

2026 SHARK'S TOOTH REGATTA

Venice Yacht Club & Venice Sailing Squadron



28 & 29 March 2026



A Sarasota Bay Yachting Association
"Boat of The Year" Event

Notice of Race

1. **RULES:** The regatta shall be governed by the 2025-2028 US Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS); the current Class Rules of West Florida PHRF (WFPHRF); the current L30 class rules; the Sarasota Bay Yachting Association (SBYA) "Boat of the Year" Notice of Series; this Notice of Race; and the Sailing Instructions. In the event of a conflict, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail (this changes RRS 63.5 (c)). This event will be a WFPHRF Category 4 event, and all boats must have a functioning GPS and VHF radio.
2. **ORGANIZING AUTHORITY:** The organizing authorities are the Venice Yacht Club (VYC) and the Venice Sailing Squadron (VSS).
3. **QUALIFYING SERIES:** The first race on Saturday and on Sunday will be qualifiers for the SBYA Boat of the Year Series.
4. **ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY:** This regatta is open to all boats with a valid WFPHRF Rating Certificate and to members of the L30 class association. Boats without a valid WFPHRF certificate may participate in a "Rum Runner" division but will not be scored.

Boats shall enter online at <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/31010> by completing the registration form, agreeing to the conditions of entry, and paying the entry fee. Complete entries must be received by 4:00 pm on Thursday, 26 March 2026.

5. **ENTRY FEE:** The non-refundable entry fee is \$90 and includes beer and light snacks at the skippers' meeting, the Saturday Regatta party, and the Sunday afternoon Awards ceremony as well as crew breakfasts on Saturday and Sunday.

Competitors and their guests will be able to purchase VYC Tiki menu items on Friday at the competitors meeting, on Saturday evening at the awards Ceremony, and for lunch at the awards ceremony on Sunday 2-4 PM. Please bring your FCYC card for charges (preferred). Non-club members will be able to charge their credit cards.

6. **COURSES:** Courses will be as stated in the Sailing Instructions. It is the intent of the organizing authority that the courses will consist of triangle buoy races outside the Venice Inlet. With windward leeward courses for the L30 class. Some of the legs may be repeated.

7. **SCHEDULE:** The dates and times of racing will be as follows:

3/28/2026	10:30am. First warning signal for 1st race.
3/29/2026	9:30am. First Warning signal for 1st race. No races will start after 12:00pm

8. **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:** The Sailing Instructions will be posted by 4:00 pm on Friday, March 27 on the Regatta Network site.
9. **SKIPPERS MEETING:** The skippers meeting will be held at approximately 6:30pm on Friday, March 27 for the races on Saturday and at 08:00 on Sunday for the racing that day, both at the Venice Yacht Club.
10. **DIVISIONS:** Divisions will be determined by the organizing authority based on the entries received.
11. **SCORING:** RRS Appendix A will be used for race and series scoring. For each class or division, one race will constitute a series and no race scores will be excluded. The provisions of RRS 90.3(e) and RRS A5.3 will apply.
- Corrected times for determining finishing places will be calculated using the Time-On-Distance method for each boat's WFPHRF RLC rating.
12. **CRUISER-CLASS CRUISING SPINNAKERS:** Cruiser Class boats are allowed to use a cruising spinnaker per Appendix E of the WFPHRF Rules. Your certificate must show your cruising spinnaker rating to qualify for use. The cruising spinnaker declaration must be made upon entry but may be amended until 4:00pm on Thursday March 26 by sending an email to racing@venicesailingsquadron.org.
13. **AWARDS:** Awards will be made per division following the conclusion of racing on Sunday, March 30 as follows:
- 1st, 2nd, and 3rd when a minimum of 5 boats competed,
 - 1st and 2nd when a minimum of 4 boats competed; and,
 - 1st only when a minimum of 2 boats competed.
- The names of the first-place winners in each WFPHRF class will be listed on the plaque for the perpetual Shark's Tooth trophy located at the Venice Yacht Club.
14. **BERTHING:** Dock space at the Venice Yacht Club will be very limited. A separate document containing Berthing Instructions will be posted on the Regatta Network race website under "Race Documents".
15. **EVENTS AT VENICE YACHT CLUB:** The Shark's Tooth Regatta is also a major fundraising event to support the Venice Youth Boating Association. A separate document containing details of events at the Venice Yacht Club will be posted on the Regatta Network race website under "Race Documents".
16. **FURTHER INFORMATION:** For further information, please contact the Race Committee at racing@venicesailingsquadron.org.