



2026 WINDJAMMER REGATTA

Venice Yacht Club & Venice Sailing Squadron

January 31st & February 1st, 2026

An SBYA “Boat of The Year” Event



Notice of Race

1. **RULES:** The regatta shall be governed by the 2025-2028 US Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS); the current Class Rules of West Florida PHRF (WFPHRF); The Sarasota Bay Yachting Association (SBYA) “Boat of the Year” Notice of Series; this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions. In the event of a conflict, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail (this changes RRS 63.7). This event will be a WFPHRF Category 4 event, and all boats must have a functioning GPS and VHF radio.
2. **ORGANIZING AUTHORITY:** The organizing authorities are the Venice Yacht Club (VYC) and the Venice Sailing Squadron (VSS).
3. **QUALIFYING SERIES:** Both races will be qualifiers for the SBYA Boat of the Year Series.
4. **ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY:** This regatta is open to all boats with a valid WFPHRF Rating Certificate.

Boats shall enter online at <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/30588> by completing the registration form, agreeing to the conditions of entry, and paying the entry fee. Complete entries must be received by 4:00 pm on Thursday, January 29.

5. **ENTRY FEE:** The non-refundable entry fee is \$60 and includes beer and chips on Saturday afternoon and crew breakfast on Sunday. Any surplus proceeds will be donated to the Venice Youth Boating Association.
6. **COURSES:** Courses will be as stated in the Sailing Instructions. It is the intent of the organizing authority that the first day will consist of a race from Big Pass/Sarasota to Venice with a possible turning mark in the vicinity of Venice, and that the second day will consist of a triangle buoy races of three legs or more outside the Venice Inlet, with a finishing leg to Big Pass/Sarasota.
7. **SCHEDULE:** The dates of racing will be as follows:

01/31/2026	0100pm. Race from Big Pass to Venice.
02/01/2026	930am. First buoy race off Venice.

8. **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS AND SCRATCH SHEET:** The Sailing Instructions and Scratch Sheet will be posted by 4:00 pm on Friday, January 30 on the Regatta Network site.
9. **SKIPPERS MEETING:** The skippers meeting will be held on the evening of Friday, January 30 at 6 pm via Zoom, and further details will be sent to registered boats via email prior to the meeting.
10. **DIVISIONS:** Divisions will be determined by the organizing authority based on the entries received.
11. **SCORING:** RRS Appendix A (Low-point system) will be used for race scoring. For each division, all races in which there are at least two starters and one finisher will constitute a race, one race will constitute a series, and no scores will be excluded. Individual race finish times will be determined using the Time-On-Distance method for each boat's WFPHRF RLC rating.
12. **CRUISER-CLASS CRUISING SPINNAKERS:** Cruiser Class boats are allowed to use a cruising spinnaker per Appendix E of the WFPHRF Rules. The cruising spinnaker declaration must be made upon entry but may be amended until 4:00pm on Thursday January 29 by sending an email to racing@venicesailingsquadron.org.
13. **AWARDS:** Awards will be made per division as follows:
 - 1st and 2nd when a minimum of 3 boats per division have competed in the regatta; and
 - 1st only when a minimum of 2 boats per division have competed in the regatta.
14. **BERTHING:** Dock space at the Venice Yacht Club will be very limited and will be made available preferentially to entrants with reciprocal yacht club privileges on a first-requested basis. Raft-up berthing will also be available at Higel Park, yet to be confirmed (adjacent to the Venice Yacht Club) and there may be berthing available at local-area marinas. Overflow car parking may be available at Higel or Graser Parks. Additional berthing information to be posted on a Berthing Instruction document when arrangements finalized and confirmed.
15. **FURTHER INFORMATION:** For further information, please contact the Race Committee at racing@venicesailingsquadron.org.