



2025 Labor Day Night Race

Davis Island Yacht Club Boat of the Year Event

Davis Island Yacht Club, Tampa, Florida
August 29th, 2025

NOTICE OF RACE

Started in 1936 by the Tampa Sailing Squadron as a Labor Day cruise to Sarasota, in 1948 it became the Tampa to Sarasota Labor Day Race. In the early 1950's, DIYC took over sponsorship of the race and it has been running annually since that time. The Friday evening of Labor Day weekend, the night race begins just south of the Club and we promise to finish at a decent hour so you can enjoy your long weekend with your family and friends. This race kicks off our DIYC Boat-of-the-Year Series.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, including Appendix V2 (Post-race Penalties), and the DIYC 2025-2026 Boat of the Year Notice of Series (https://diyc.org/wp-content/uploads/2025-2026_DIYC_BOTY_NoSeries.pdf). (Please read.)
- 1.2 This is a pursuit race, with individual starting times.

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), Racer-Cruiser, Cruising, and Multihull.
- 2.3 Under West Florida PHRF rules, this is a Category 4 event.
- 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/30277> by following the Regatta Network event link from the DIYC home page.
- 2.6 Entries close at 1900 on August 28. Late entries may be accepted at the sole discretion of the Organizing Authority.

3 FEES

All boats: \$102.13 (\$95.00 plus 7.5% sales tax). Fee includes pre and post race beer keg and chili after racing.

4 SCHEDULE

There will be no check-in or competitors meeting.

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| 1630 | Pre-race dinner available at Clubhouse (limited menu) |
| 1900 | Base start time, all classes |
| | The Club will serve beer keg and chili after the regatta |

5 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available on the Regatta Network event website.

6 VENUE AND COURSE

6.1 The racing area will be in navigable water near Davis Island Yacht Club. The average depth of Hillsborough Bay is between 7 and 9 feet. Due to weather and tides the average depth may vary. The RC will make every effort to select marks in sufficient water for all boats to round. It is the obligation of the Competitor to be aware of their location and to sail in sufficient depth. Lack of water will not be grounds for Redress.

6.2 Distance course – 1 race is scheduled for all Divisions, up to 25 miles.

7 PENALTY SYSTEM

All Divisions will use the Scoring Penalty of RRS 44.3.

8 SCORING

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

9 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded at the annual Awards Banquet in each Division for first place, if 1-3 boats; top two, if 4-5 boats; top three, if 6 or more boats.

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, disease, or illness 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 for slip reservations.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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