



Davis Island Race to the Tortugas

Davis Island Yacht Club, Tampa, FL

October 18-20, 2019

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS



Updated 10/13/2019 Finish mark coordinates, course length

The Davis Island Yacht Club, the organizing authority, is pleased to introduce the inaugural sail of a unique, environmentally friendly race to a pristine historical location that is accessible only by boat or seaplane. We will demonstrate good stewardship of our marine resources and provide as safe a yacht racing experience as possible.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in [The Racing Rules of Sailing \(RRS\)](#), including Appendix V2 (Penalty Taken After a Race).
- 1.2 [The Class Rules of West Florida PHRF \(WFPHRF\)](#) shall also apply.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices, including changes to sailing instructions, will be posted before 0900 on the official notice board located on the lower level on the western wall, and on the [regatta YachtScoring site](#).

3 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 3.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole located west of the Clubhouse.
- 3.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the race signal AP.

4 SCHEDULE

Wednesday, 16 October	1800 – 2100	Skippers' Sack o' Sustainables Pickup All In-Reach devices must be brought to the meeting to ensure proper activation.
	1930	Skipper's Meeting/Weather Router lecture
Friday, 18 October	1000 – 1055	On Water Check In
	1100	Warning signal for all boats
Saturday, 19 October	1100	Campground open for competitors ground support arriving by ferry from Key West.
Sunday, 20 October	1600	End of race. All competitors should have arrived or engaged their engines to arrive by this time.
	1800 – 2130	Awards Banquet/pot luck in Garden Key anchorage

**The Special Use Permit for Dry Tortugas National Park expires on 23rd October; please depart prior.*

5 CLASS FLAG

The class flag will be a yellow flag with the letter "C".

6 THE COURSE AND MARKS

Mark	Side to leave mark	Mark location
DIYC-A	Port	N 27 54.22 W 82 27.28
Q R 25ft (DIYC-P)	Starboard	N 27 48.67 W 82 27.46
Sunshine Skyway	Middle 3 spans	N 27 37.30 W 82 39.30
Southwest Channel R "2" Fl R 2.5s 16ft	Port	N 27 33.40 W 82 46.10
Pulaski Shoal Light Fl 6s 56ft	Starboard	N 24 41.36 W 82 46.23

7 THE START

- 7.1 The race committee starting vessel will be Guardian II.
- 7.2 All boats must check in by sailing past the race committee signal vessel with all persons wearing their PFD, harness, and tether. Check in must be hailed giving sail number and confirming the persons aboard via the portable VHF stored near the helm.
- 7.3 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee vessel and the course side of the starting mark.
- 7.4 All boats will start together.
- 7.5 Should the wind conditions necessitate a postponement prior to the start, the race committee may move the starting area farther up the course by displaying code flag "L" and motoring towards the next mark. In this case, the starting mark will be either a mark of the course, a nearby government aid, or a drop-mark. Should the race committee pass a mark of the course, that mark is then eliminated from the course.
- 7.6 When an individual recall is signaled, the race committee will attempt to hail the sail numbers of the boats that are OCS.

8 THE FINISH AND TIME LIMIT

- 8.1 The finishing line will be between Pulaski Shoal Light in the Dry Tortugas and a staff displaying an orange flag on the finishing vessel. This changes NoR 7.2.
- 8.2 The finishing vessel is a Nordhavn 52-foot Trawler with a white topside and a grey hull.
- 8.3 If the race committee is absent when a boat finishes, it shall report her finishing time to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity. A boat finishes when it passes within 500 feet due east of the Pulaski Shoal Light.
- 8.4 The time limit for all boats is 1600 on Sunday, October 20. Boats still racing at the time limit will be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

9 PENALTY SYSTEM AND PROTESTS

- 9.1 All classes will use the Scoring Penalty of RRS 44.3.
- 9.2 Protests and requests for redress shall be delivered to Lee Burstiner by 1730 on Sunday, October 20.
- 9.3 The 30% Penalty Taken After a Race of RRS V2 will apply, with a deadline of 1800 on Sunday, October 20.
- 9.4 The Chief Judge will schedule the hearings and notify all parties as to the date and time.

10 SCORING

All classes will be scored Time-on-Distance using WFPHRF Off Wind Course ratings, using a rated distance of 200 nautical miles.

11 SAFETY

- 11.1 There will be no penalty for communications or routing information from shore, changing RRS 41.
- 11.2 Weather routing before, during, and after the race will be provided by Chris Parker www.mwxc.com Marine Weather & Communications /Marine Weather Center ph [863-248-2702](tel:863-248-2702) fax [863-248-4666](tel:863-248-4666)
- 11.3 Up to 2 contacts with Chris are contracted for weather routing after the race/for the return. Chris will disseminate weather information through the race committee before and during the race.
- 11.4 If there is inclement weather approaching that would make it dangerous to proceed to the Dry Tortugas after the start of the race, the race's finish may be diverted to one of several ports/inlets along the coast. The race committee shall attempt to contact each boat to inform competitors should the race divert to an alternative locale due to weather or other emergency.

12 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded in each Division for first, second, and third place. The plastics collection contest on the return passage shall have a perpetual trophy made of the collected plastic.

13 ANCHORAGE

Anchorage in the Dry Tortugas is available to the southeast of Garden Key, on a first come first serve basis. Boats may be asked to adjust their location by the Park Rangers and by the race committee to accommodate the maximum safe number of vessels in the Anchorage. Boats should bring fenders to facilitate rafting.

14 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Sailing is an activity that carries with it an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors participate in these Regattas entirely at their own risk and are reminded to pay special attention to RRS 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers, including the Organizing Authority, The Davis Island Yacht Club and its Race Committee, sponsors, volunteers, or any other affiliated organization or official will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of practice for or participation in this event during shore side or on-the-water activities. 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.