



Davis Island Race to the Tortugas
Davis Island Yacht Club, Tampa, FL
October 18-20, 2019



NOTICE OF RACE

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 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 Either a valid WFPHRF certificate or a temporary rating from DIYC's Club Measurer is required.
- 2.2 Expected classes are Spinnaker, Racer-Cruiser, Cruising, and Multihull. Classes may be divided based on the number of entries. Boats in classes with fewer than 4 entries will be placed in the appropriate WFPHRF Class/Division.
- 2.3 Under WFPHRF rules, this is a Category 1 event and all such requirements are in effect.
- 2.4 The minimum crew, including the skipper, shall be two persons.
- 2.5 All Cruising Class boats intending to use a cruising spinnaker must declare so either by email to leeburstiner@gmail.com or by informing the registration staff upon Skippers' check-in.
- 2.6 Boats shall enter on-line through [YachtScoring](#) accessible via the [DIYC Regattas page](#).
- 2.7 Boats not slipped at DIYC are required to submit proof of insurance to the Organizing Authority prior to the registration deadline.
- 2.8 **REQUIRED EQUIPMENT:**
 - 2.8.1 A registered EPIRB in good working order.
 - 2.8.2 A fixed-mounted 25 watt VHF and at least 1 portable/handheld 5-6W radio kept near the helm.
 - 2.8.3 A Garmin IN REACH or IN REACH MINI satellite communication/tracking device.
 - 2.8.4 At least one smart phone capable of receiving messages via the Garmin In Reach.
 - 2.8.5 USCG Vessel Safety Check within a calendar year; if needed, contact [Tony Hooper](#), *USCG Auxiliary*.
 - 2.8.6 Sufficient fuel for a passage of 200 miles.
 - 2.8.7 Personal floatation devices harnesses, and tethers for each person on board which shall be worn while on deck at night and in a known location all other times. Tethers shall be constructed to withstand lateral loading and may be inspected by USCG prior to the start.
 - 2.8.8 Jack lines of sufficient size, location, and construct shall be affixed while racing.
 - 2.8.9 A life raft with canopy containing supplies sufficient for 24 hours following ship abandonment.
 - 2.8.10 Only biodegradable soaps, toilet paper, and ecologically/coral safe sunscreen. If there are particular requirements for reason of allergy or sensitivity that don't fit these categories please contact the Organizing Authority for a possible waiver or alternative.
 - 2.8.11 A holding tank capable of holding waste for all crew for 5 days. Note that specific restrictions are in place by the National Park Service and the discharge of waste/garbage/petroleum products within the prohibited zones shall be grounds for disqualification before, during, and after the race.
 - 2.8.12 Water tanks (or water maker) capable of providing water for the crew for 5 days.

3 FEES

- 3.1 Entries received before September 1st will be charged \$450 plus 8.5% sales tax for up to six crew. Above six crew, an additional per person charge of \$30 plus 8.5% sales tax applies.
- 3.2 Boats registering after September 1st will incur an additional \$50 late fee plus 8.5% sales tax.
- 3.3 No entries will be accepted after Friday, October 11.
- 3.4 The Organizing Authority will partially refund entry fees if the event is cancelled in advance due to weather or other unforeseen factors. It is expected that some costs are fixed and this portion of the entry fee would not be refunded.

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	0800 – 0855	On Water Check In, <i>see 15.1</i>
	0900	First Warning
Saturday, 19 October	0800	Campground open for competitors ground support arriving by ferry from Key West.
Sunday, 20 October	1100	End of race. All competitors should have arrived or engaged their engines to arrive by this time.
	1200 – 1700	Work party on Garden Key
	1800 – 2130	Awards Banquet on Garden Key

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

5 PLASTIC COLLECTION CONTEST

- 5.1 The start of a contest for the collection of plastic and other non-biodegradable detritus obtained from the water en route to Tampa begins after weighing anchor from the Dry Tortugas Anchorage Area.
- 5.2 The collection from the water should be documented by photograph during its acquisition and should be kept separated aboard each boat from other waste.
- 5.3 The weight of the plastic will be measured and the boat that collects the most shall be the winner.

6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions (SI's) will be available on the YachtScoring website prior to the Skipper's Meeting.

7 COURSE

- 7.1 The starting line will be from DIYC A to the staff of an orange flag aboard the committee boat.
- 7.2 The finish line will lie due east from Pulaski Shoal Light in the Dry Tortugas at a range of 0.5 nm.

8 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 8.1 All classes will use the Scoring Penalty of RRS 44.3.
- 8.2 The 30% Penalty Taken After a Race of RRS V2 will apply.

9 SCORING

All classes will be scored Time-on-Distance using WFPHRF Off Wind Course ratings.

10 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.

11 DOCKAGE AND ANCHORAGE

- 11.1 For dockage at DIYC up to one week before the event, please contact DIYC Dockmaster Chris Toro at dockmaster@diyc.org or 1-813-770-9230 for slip reservations. Fees may apply for boats arriving more than one week prior to the start of the race.
- 11.2 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.

12 WEATHER ROUTING

- 12.1 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)
- 12.2 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.

13 SIGNALS FROM SHORE/COMMUNICATIONS

There will be no penalty for communications or routing information from shore, changing RRS 41.

14 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 14.1 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.
- 14.2 All participating boats, skippers, and all crew will sign a participation waiver that will be available on the YachtScoring event website. These waivers must be submitted to the race committee.

15 SAFETY

- 15.1 Offshore Crew: All crew must be reflected (including changes) on the YachtScoring event website.
- 15.2 All vessels must check in by sailing past the committee boat 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.
- 15.2 Diversion of the race from the Dry Tortugas to a safer locale. 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.
- 15.3 A support vessel will be in close proximity of the fleet.

16 CONTACT INFORMATION

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