



# 2026 Tampa Bay Hospice Cup

## Davis Island Yacht Club Boat of the Year Event

Davis Island Yacht Club, Tampa, Florida

April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Dated 1/9/2026



## NOTICE OF RACE

The Tampa Bay Hospice Cup is DIYC's major charitable regatta of the season, serving as the final inshore sailing event of DIYC's Boat of the Year series. This event appeals to both cruisers and racers interested in raising money for Hospice with a bonus of racing sailboats. In addition to the regatta's racing and cruising fleets, this event also features a "Just-for-Fun" casual fleet. All proceeds benefit Tampa Bay area Hospice organizations, which offer comprehensive hospice and palliative care, caregiver education, individual and group counseling, spiritual support and many other programs to those it serves regardless of race, age, faith, diagnosis or financial circumstances.

### 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](https://diyc.org/wp-content/uploads/2025-2026_DIYC_BOTY_NoSeries.pdf)). (Please read.).
- 1.2 Distance Course Divisions will sail a pursuit race, with individual starting times using WFPHRF RLC ratings.

### 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 Distance Course Divisions are Spinnaker (A/B), Racer-Cruiser, Cruising, and Multihull.
- 2.3 There will be a "Just For Fun" class with its own rules and sailing instructions. All boats not otherwise racing are encouraged to participate—including *non-sailing boats*.
- 2.4 Under West Florida PHRF rules, this is a Category 4 event.
- 2.5 Cruising spinnakers are permitted for the Cruising Division, when allowed by the boat's WFPHRF certificate. 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.
- 2.6 Boats shall enter on-line at <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/30739>. Entries close at 1900 on April 10<sup>th</sup>. Late entries may be accepted at the sole discretion of the Organizing Authority.

### 3 FEES

- 3.1 All boats: \$134.38 (\$125.00 plus 7.5% sales tax) as a tax-deductible donation to Tampa Bay Hospice Cup payable in RegattaNetwork which includes one (1) Mount Gay red hat and one (1) t-shirt.
- 3.2 Dinner tickets (\$21.50, \$20 *plus tax*) and additional shirts (\$37.63, \$35 *plus tax*) may be purchased through RegattaNetwork. For confirmed sizes on the day of the event, shirts must be ordered by March 20<sup>th</sup>.

## 4 SCHEDULE

Friday April 10 <sup>th</sup>	1730 - 1900	Check-in / <a href="#">Dinner at DIYC available for purchase (see link for details)</a>
Saturday April 11 <sup>th</sup>	0900	Scratch sheets available, breakfast available for purchase
	1030	Base start time, Pursuit starts
	during racing	Finish line party for invited sponsors upstairs in the dining room
	4pm, after racing	<b>Mount Gay Party</b> including social hour, music, live auction, awards and dinner available for purchase.

## 5 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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

## 6 VENUE AND COURSES

All Divisions except "Just For Fun" will race a distance race in Tampa Bay using fixed marks - one race is scheduled, up to 25 miles. *Plan to be back at DIYC by 4pm for the awards and party.*

## 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 RLC ratings.

## 9 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded based on entries received by April 5<sup>th</sup>. 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, 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 and to adhere to the Racing Rules of Sailing.

## 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

Hospice Committee Chair:	Dave Knapp	<a href="mailto:davidknapp86@gmail.com">davidknapp86@gmail.com</a>
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