



2023 Egmont Key Race
Suncoast Boat of the Year and
Davis Island Yacht Club Boat of the Year Event
Davis Island Yacht Club, Tampa, Florida
November 18th, 2023

NOTICE OF RACE

Egmont Key Race dates back to 1935 and is the oldest running sailboat race on the west coast of Florida. It was created as a warm-up race for the Havana Race. The 63.4 nm course takes racers around the key and back to DIYC. We also offer a 35.2 nm course that stays inside the key for cruising and small spinnaker boats. The winner of the 63.2 nm course is awarded the perpetual Houston Wall Trophy.

1 RULES

The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* including Appendix V2 (post-race penalty), and the DIYC 2023-2024 Boat of the Year Notice of Series.

2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 The regatta is open to all boats with a valid WFPHRF certificate, or a temporary rating assigned by the DIYC Club Measurer.
- 2.2 Expected Divisions are Spinnaker A/B/C, Racer-Cruiser, and Cruising. Spinnaker-C and Cruising sail the shorter course, as will boats that do not meet Category 2 requirements (such as Melges-24s).
- 2.3 Under West Florida PHRF rules, this is a Category 2 event for the 63.2 nm Course and Category 3 for the 35.2 nm Course.
- 2.4 Cruising spinnakers are permitted for the Cruising Division. All Cruising boats intending to use a cruising spinnaker must declare so by email to fleetcaptain@diyc.org or SailingSecretary@diyc.org at least two days prior to the event.
- 2.5 Boats shall enter on-line at <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/27146> or by following the link from the DIYC home page.
- 2.6 Registration closes at 1600 on November 17. Late entries may be accepted at the sole discretion of the Organizing Authority.

3 FEES

- 3.1 All boats: \$75.25 (\$70.00 plus 7.5% tax)
- 3.2 After November 12, add \$20 (plus tax) late fee.

4 SCHEDULE

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| Friday 1800 | Cheeseburger In Paradise Party |
| Saturday | Check-in with Race Committee on water prior to warning signal |
| 1000 | Warning signal – 63.2 course |
| 1200 | Warning signal – 35.2 course |
| Chili Buffet and Keg will be provided after the finish | |
| 1100 Sunday | Awards ceremony |

5 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available on the Regatta Network event website.

6 VENUE AND COURSE

- 6.1 The racing area will be Hillsborough Bay, Tampa Bay, and the Gulf of Mexico west of Egmont Key.
- 6.2 Distance course - 1 race is scheduled for all Divisions. 63.2 nm Course rounds Egmont Key and a 35.2 nm Course that turns around before the Skyway Bridge.

7 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 7.1 All Divisions will use the Scoring Penalty of RRS 44.3.
- 7.2 The 30% Penalty Taken After a Race of RRS V2 will apply.

8 SCORING

All Divisions will be scored TOD using West Florida PHRF RLC ratings.

9 PRIZES

- 9.1 Prizes will be awarded in each Division for first place, if 1-3 boats; top two, if 4-5 boats; top three, if 6 or more boats.
- 9.2 The Houston Wall Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the monohull that sails the 63.2 nm Course in the shortest corrected time.

10 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

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, disease, or illness 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.

DOCKAGE

For dockage at DIYC before or after the event, please contact DIYC Dockmaster Chris Toro at <mailto:dockmaster@diyc.org> or 727-222-7561 for slip reservations.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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