



# Windjammer Sailing Instructions

February 22-23, 2014

## A Sarasota Bay Yachting Association WFPHRF Boat of the Year Event

### 1. RULES

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* and West Florida PHRF class rules.

This is a WFPHRF category 4 Regatta, Cruising and Pocket Cruising class skippers have the option to declare that they choose to be rated as either:

- i. **Non-Spinnaker** Receives the full Non-Spin Offset and sails with the RLC rating as shown on the boat's certificate.
- ii. **Cruising Spinnaker** This is a change to WFPHRF Appendix E 2.0 c. This reduces the RLC rating by 1/2 of the Non-Spinnaker Offset. Cruising spinnakers must be tacked to the deck, not to a pole or extended sprit. A whisker pole is allowed, but not to exceed the maximum LP of largest jib for the boat.

Spinnaker Declaration – The skipper must make a written declaration at the competitor's meeting Thursday, Feb. 21st for each day's racing stating that he or she plans to use a spinnaker. If no declaration is presented the assumption is that no spinnaker will be used.

1.1 **Racer Cruiser Class** will use the Spinnaker rating for scoring purposes (WFPHRF Appendix F 2.0a)

### 2. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the north side of clubhouse at the Sarasota Sailing Squadron and on the notice board at Venice Yacht Club.

### 3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

**Changes to the sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule will be posted by 1900 on the day before it will take effect.**

### 4. SIGNAL MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located on the east side of the club (Saturday SSS and Sunday VYC). If a postponement is signaled ashore the warning signal will be made not less than 60 minutes after AP is lowered.

### 5. SCHEDULE

#### Thursday, Feb. 20, 2014

1800 hrs	Registration and Onsite Check In
1900 hrs	Competitors' meeting Sarasota Sailing Squadron.

#### Saturday, Feb. 22, 2014

1130 GPS Starting time for first boat; subsequent starts based on reverse handicap

#### Sunday, Feb. 23 2014

1000 GPS Starting time for first boat; subsequent starts based on reverse handicap

#### Thursday, Feb 27th.

1800-2000hrs	Awards at the Sarasota Sailing Squadron. Snacks and free keg of Beer. Watch the Race QS 3D graphics on the big screen.
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### 6. COMMUNICATION

Race committee will monitor VHF Channel 69. Vessels retiring must notify race committee.

### 7. RACING AREA

The Gulf of Mexico.

## 8. COURSES

There are four possible courses for Saturday and Sunday races (see course appendix).  
Course to be sailed will be displayed on the RC boat at the Sarasota and Venice starts.  
Reverse Handicap Start times will be distributed at the skippers meeting.

## 9. MARKS

Government, permanent and temporary marks with GPS coordinates will be used.

## 10. START AND FINISH LINES

Sarasota Sailing Squadron starting and finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Signal boat at the starboard end and course side of the port-end starting mark referenced as 'BP'.

VYC/VSS' start and finish lines will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC signal boat and the starboard end and the port end inflatable buoy.

## 11. ALTERNATIVE FINISH LINE

If weather does not permit the RC finish boat to be on station, boats shall be required to finish as follows:

The *Saturday Finish* for races to *Venice* is referenced as Venice '2', leaving it to starboard.

The *Sunday Finish* for races to *Sarasota* is the permanent mark referenced as 'Big Pass' on the course sheet. The finish line extends approximately 100ft perpendicular to the bearing from the previous mark, leaving the finish mark to port.

Boats are required to record their GPS finish time, and notify RC on channel VHF69. If RC does not acknowledge call, text or leave a message with boat name and finish time to Peter at 941-266-7054.

## 12. PROTESTS

PA boat or competitor shall not be penalized without a protest hearing, except as provided under rules 30.2, 30.3, 69, A5 and P2. A decision on redress shall not be made without a hearing. The protest committee shall hear all protests and request for redress that have been delivered to the race officer unless it allows a protest or request to be withdrawn.

## 13. SCORING

Boats will be scored in accordance with Appendix "A" of the RRS using the low point system, modified so that all scores will be included.

The WFPHRF RLC rating will be used, and as modified by these S.I's (1.B)

## 14. TROPHIES

Trophies will be awarded beginning at 1800 Thursday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at the Sarasota Sailing Squadron.

Divisions will include Spinnaker, Non Spinnaker, Cruiser, Pocket Cruiser and Racer Cruiser.

## 15. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.