as stated here. Starting with the first HRYC race event, there is a \$25 late registration fee for the Commodore's Cup Series entry. The SARW and Lipton Cup events are part of the series but each requires a separate entry fee to their host. Other HRYC events offer a discounted entry fee for Commodore's Cup Series registered sailors. Entrants will have the use of Halifax River Yacht Club facilities on all HRYC sponsored race dates.

5 SCHEDULE

5.1 Dates of racing are as follows:

Date	Days	Event / Link	Scheduled
March 26-29	Wed-Fri	St. Augustine Race Week (Offshore Series)* https://www.staugustineraceweek.com/	3 Races
April 4-6	Fri-Sun	Lipton Cup (SYC)* https://theclubspot.com/regatta/TmR65zY3y7	3 Races
May 3	Sat	Commodore's Cup Race Day 1 https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/29480 Post Race Party @ HRYC Tiki Bar	2 Races

Date	Days	Event / Link	Scheduled
May 31	Sat	Lady at the Helm Race** https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/29481 Post Race Party @ HRYC Tiki Bar	2 Races
June 28	Sat	Summer Solstice Distance Race** http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/29482	1 Race
July 19	Sat	Commodore's Cup Race Day 2 https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/29480	2 Race
August 16	Sat	HRYC Junior Challenge** https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/29483 Post Race Party @ HRYC	1 Races
August 28-30	Thu-Sat	HRYC Starlight Regatta and Sprint** http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/29484	2 Races
August 31	Sun	SAYC John Meehan Memorial Race* Link to be added	1 Race
Sept. 27	Sat	Commodore's Cup Race Day 3 https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/29480	2 Races
October 11	Sat	Commodore's Cup Race Day 4 https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/29480 Post Race Party @ TBD	1 Race
November 7	Fri	Awards Dinner at HRYC Clubhouse	20 total

* Separate fee required to the host of the event.

** Registration for this event is discounted with a Commodore's Cup Series Registration. Participation in just this event is possible with a separate entrance fee.
See the appropriate Notice of Race (NOR) for event and registration details.

5.2 Races on 5/3, 7/19, 9/27, and 10/11 shall be buoy races with courses to be determined by the HRYC Race Committee. Commodore's Cup Series sailing instructions will be posted for these races.

5.3 The HRYC Junior Challenge Race, the HRYC Lady at the Helm Race, the HRYC Starlight Regatta, and the Summer Solstice Distance Race will be ocean races with courses described in their own Notice of Race. See the site links provided above.

6 MEASUREMENTS

6.1 Each entrant shall either renew their 2025 FCSA Valid Rating Certificate or fill out a First Coast Sailing Association Valid Rating application with their entry form and receive a 2025 FCSA Valid Rating (separate fee is required). The rating application form is posted at <http://sailjax.com/FCSA-Rating-Application.pdf>.

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

7.1 The sailing instructions will be e-mailed to the entrant and will also be available on Regatta Network.

- 7.2 Non-Commodore Cup Race days will have their own Sailing Instructions. These will be made available to registered sailors for those events.
- 8 THE COURSE**
- 8.1 Race courses will be set by the RC and announced on **VHF channel 72**. Additional course info is posted on the web at www.hryc.com and on the Regatta Network site.
- 9 SCORING**
- 9.1 All yachts shall be scored using their FCSA Valid Rating and corrected time on time.
- 9.2 Yachts will be scored for trophies on the best 13 races (~2/3). A yacht will qualify for a final position in the series if they complete nine (~50%) of the scheduled races. In the event any scheduled races are canceled, the RC reserves the right to reduce the number of races required to qualify, and be scored, for the awards. This should be done in proportion to the number of canceled races. For SARW and Lipton Cup events, we will use the three (3) best finishes for Commodore Cup points.
- 9.3 Series scores are based on the FCSA high point matrix. See the Sailing Instructions for each event for how PHRF ratings are to be used.
- 9.4 The Race Committee reserves the right to reclassify any yacht at its discretion.
- 10 PENALTY SYSTEM**
- 10.1 The Scoring Penalty, (RRS) 44.3 will apply. The penalty shall be one (1) percent of a yacht's elapsed time added to her corrected time. This changes Rule 44.3 (c) (RRS). A yacht taking a scoring penalty shall report it to the Race Committee within the protest time limit.
- 11 SAFETY REGULATIONS**
- 11.1 All yachts shall comply with all ISAF Category 4 requirements.
- 12 SUPPORT YACHTS**
- 12.1 All support yachts shall stay outside areas where yachts are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start until all yachts have started the race; or when the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.
- 13 RADIO COMMUNICATION**
- 13.1 A boat shall neither send nor receive any radio, mobile phone or WIFI network transmissions or use any other device, technology or other aid which is not available to all boats. **Committee Boat and all racers shall monitor VHF Channel 72.**
- 14 AWARDS**
- 14.1 Trophies will be given as follows:
- 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in all classes with four or more boats competing
 - 1st and 2nd in all classes with less than four boats competing
- 14.2 The awards banquet will be held at Halifax River Yacht Club on Friday, November 7, 2025. Dress is casual. Reservations are necessary. The awards banquet will be preceded by a cocktail hour.
- 15 INSURANCE**
- 15.1 Each participating yacht shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$250,000.00.
- 16 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**
- 16.1 The Race Committee will oversee all scheduled races. The Race Committee Chairman or his designate will have final decision over management issues of the race, including, but not limited to whether a yacht will be allowed to compete, penalties (except protest – which will be overseen by the protest committee), scoring, eligibility of yachts to race and time limits.
- Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or

personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

Despite the schedule to race and despite the Race Committee's decision to race, it is ***ALWAYS*** the skipper's decision whether he, his vessel and/or his crew should participate in any race. The responsibility of the decision to race and any, and all, consequences lie ***SOLELY*** with the skipper, captain or owner/operator of the vessel. **YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SAFETY, HEALTH AND WELFARE OF YOUR VESSEL AND ANYONE ABOARD! YOU ARE FURTHER RESPONSIBLE FOR ACTIONS TAKEN BY YOUR CREW AND DAMAGE TO, OR CAUSED BY, YOUR VESSEL. THIS SHOULD ALWAYS GUIDE YOUR DECISION TO RACE AND YOUR ACTIONS WHILE RACING.** The Race Committee accepts ***NO*** responsibility for your decision to race and the consequences that accompany it.

17 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 17.1** For further information please contact:
Halifax River Yacht Club
Attn: Race Committee
331 S. Beach Street
Daytona Beach, FL 32114-5089
www.hryc.com

Links to HRYC event websites:

Commodore Cup Series	Junior Challenge Race	Summer Solstice Distance Race	Starlight Regatta and Coastal Sprint
			