



Venetian Cup Regatta 2026

Hosted by Venice Youth Boating Association
and Venice Yacht Club

April 25, 2026

1330 Tarpon Center Drive, Venice FL

Notice Of Race (NoR)

The Organizing Authority (OA) for this regatta is the Venice Youth Boating Association (“VYBA”). The event will be held at the Venice Yacht Club (“VYC”).

1. Rules

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 No Competitor shall use, either on or off the water, alcoholic beverages (beer, wine or distilled spirits), nicotine products, or use any controlled substance (marijuana, cocaine, etc.) the possession of which is unlawful. This prohibition is in effect during the entire event from date and time of arrival through date and time of departure from the venue. Penalties for a violation of the prohibition may range from a reprimand to dismissal from the regatta. A hearing may be held in accordance with the RRS.
- 1.3 This event is a designated *Green Regatta* in partnership with Sailors for the Sea, Sarasota County Parks & Recreation, the City of Venice, and the Venice Yacht Club. Please help us keep the marina clean by bringing reusable water bottles, using refill stations, properly disposing of waste, and utilizing recycling bins throughout the property. As sailors committed to protecting our waters, we strive to leave the Venice Yacht Club and Higel Marine Park better than we found it.

2. Eligibility and Entry

- 2.1 This regatta is open to the following classes: Green Fleet, RWB Optimist, Club 420, HS 420, Lasers
- 2.2 Registration may be completed online at: [VYBA Venetian Cup Regatta 2026 : Venice Youth Boating Assn., Inc.](#)
- 2.3 Registration fees for single-handers are \$65, double-handers is \$110

- 2.4 After midnight April 10th a \$15 late fee will be assessed
- 2.5 Entry deadline is midnight April 20, 2026
- 2.6 Registration fee includes a light breakfast, lunch for competitors, regatta shirt and SWAG bag.
- 2.7 We cannot accommodate special dietary requirements.

3. Schedule

Check-in	VYC Tiki	0730-0830
Competitors Meeting -Laser/420's -Opti Fleets	VYC Tiki	0900 0930
First Warning - Lasers/420's -Opti Fleets	Gulf Roberts Bay; Mooring Field	1030 1030
No Warning After (All Fleets)		1500

Lasers/420 launch first; Optis launch second

Green Fleet will have lunch on land!

-Awards ceremony to immediately follow completion of races

4. Sailing Instructions

SI's will be available online in Regatta Network

5. Venue

5.1 Racing will be conducted on Roberts Bay and the mooring field, adjacent to the VYC, for all optimist fleets, and the Gulf for 420 and Laser fleets.

5.2 NoR Addendum 1 shows the layout of the venue at VYBA, VYC and Higel Marine Park

6. Coach and Support Boats

6.1 Coach and support boats will launch from Higel Marine Park and utilize the transient docks. **Trailers only** will be dropped and stored for the day at Higel Marine Park. All vehicles will be directed to designated vehicle parking lots.

6.2 Coach boats are required to register here: <https://forms.office.com/r/tGrvy2K0bY>

6.3 There is no parking at the VYC; Parking will be directed to Graser park (located at the intersection of The Esplanade and Barcelona Ave; 746 Barcelona Ave Venice, FL 34285) and nearby public lots. We will provide a golf cart service from Graser Park to the VYC and back.

7. Spectator Boats

7.1 Spectator boats need to launch from the Venice Train Depot off Venice Island with cars and trailers stored there.

7.2 Please see Addendum 2 for directions and details

8. Prizes

Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, & 3rd in each fleet with a 1st in individual RWB.

1st -5th place awards for Green fleet along with participation medals for all.

9. Safety

9.1 Competitors shall always wear U.S. Coast Guard approved life jackets (except briefly while adjusting clothing). Failure to do so will result in disqualification.

9.2 Persons operating power vessels in the regatta area shall always wear U.S. Coast Guard approved life jackets (except briefly while adjusting clothing) and the safety kill switch lanyard (killcord). Failure to do so will result in ejection from the regatta area. All coach boats shall show the race committee on their course their engine shut off device.

10. Photography & Media Rights

Competitors give absolute right and permission for any photographs or video footage taken of them or their competing boat to be published in any media whatsoever; for editorial or advertising purposes, or to be used in press information. VYBA reserves the right to fly a drone during the racing events, however no footage will be available to any coaches until after the full regatta events have ended. No other drones will be allowed in the sailing areas.

11. Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. The organizing Authority (VYBA), VYC, Sarasota County, and the city of Venice will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the regatta.

RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boats decision to participate in a race is hers alone.'

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Hotel Accommodations:

Home2 Suites by Hilton Nokomis Sarasota Casey Key
227 Albee Road West, Nokomis, FL 34275 · (941) 412-0064

Holiday Inn Express & Suites Nokomis - Sarasota South, an IHG Hotel
206 Albee Rd W, Nokomis, FL 34275 · (941) 946-6191

Ramada by Wyndham Venice Hotel Venezia
425 Us Highway 41 Byp N, Venice, FL 34285 · (941) 315-8474

Hampton Inn & Suites Venice Bayside South Sarasota
881 Venetia Bay Blvd., Venice, FL 34292 · (941) 488-5900

Casey Key Resorts – Mainland
1660 S Tamiami Trail, Osprey, FL 34229 · (941)966-2121

NoR Addendum 1: Map of Event Venue with rigging and launch sites



NoR Addendum 2: Location of the Venice Train Depot Park relative to VYBA/VYC

