



57TH ANNUAL GASPARILLA REGATTA

February 25, 2023

Sponsored by MOUNT GAY RUM

Tampa Sailing Squadron, 1250 Apollo Beach Blvd., Apollo Beach, FL

NOTICE OF RACE

A one-day event with drop-mark races for spinnaker boats and a fixed-mark race for others. This regatta is a "Clean Regatta." Paper copies of regatta documents will not be distributed. Racers are encouraged to use non-single-use water bottles and recycle all appropriate items.

Event website: <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=15606>

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule.

This changes RRS 60.1(a).

The notation '[DP]' in a rule means that the penalty for a breach of the rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

REVISION 1 Feb 20, 2023: Added Double-Handed class, removed Red Hat from "Entries..."

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 US Sailing Prescriptions to RRS 63.1 and 63.2 will not apply.
- 1.3 RRS 44.3 and V2 will apply.

2 ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 The regatta is open to boats **with** valid WFPHRF certificates in these classes: Spinnaker, Non-Spinnaker, Racer-Cruiser, and Cruiser.
- 2.2 The regatta is also open to boats **without** a valid WFPHRF certificate. Such boats will have a PHRF-style rating assigned by the Organizing Authority, and will race in the Mother Load class.
- 2.3 Expected classes include Spinnaker, Non-Spinnaker, Racer-Cruiser, Cruiser, Mother Load, **Double-Handed**, and Spinnaker-Long.
- 2.4 Cruising spinnakers are permitted for the Cruiser class. All Cruiser-endorsed boats intending to use a cruising spinnaker must declare so by email to the Regatta Chair Wesley Shaw saltyshawslc@gmail.com at least two days prior to the event.
- 2.5 Spinnaker-endorsed boats may elect to register in the Spinnaker-Long class in order to race on the fixed-mark course.

3 FEES AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The entry fee is \$65 through Jan 23, 2023 and \$75.00 afterward. Entries close Feb 22.
- 3.2 Eligible boats shall enter online at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=15606>. **On-site registration is not available.**
- 3.3 Entries include a social event the day before racing, breakfast, racing, 2 event dinner tickets, an event shirt, **and a Mount Gay Red Hat.**
- 3.4 Additional shirts and meal tickets are available for advance purchase on the [event website](#) or as available at the event

4 SCHEDULE

PRE-EVENT	
Jan 22	Sailing Instructions published on or before
Jan 23	Last date to register before the fee increases by \$10!
Feb 22	Registration closes
Feb 23	Last day for Cruiser class to declare optional spinnaker intent.



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Feb 24	1600-	Early arrivals at TSS docks please contact the TSS Dockmaster: Angus Reigger 813-802-5706 *
	1600-1930	In-person check-in, pick up regatta package
	1800-	Burgers & hotdogs available to buy, complimentary beer keg *
	1930	Competitors' Meeting Regatta Chair Welcome & Comments; PRO Remarks, Q&A

EVENT DAY		
Feb 25	0700-0830	Breakfast *
	Racing:	
	1000	First signal Drop-mark course (Spinnaker class, Non-Spinnaker to follow) Up to 4 races are scheduled
	1000	First signal for RRS 26-starts on Fixed-mark course (Racer-cruiser class) One race is scheduled
	1030	Base/first start time for pursuit-start classes on Fixed-mark course (Cruiser, Mother Load, and Spinnaker-Long classes) One race is scheduled
	1600	No starts after - Drop-mark course
	1700	Hard time limit - Fixed-mark course
	After racing:	
	1630-?	Rum Bar sponsored by MOUNT GAY *
	1700	Dinner *
	1800	Music by The New Rulers *
	1900	Awards and Pirate costume contest *
		(*social schedule subject to change without notice)

5 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

5.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available via the [event website](#) on or before Jan 22.

5.2 The course selection(s) and pursuit start times for Fixed-mark racing will be posted on the [event website](#) by 2000 Friday, Feb 24.



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6 COMMUNICATION

6.1 The Official Notice Board will be electronic, on the [event website](#). The physical Notice Board at the TSS Pavillion may be used as a courtesy repeater-only Notice posting location before and during the event. The Board will be used to repeat all hearing-related Notices during the event.

6.2 Competitors are responsible for independently obtaining reference copies of event documents.

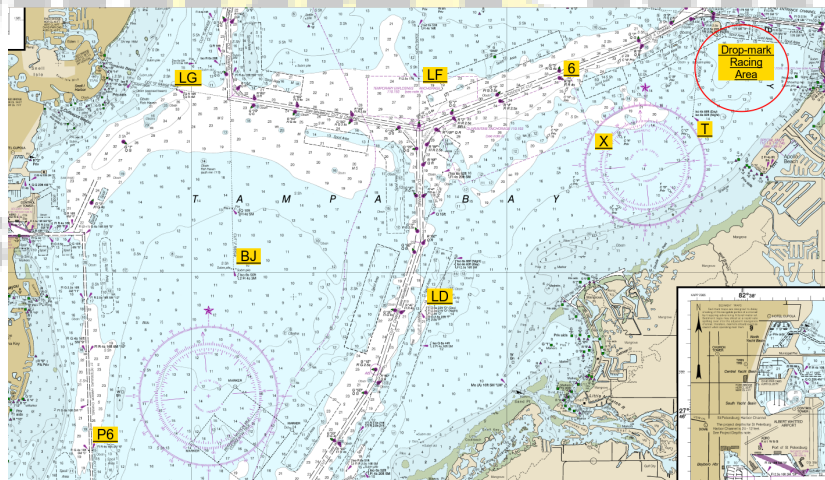
6.3 The organizers will use email and texts to update competitors as postings occur.

6.4 Race committee broadcasts concerning its intention, the course to be sailed, starting times, course changes, recalls, etc. are a courtesy only. Failure of the race committee to make a broadcast, the timing of a broadcast, or the failure of a boat to hear a broadcast will not be considered an improper action or omission under RRS 62.1(a).

6.5 Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall neither make nor receive voice or data transmissions not available to all boats. [DP]

7 VENUE AND COURSES

7.1 The general sailing area is Tampa Bay, between Apollo Beach and the boundary shipping channels on the north and west sides of the Bay.



7.2 The Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker classes will race on Drop-mark courses in the area east of the Cut "C" Channel Outbound Rear Light, NE of "X", up to 4 races depending on time and weather conditions.

7.3 Racer-Cruiser, Cruiser, Mother Load, **Double-Handed**, and Spinnaker-Long classes will race a random-leg race in Tampa Bay using fixed marks - one race is scheduled, up to 25 miles. Racer-cruiser (RRS 26 start) may sail a different course than Cruiser, Mother Load, **Double-Handed**, and Spinnaker-Long classes (pursuit start).

7.4 The fixed-mark courses will start in the vicinity of TSS' "X" mark, approximately two miles outside of the harbor entrance.



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8 SCORING

8.1 One race will constitute a regatta.

8.2 All races will be scored.

8.3 Racing will be scored using PHRF Time-on-Distance.

8.3 Drop-mark boats (Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker) will use their Buoy rating.

8.4 Fixed-mark boats with valid WFPHRF certificates – Racer-Cruiser, Cruiser, **Double-Handed**, and Spinnaker boats on the fixed-mark course (Spinnaker-Long) – will use their RLC rating. The Mother Load class will use ratings assigned by the Organizing Authority.

9 PRIZES

9.1 Classes may be divided by the Organizing Authority, e.g. Cruiser A/B.

9.2 Racing trophies will be awarded three deep in each division.

9.3 The Ed Peters Shootout perpetual trophy will also be awarded to either TSS or DIYC, based on the highest number of club-affiliated First Place finishes overall. The trophy will remain at the winning club for the year.

10 SAFETY [NP][DP]

10.1 Check-in: Before the first warning signal for the first race each day, each boat shall pass close behind the stern of the race committee boat and hail her sail number, which will be acknowledged. VHF Radio check-in may not be substituted for this requirement. A boat failing to meet this requirement may be protested by the race committee or the protest committee.

10.2 A boat that retires from a race, leaves the course area, or returns to the course area between races shall notify the race committee as soon as possible. A boat failing to meet this requirement may be protested by the race committee or the protest committee.

10.3 A boat and its crew shall at all times keep clear of all commercial vessels and shall not maneuver in any manner which would cause a commercial vessel to be unable to sail its proper course or carry out its commercial functions in a normal manner. a.) A boat whose actions or maneuvers result in a danger signal (5 or more blasts) from commercial vessels shall be protested by the race committee or protest committee. b.) The penalty for breaking this rule may include disqualification from the regatta.

11 RISK STATEMENT

Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or injury, illness, or disease to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. **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.**



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FOR MORE REGATTA INFORMATION

Regatta Chair: Wesley Shaw, saltyslawllc@gmail.com, 813-439-7600

Principal Race Officer: Paul Leonard, paul.e.leonard@gmail.com, 727-742-4504



ABOUT TAMPA SAILING SQUADRON

[Tampa Sailing Squadron](http://www.tampasailing.com) is a private, member-owned sailing club located in Apollo Beach, Florida.

The mission of the Squadron is to promote and facilitate sailing and related activities.

Members enjoy many activities such as club racing, regattas, cruising, and many social events. The club is proud to host a vibrant and active Youth Sailing Program and Sea Scout Program, who are always interested in donations and support. For questions regarding Youth Sailing, please contact info@TSSYouthSailing.org or call 813-642-4035. For questions regarding Sea Scout Ship 185, please contact SSS185BSA@Gmail.com.

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