

# 2026 Sarasota Bay Cup

## Bird Key Yacht Club

April 11, 2026

### NOTICE OF RACE

***The venue headquarters for this year's Bay Cup will be the Sarasota Sailing Squadron***

#### 1. Rules

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing and the WFPHRF Class Rules.
- 1.2. Cruising class boats are permitted to declare cruising spinnakers (as defined Per Appendix E.2.C. of the West Florida PHRF Class Rules as of 2/06/2023) with a resulting 50% reduction in the Non-Spinnaker offset in calculating the applicable PHRF rating. Declarations to employ cruising spinnakers and the resulting WFPHRF rating adjustment must be sent to Donna Hillmyer at [dsh1820@gmail.com](mailto:dsh1820@gmail.com) before 1200 on April 10, 2026.

#### 2. Sailing Instructions

- 2.1. The Sailing Instructions will be available no later than 1800 on April 10th at the Sarasota Sailing Squadron and also online at via [www.regattanetwork.com](http://www.regattanetwork.com)

#### 3. Communication

- 3.1. The official notice board will be located at the Sarasota Sailing Squadron.
- 3.2. [DP] [NP] All PHRF boats shall carry an operational VHF radio. On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channels used will be stated in the SIs.
- 3.3. [DP] [While racing], except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that are not available to all boats.

#### 4. Eligibility and Entry

- 4.1. The event is open to one-design classes including Flying Scot, Melges15, Sunfish, American 18, and other one design fleets having 5 or more participants and PHRF mono-hull and multi-hull boats that hold a current West Florida PHRF rating. PHRF boats without a West Florida PHRF rating may participate in the regatta but are not eligible to participate in the Sarasota Bay Boat of the Year competition or Sarasota Bay Cup awards.

#### 5. Fees

- 5.1. The entry fee is \$115 which includes one awards party dinner ticket and one regatta shirt. Additional dinner tickets are available for \$45 each and regatta shirts will be available for \$30 each at [www.regattanetwork.com](http://www.regattanetwork.com). In the unlikely event the regatta can not be sailed, the Saturday evening regatta party celebration and dinner will take place as scheduled.
- 5.2. Completed registrations, including payment, received prior to March 27, 2026 will receive a \$15 discount.

## **6. Advertising and Image Release**

- 6.1. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority. Bird Key Yacht Club will produce photos of competing boats and sailors which will be available on its' external website following the regatta.
- 6.2. This external website is accessible by the general public. By participating in the regatta, competitors grant the organizing authority, Bird Key Yacht Club, its sponsors, and volunteers the right to display these images for the purposes noted above without compensation.

## **7. Schedule**

### **7.1. Friday, April 10**

**12:00** Online Registration Closes

**18:00** PHRF fleet course will be distributed as well as starting times for each boat.

**18:00-20:00** Sarasota Sailing Squadron. Complimentary beer, non-alcoholic beverages, and hors d'oeuvres. Other alcoholic beverages will be available for purchase on site.

**18:30** Skippers meeting.

### **7.2. Saturday, April 11**

**11:55** Warning signal for the highest PHRF rated boat on Random leg PHRF course and first warning signal for the windward/leeward one design course(s)

**18:00** Dinner party and awards ceremony at the Sarasota Sailing Squadron.

## **8. Number of Races**

- 8.1. For the random leg PHRF course, one pursuit style race is scheduled.
- 8.2. For the one design windward/leeward course(s), 3 races are scheduled.

## **9. Penalty System**

- 9.1. For all classes RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

## **10. Scoring**

- 10.1. A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. One race is required to constitute a series.

## **11. Risk Statement**

- 11.1. Competitors compete in the regatta at their own risk. See RRS 3 (Decision to Race) and RRS 4 (Acceptance of Rules). The host club, organizing authority, sponsors, their associates and appointees and volunteers will not accept any liability for damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta.

## **12. Prizes**

- 12.1. Awards will be given to the winner of each one-design fleet, the PHRF mono-hull class and the PHRF multihull class. The number of awards will be dependent upon the number of entries per class. The Sarasota Bay Cup Perpetual Trophies will be awarded to the best performing one-design boat and best performing PHRF boat as determined by the Race Committee. Other prizes may be awarded.
- 12.2. This regatta is a Sarasota Bay Yachting Association Boat of the Year event.

## **13. Further Information**

- 13.1. Bird Key Yacht Club and the Sarasota Sailing Squadron will provide complimentary dockage to the extent available. Please contact the Dock Master's office at 941-953-4455 or [marina@birdkeyyc.com](mailto:marina@birdkeyyc.com) for BKYC dockage and 941-388-2355 for Squadron dockage. Dockage priority will be based upon earliest request and distance from the boat's permanent dockage.
- 13.2. For general regatta information, please contact event chairman, Dave Hillmyer at 941-284-5901 or [dhillmyer@mac.com](mailto:dhillmyer@mac.com)