



2026 Commodore's Cup

Suncoast Boat of the Year and

Davis Island Yacht Club Boat of the Year Event

Davis Island Yacht Club, Tampa, Florida

January 17th-18th, 2026

NOTICE OF RACE

Dedicated to the honor of all DIYC past Commodores, this regatta kicks off the new year with intense racing for two days. The best come out to set the tone for the second half of the season. Expect great competition and fun shoreside entertainment Saturday night. As a tribute to all Commodores we would like to invite all boats that are sailing with a Commodore (current or former) of any club onboard to proudly display their Commodore's Flag.

1 RULES

The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, including Appendix V (Post-race Penalties), and the DIYC 2025-2026 Boat of the Year Notice of Series.

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, Melges-24, 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 at least two days prior to the event.
- 2.5 Boats shall enter on-line at <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/30666>. Entries close at 1900 on January 16. Late entries may be accepted at the sole discretion of the Organizing Authority.

3 FEES

All boats: \$96.75 (\$90.00 plus 7.5% tax) White Chili Bar included on Saturday after races.

4 SCHEDULE

Saturday

0900-1000 Check-in, Breakfast available for purchase
1100 First signal, Distance Course
1200 First signal, Drop-Mark Course
After racing Keg provided. White chili bar for all, Live music

Sunday

0900 Breakfast available for purchase
1030 First warning signal, Distance Course
1130 First warning signal, Drop-mark Course
1400 No warning signals made after this time
Pub Grub menu available for purchase.
Awards ceremony
Keg provided

5 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available on the regatta website, and at check-in.

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 Multihull will race distance races in Tampa Bay using fixed marks - one race per day, up to 25 miles.
- 6.3 Spinnaker Divisions and Melges-24s 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 except Melges-24 will use the Scoring Penalty of RRS 44.3.
- 7.2 Melges-24 will use the turns penalties of RRS 44.
- 7.3 The 30% Penalty Taken After a Race of RRS V2 will apply.

8 SCORING

- 8.1 For all Spinnaker Divisions, when 5 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 8.2 All handicap racing will be scored TOD using West Florida PHRF ratings:

Spinnaker Divisions	Buoy Rating
Melges-24	One-Design
All Distance Course Divisions	RLC Rating

9 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

PHRF boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with written permission of the RC.

10 PRIZES

- 10.1 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.
- 10.2 The William Boger Perpetual Trophy for the top Spinnaker boat on the Drop-mark Course, the Bill Houlihan Perpetual Trophy for the top Cruising boat, and the Silver Gavel Trophy for the top Racer-Cruiser boat will be awarded.
- 10.3 The boat with the best score among the boats up to 30 feet with a symmetrical rig on the Drop-mark Course will be inscribed on the Frank Selph Memorial Trophy. Frank was an avid MORC supporter and the trophy is awarded in his honor.

11 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 or 727-222-7561 for slip reservations.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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