



NOTICE OF RACE

Commodore's Cup Regatta

May 20, 2023

A one-day event with drop mark races for J-24's and Melges 24's and a fixed mark race for others.

Organized by

Tampa Sailing Squadron, Apollo Beach, Florida

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

1 RULES

The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing instructions will be posted by May 19, 2023 on the TSS Official Notice Board, at the TSS website and/or Yachtscoring.com, and available at Competitors meeting.

3 COMMUNICATION

3.1 The Official Notice Board is located by the flagpole at TSS.

3.2 The Online Notice Board is located at the Yachtscoring website.

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

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1 The regatta is open to:

(a) Boats with valid WFPHRF certificates in these Classes:

Racer-Cruiser, Cruiser (spinnaker or non-spinnaker), Double-Handed, Spinnaker and Non-spinnaker, which must comply with the requirements for Category 4 races. See: www.westfloridaphrf.org

(b) The Cruising "Mother Lode" Class for which ratings will be assigned by the Organizing Authority.

(c) J-24 and Melges 24

4.2 Classes may be combined or sub-divided at the sole discretion of the Organizing Authority.

4.3 Cruiser Class must declare spinnaker or non-spinnaker at registration.

4.4 On the drop mark course, 5 or more boats of a one design class will have their own start. If less than 5 boats, classes may be combined on the start and may be scored utilizing WFPHRF ratings.

5 FEES

5.1 The entry fee is \$65. There is a \$5 discount for current US Sailing membership.

5.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online registration form and fee payment at Yachtscoring.com

5.3 The entry/registration deadline is 23.59 May 15, 2023. To guarantee a shirt at the date of the event, registration will be required by May 3, 2023

5.4 All entries include a regatta shirt and one dinner. Additional dinners are \$12 and additional shirts are \$20. These are available for advance purchase on the event website or as available at the event.

6 SCHEDULE

Friday, May 19, 2023

1730-1900 Racing packet pick up and free beer. Shirts, hamburgers, hot dogs and soft drinks available for sale

2000 Competitors Meeting TSS Clubhouse.

Saturday, May 20, 2023

0800-0900 Fresh Cooked Breakfast: Eggs, sausage, pancakes, fruit, coffee, juice & more.

1000 Start time for J-24 and Melges 24 on drop mark course, multiple races scheduled.

1100 Commencement of pursuit start for Racer-Cruisers, Cruisers, Double-Handed, Spinnaker, Non-spinnaker and Mother Lode, one race is scheduled.

1600 Party time
1700 Dinner time
1800 Awards

7 VENUE

7.1 The general sailing area is Tampa Bay, north and west of Apollo Beach, south of Macdill Air Force Base and east of St. Petersburg.

8 COURSES

- 8.1 J24's and Melges 24's will sail a windward/leeward course with drop marks.
- 8.2 The Racer-Cruisers, Cruisers, Double-handed and Mother Lode will have a pursuit start on a random-leg course which will be further described in the Sailing Instructions.
- 8.3 The random-leg course will be posted on the notice board by 1900 on Friday, May 19, 2023, and posted on the event website.
- 8.4 Pursuit start times will be posted on the notice board, the event website and distributed at the competitors meeting.

9 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 9.1 For the Fixed Mark Course, Appendix VI Alternative Penalties will apply.
- 9.2 For the Fixed Mark Course, a red flag is not required to protest another boat. This changes RRS 61.1. A boat wishing to protest another boat may announce over VHF to the Race Committee, e.g. 'Boat XX is protesting Boat YY', as well as notifying the Race Committee upon finishing or retiring.
- 9.3 RRS 61.1 hail of "*protes!*" is applicable.
- 9.4 Protests will be heard as soon as possible after the race committee boat docks.

10 SCORING

- 10.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a regatta in all classes.
- 10.2 Scoring for each class will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

11 RISK STATEMENT

- 11.1 Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk.
- 11.2 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone. By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury.' **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia, or other causes.**
- 11.3 The organizing authority or any race official will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury, disease, illness, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta. By participating in this event, each competitor (skippers and crews) 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 PRIZES

- 12.1 Prizes will be presented in each class based on the number on entries.
- 12.2 Further details will be in the Sailing Instructions.

13 FURTHER INFORMATION

13.1 For further information please access Yacht Scoring for on-line documentation or contact Regatta Chair: Darin O'Neal, TSS Vice Commodore 813-928-4112 Darin.O'Neal@stantec.com