



2026 Island - 2 - Island Race

Davis Island Yacht Club Boat of the Year Event

Davis Island Yacht Club, Tampa, Florida
May 8th – 9th, 2026



NOTICE OF RACE

The origin of this race dates back to 1946's race to Ft. Myers. Following the devastation of the hurricanes in 2024, Venice Yacht Club graciously stepped up to host this end of season event. An approximately 49.8-mile coastal race, Tampa Bay to Venice will have the same character as prior years. All competitors departing from Tampa Bay compete for the Navigator's Trophy donated by OH Rogers. It is awarded to the first boat to finish in any class. This is a feeder race for the Bone Island Regatta starting on May 13.

1 RULES

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). (Please read.)

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, and Multihull.
- 2.3 Under West Florida PHRF rules, this is a Category 2 event.
- 2.4 The minimum crew, including the skipper, shall be two persons.
- 2.5 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.
- 2.6 Regatta Registration and Information: https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/30916#_home
Entries close at 1700 on May 7. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.
- 2.7 All boats shall carry a workable VHF radio capable of receiving and transmitting on channels 16 and receiving weather broadcasts. A mobile phone is also recommended on each boat.

3 FEES

- 3.1 The entry fee is \$90.53 (\$85.00 plus tax). Entry fees are non-refundable.
- 3.2 Registrations received after May 2 must add a late fee of \$21.30 (\$20.00 plus tax).

4 SCHEDULE

Thursday, May 7	1700-1730	Check-in
	1730	Competitors meeting by Zoom (link to be provided)
Friday, May 8	1200	Warning signal
Saturday, May 9	0900-1000	Breakfast at VYC (\$21); Bloody Marys (\$12). FCYC reciprocal (preferred) or credit card. Awards ceremony hosted by Venice Yacht Club, 1330 Tarpon Center Drive, Venice FL 34285.

5 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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

6 COURSE

The Island-2-Island Race shall begin adjacent to the back range for Cut J "Big J" - southeast of St. Petersburg Pier and the finish will be near Venice Inlet. Sailing Instructions will go into further detail.

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 Divisions will be scored TOD using West Florida PHRF RLC ratings.

9 PRIZES

9.1 Awards ceremony and party will be held at VYC. This is a very different awards party. There is a lot of repartee between RC and competitors. We also like to take old trophies you might have and repurpose them so bust out the old dance trophy and let us have some fun with it. If you have a trophy to donate, please try and get it to us the week before the race.

9.2 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.

9.3 OH Rodgers has donated a perpetual Navigator Trophy to be awarded to the first boat to finish, elapsed time.

9.4 The Island-2-Island Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to boat with the best corrected time in all divisions.

9.5 Additional trophies will be awarded at the discretion of the Regatta Organizers.

10 DOCKAGE

10.1 For dockage at DIYC up to one week before the event, please contact DIYC Dockmaster Chris Toro at dockmaster@diyc.org or 727-222-7561 for slip reservations. Fees may apply beyond reciprocal privileges.

10.2 Dockage available at: Venice Yacht Club (limited) - Dockmaster 941-483-3625, Crows Nest Marina- 941-484-9551

11 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Sailing is an activity that carries with it an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors participate in these Regattas entirely at their own risk and are reminded to pay special attention to RRS 3, Decision to Race. The race organizers, including the Organizing Authority, The Davis Island Yacht Club, Race Committee, Protest Committee, sponsors, volunteers, or any other affiliated organization or official, will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury, disease, or illness to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of practice for or participation in this event during shore side or on-the-water activities. 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.

12 CONTACT INFORMATION

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