



# 2025 Halloween Regatta

## Davis Island Yacht Club Boat of the Year Event

Davis Island Yacht Club, Tampa, Florida

October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Updated 9/26/2025

## NOTICE OF RACE

*This Boat-of-the-Year event for DIYC encourages participation from veteran racers to casual cruisers looking to check out the racing scene. There are divisions for everyone with choices in Spinnaker, Racer-Cruiser, Multihulls and Cruising. This one-day event features Hillsborough Bay Drop-Mark races for Spinnaker Divisions and a Distance course for the other Divisions. After an afternoon of racing, DIYC hosts our traditional adult Halloween party. Costumes are strongly encouraged for the awards party – for a separate competition of course. **This year's theme is Netflix Series, Prime Video or HBO Max.** The race is only half the fun.*

### 1 RULES

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 ([2025-2026 DIYC BOTY NoSeries](#)). (Please read.)

### 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 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](mailto:SailingSecretary@diyc.org) at least two days prior to the event.
- 2.5 Boats may enter on-line at <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/30400> or by following the link from the DIYC Home page.
- 2.6 Entries close at 1900 on October 24. Late entries may be accepted at the sole discretion of the Organizing Authority.

### 3 FEES

All boats: \$134.38 (\$125.00 plus 7.5% tax)

Regatta Fee includes: 2 Italian Buffet tickets per boat, beer keg and sodas after racing and music by Classix.

Extra Regatta Buffet tickets (Italian buffet with salad, pasta and chicken alfredo) can be purchased for \$19.30 (\$17.95 plus 7.5% tax) on Regatta Network. **Deadline to purchase buffet is 10/17/25.**

Regatta Shirts can be purchased for (\$35.00 plus 7.5% tax = \$37.63) on Regatta Network.

**Deadline to purchase shirts is 10/13/25.**

### 4 SCHEDULE

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| 0930 | Kitchen opens for breakfast  |
| 1100 | First warning signal, Distance Course  |
| 1200 | First warning signal, Drop-Mark Course   |
| 1600 | No races will start after  |
| 1730 | Italian Buffet downstairs (extra tickets can be purchased for \$17.95 plus tax = \$19.30) on the Regatta Network site. |
| 1830 | Awards and <u>Costume Party under the club</u>   |

## 5 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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

## 6 VENUE AND COURSES

- 6.1 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 Racer-Cruiser, Cruising and Multihulls will race a distance race in Tampa Bay using fixed marks - one race is scheduled, up to 25 miles.
- 6.3 Spinnaker Divisions 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 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 handicap racing will be scored TOD using West Florida PHRF ratings: Spinnaker

Divisions Buoy Rating

All Distance Course Divisions RLC Rating

## 9 PRIZES and Awards party including costume judging

Following a day of racing, the Awards Party will include a free keg of beer and music by Classix. The Italian dinner is recommended and there will also be Pub Grub dinners available in the Regatta Bar. All crews are encouraged to dress in costume for the party - **this year's theme is Netflix Series, Prime Video or HBO Max**. This is an adult costume and awards party.

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.

## 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](mailto:dockmaster@diyc.org) or 727-222-7561 for slip reservations.

## FURTHER INFORMATION

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