



# 2024 Halloween Regatta

## Davis Island Yacht Club Boat of the Year Event

Davis Island Yacht Club, Tampa, Florida

October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024

## NOTICE OF RACE

*This Boat-of-the-Year event for DIYC encourages participation from veteran racers to casual cruisers looking to check out the racing scene. There are divisions for everyone with choices in Spinnaker, Racer-Cruiser, and Cruising. This one-day event features Hillsborough Bay Drop-Mark races for Spinnaker Divisions and a Distance course for the other Divisions. After an afternoon of racing, DIYC hosts our traditional adult Halloween party. Costumes are strongly encouraged for the awards party – for a separate competition of course. The race is only half the fun.*

### 1 RULES

The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* including Appendix T (Arbitration), and the DIYC 2024-2025 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. Melges 24s are not required to have a WFPHRF Certificate.
- 2.2 Expected Divisions are Spinnaker (A/B/C), Racer-Cruiser, Cruising, Melges-24, and Multihull.
- 2.3 Under West Florida PHRF rules, this is a Category 4 event for the Distance Course and Category 5 for Spinnaker Divisions.
- 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 [SailingSecretary@diyc.org](mailto:SailingSecretary@diyc.org) at least two days prior to the event.
- 2.5 Boats may enter on-line at <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/28717> or by following the link from the DIYC Home page. Entries close at 1800 on October 25.

### 3 FEES

All boats: \$107.50 (\$100.00 plus 7.5% tax)

Regatta Fee includes: soda and keg of beer at post race party, 2 dinner tickets per boat, Live Music and Awards.

### 4 SCHEDULE

1100	First warning signal, Distance Course
1200	First warning signal, Drop-Mark Course
1600	No races will start after
After racing	Awards and <u>Costume Party</u>

### 5 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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

## 6 VENUE AND COURSES

- 6.1 Racer-Cruiser, Cruising, and Multihull will race a distance race in Tampa Bay using fixed marks. The race is scheduled for up to 25 miles.
- 6.2 Spinnaker Divisions will race on Drop-mark courses in Hillsborough Bay, as many races as possible depending on time and weather conditions.

## 7 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 7.1 All Divisions will use the Scoring Penalty of RRS 44.3.
- 7.2 Arbitration will be offered including a voluntary 30% scoring penalty.

## 8 SCORING

All handicap racing will be scored TOD using West Florida PHRF ratings:

Spinnaker Divisions	Buoy Rating
Melges-24	One-Design
All Distance Course Divisions	RLC Rating

## 9 PRIZES and Awards party including costume judging

Following a day of racing, the Awards Party will include soda and a free keg of beer as well as live music. There will also be a buffet dinner for purchase but two dinner tickets are included in the Regatta Fee. All crews are encouraged to dress in costume for the party. The theme for this year's costume competition is a Netflix Series. This is an adult costume and awards party.

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.

Awards will go to the best 3 boat's costumes.

## 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, 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.

## DOCKAGE

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

## FURTHER INFORMATION

Regatta Chair:	Gail Heausler	<a href="mailto:FleetCaptain@diyc.org">FleetCaptain@diyc.org</a>
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