



2026 A-CLASS CATAMARAN SPRING REGATTA

Organizing Authority (OA): Davis Island Yacht Club
On behalf of US A-Class Association
March 27 - 29, 2026
Tampa FL

Notice of Race

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The US Sailing prescriptions to the preamble to Part 5, Section B, and 63/1(b) do not apply.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS AND OFFICIAL NOTICE BOARD

- 2.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available on the event website by Tuesday, March 24, 2026.
- 2.2 The Official Notice Board is on DIYC's west wall downstairs.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The event is open to all boats of the IACA. Competitors must be current members of the IACA and shall have their entry endorsed by their respective class association.
- 3.2 To enter the event, the helmsman of the boat shall be a member in good standing of the class association. Boats that do not meet this requirement are not entitled to request redress. This changes RRS 63.2(a) and 76.3.
- 3.3 Boats may enter the event by registering online at <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/30838> .
- 3.4 To be considered an entry, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 3.5 Entries received after March 26, will be accepted at the sole discretion of the OA after explanation by the competitor of extenuating circumstances to be considered.

4. FEES IN USD

- 4.1 The entry fee is \$188.13 (\$175.00 plus 7.5% tax).
- 4.2 A social fee of \$64.50 (\$60.00 plus sales tax) may be purchased by non-competitors and includes use of Club facilities, keg beer and snacks after races during debriefings, and meetings. Coffee and snacks in the mornings.

5. SCHEDULE

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| Friday, March 27 | 1030 | Competitors Meeting |
| | 1300 | First warning signal |
| | After racing | Beer plus burgers and dogs |
| Saturday, March 28 | 1100 | First warning signal |
| | After racing | Off-site social |
| Sunday, March 29 | 1100 | First warning signal |
| | 1400 | No initial warning signal after this time |

6. EQUIPMENT

- 6.2 Each boat shall produce or verify the existence of a valid measurement certificate including sails, platform, and mast, no later than Friday, March 27.
- 6.3 A limited number of appointments for fundamental measurements may be available.
- 6.4 There is no restriction on the use of electronic compasses, GPS, and other speed or location displaying devices.
- 6.5 Competitors may use class-approved alternate equipment.

7. VENUE AND COURSES

- 7.2 The venue is at Davis Island Yacht Club and Hillsborough Bay south of Davis Islands.
- 7.3 The courses will be windward-leeward with a windward gate and leeward gate.

8. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 8.2 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 8.3 RRS 64.2 is changed such that a lesser penalty than DSQ (which may include no penalty) may be given at the discretion of the protest committee for an infringement of rules other than rules of Part 2 or RRS 31.

9. SCORING

- 9.1 Nine races are scheduled.
- 9.2 The Open and Classic Fleets will share the same start and course. Each race will be scored as three Divisions, Open, Classic, and Overall.
- 9.3 When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the sum of her race scores.
- 9.4 When five (5) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the sum of her race scores excluding her worst score.

10. PRIZES

Trophies will be awarded 1st thru 5th in the Open and Classic fleets.

11. RISK STATEMENT AND DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 11.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury.
- 11.2 The organizing authority or any race official will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury, disease, illness, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

12. BERTHING

- 12.1 A detailed map of the host site facilities and designating thereon the specific areas for storage, launching, and return landing of boats will be available online prior to the event.
- 12.2 Access to Davis Island Yacht Club prior to March 22 must be given permission from the OA.

13. INSURANCE

- 13.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 USD per incident or the equivalent.
- 13.2 Each competitor shall provide proof of insurance upon registration at the event site.

14. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please contact: O. H. Rodgers at ohrodgers@gmail.com or 813-785-8020