



## 2025 Hillsborough Bay Race

### Davis Island Yacht Club Boat of the Year Event

Davis Island Yacht Club, Tampa, Florida

March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025

## NOTICE OF RACE

*"Come Hell or high water" was the phrase used by our first regatta chair, Brian Malone. This distance race is held in Hillsborough Bay, but don't assume it is just an afternoon cruise. Test your navigation skills and plan to race even if the weather pipes up. This time of year is prone to fronts. In the internet age, most race decisions are made at the bar watching radar. You can plan to race this one to hone your heavy weather skills, so don't shy away if there is a blow. Allowing for wind and tides, we will attempt to keep the course inside Hillsborough Bay.*

### 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.
- 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.
- 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 shall enter on-line at the Racing/Regattas page at <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/29442> . Entries close at 1900 on March 14. Late entries may be accepted at the sole discretion of the Organizing Authority.

### 3 FEES

- 3.1 All boats: \$85.20 (\$80.00 plus 6.5% sales tax), which includes two tickets to the Irish themed Regatta Dinner and a hat for the skipper, plus a free keg on tap.
- 3.2 Additional dinner tickets may be purchased online for \$23.38 (\$21.95 plus tax).
- 3.3 Additional hats may be purchased online for \$38.28 (\$35.00 plus tax) but only 50 will be produced, skippers and RC get priority.

### 4 SCHEDULE

1115-1200	Check-in
1200	Warning signal – Spinnaker A/B/C, Melges-24
1300	Warning signal – Cruising, Racer-Cruiser, and Multihull
After racing	Music and Irish themed dinner + Awards at DIYC

### 5 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available on the DIYC website.

## 6 VENUE AND COURSE

- 6.1 Racer-Cruiser, Cruising, and Multihull will race a distance race in Tampa Bay using fixed marks - one race is scheduled, up to 25 miles.
- 6.2 Spinnaker divisions and Melges-24 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 except Melges-24 will use the Scoring Penalty of RRS 44.3.
- 7.2 Melges-24 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 except Melges-24 will be scored TOD using West Florida PHRF ratings:

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

- 8.2 For all divisions, when 5 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

## 9 PRIZES

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, 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

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