



DAVIS ISLAND
Yacht Club
"The Sailingest Club in the South"



2025 Tampa Bay Hospice Cup

Davis Island Yacht Club Boat of the Year Event

Davis Island Yacht Club, Tampa, Florida

April 12th, 2025

Dated 1/14/2024



NOTICE OF RACE

Like the traditions of the Morgan Invasion, the Tampa Bay Hospice Cup appeals to both cruisers and racers. In addition to the traditional Morgan Invasion fleets, the regatta also features open non-Morgan fleets for PHRF, and a "Just-for-Fun" casual fleet. All proceeds will benefit Tampa Bay area Hospice organizations, which offer comprehensive hospice and palliative care, caregiver education, individual and group counseling, spiritual support and many other programs to those it serves regardless of race, age, faith, diagnosis or financial circumstances.

1 RULES

- 1.1 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.
- 1.2 Distance Course Divisions will sail a pursuit race, with individual starting times.

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 Distance Course Divisions are Spinnaker (A/B/C), Racer-Cruiser, Cruising, Melges-24, and Multihull.
- 2.3 All Morgan classes are eligible.
- 2.4 There will be a "Just For Fun" class with its own rules and sailing instructions. All boats not otherwise racing are encouraged to participate—including *non-sailing boats*.
- 2.5 Under West Florida PHRF rules, this is a Category 4 event for the Distance Course.
- 2.6 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 at least two days prior to the event.
- 2.7 Boats shall enter on-line at <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/29198>. Entries close at 1900 on April 11. Late entries may be accepted at the sole discretion of the Organizing Authority.

3 FEES

- 3.1 All boats, including Just For Fun Fleet: \$125.00 tax-deductible donation to Tampa Bay Hospice Cup payable in RegattaNetwork *plus sales tax*, which includes one (1) Mount Gay red hat, one (1) t-shirt and drinks from **our generous in-kind sponsors including Mount Gay Rum**.
- 3.2 Additional shirts (\$35) and dinner tickets (\$20) may be purchased through RegattaNetwork.

4 SCHEDULE

Friday April 11 th	1730 - 1900	Check-in / Dinner at DIYC available for purchase (see link for details)
Saturday April 12 th	0900	Scratch sheets available
	1030	Base start time, Pursuit starts
	<i>during racing</i>	Finish line party for invited sponsors upstairs in the dining room
	<i>4pm, after racing</i>	Mount Gay Party Social Hour, Music, Live Auction and Awards

5 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available on the regatta website, and at check-in.

6 VENUE AND COURSES

All Divisions except "Just For Fun" will race a distance race in Tampa Bay using fixed marks - one race is scheduled, up to 25 miles. *Plan to be back at the Club by 4pm for the awards and party.*

7 PENALTY SYSTEM

7.1 All Divisions will use the Scoring Penalty of RRS 44.3, except Melges 24.

7.2 Melges 24 division will use RRS 44.1 and 44.2.

7.3 Arbitration may be offered for protests regarding rules of Part 2 or rule 31.

8 SCORING

8.1 All handicap racing will be scored TOD using West Florida PHRF RLC ratings, except Melges 24.

8.2 Melges 24 will be scored as a one-design class and will begin the Pursuit Start with an RLC rating of 75.

9 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded based on entries received by April 5th. 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.

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 and to adhere to the Racing Rules of Sailing.

DOCKAGE

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

FURTHER INFORMATION

Hospice Committee Chair:

Captain/Helmsman Social Chair:

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